VALA BOD ZOOM Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.**

The meeting began at 9:30 AM with board members Lisa Wright, and Cheryl Tudhope present. Jacob Dorman spent time leading up to the meeting establishing the quorum. It was verified with the following delegates or alternates present: **Addison:** Absent; **Bennington:** Absent; **Caledonia:** Absent; **Chittenden:** Karen Lemnah; **Essex:** delegate vacancy, no rep; **Franklin:** Absent; **Grand Isle:** Sue Lawrence **Lamoille:** Alternate: Tim Morrissey **Orange:** Absent **Orleans:** Absent; **Rutland:** Marcia Chioffi **Alternate:** Karen Folger; **Washington:** Absent; **Windham:** Hardy Merrill Alternate: Linda Sherman**;** **Windsor:** Stacey BradleyAlternate: Cristina Tardie

Present via Zoom – Elizabeth Curran, John Fike, Todd Leblanc, Bob Quaderer, Cheyenne Latimer, John Kerr Noel Walker, Cy Bailey, John Kerr, Jeanne Johnson, Hardy Merrill, Meg Eberhardt, Ruthanne Hunter, Bob Vickery, Russ Collins, Patricia McNall, Amanda Bosley, Jeremiah Sund, Jacqueline Lumbra, Amy Couture, Martha Lyons, Diane Cota, Danny Young, Alison Dickinson, J.Roberts, Katie. Jill Remick, Chris Miele, Christopher Landin, Patrick Santoso   
Present In Person – Christie Wright, Jed Rubin, David Johnson, Jack McCauley.

**Minutes Approval:** The minutes from the March meeting were submitted for approval. John Fike moved a motion to approve the March minutes; Tim Morrissey seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried.

**Treasures Report:** Lisa Truchon was not present so no discussion on any new info for the treasures report.

**Legislative Committee:** Updates include new testimony for the legislative Board of Finance as well as the lack of understanding on Listers VS Assessors and a biased POV, educational requirements for elected listers and contracted assessors. MISINFORMATION utilization from legislature. John Fike elaborates on bias and raises a good question about what H.480 stands to gain and for who.

**Annual Conference Committee:** Theme: Bringing Assessing into the Future, focus on the professionalism VALA builds for assessors. No Key note speakers yet. Brainstorming ideas on presentation topics. Plenty of rooms to rent for conference. One sponsor and one entity (Town) registered for the event so far. Annual Conference Committee in need of more members.

**LOTY/Rising Star Award:** Requests for LOTY and the Rising Star Award have been sent with the annual newsletter. Awaiting nominations. Cheryl Tudhope will send out another notice for the Rising Star Award. Nomination forms are located on the website and were included in the newsletter.

**Membership Committee:**  12 registered members for 2023. Registered members get a discount on education. Important to register prior to June 1st for discount.

**Education Committee:** Forms online. Six individuals signed up for classes five being Vermonters.

**PVR Report:** Jill Remick thanked members for patience with VT PIE. Reporting on import/exporting errors. Error testing continues. Homesteads and Current Use should be available for processing. Chris Miele and Patrick Santoso gave an overview in VT PIE provided updates and answered questions.

**New Business:** Bob Quaderer is looking for articles for the annual newsletter. He will perform all edits, but not create the content. Lisa Wright will commit to a writeup about listers and assessors.

**Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn the meeting from David Johnson, Cheryl Tudhope seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at promptly 11:19 AM.   
  
Respectfully submitted, secretary, Jacob Dorman