

VALA BOD ZOOM Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting began at 9:30 AM.

Cheyenne Latimer established the quorum.

Present via Zoom: Lisa Wright, Bob Quaderer, Bill Basso, Christina Tardie, Jen Myers, Karen Folger, Larry Willey, Lisa Truchon, Marcia Chioffi, Sue Lawrence, Susan Gulrajani, Vicky Young, Sue Lawrence, Marty Lagerstedt, Patricia McNall, Todd Leblanc, Rick Vincent, Chris Hager, Edgar Clodfelter, Jack McCamley, Carol Hammond, Jonathan W. Stevens, Jacob Dorman, Jill Remick, Amanda Bosley, Austin Sansoucy, John Fike, Linda Sherman, Mimi Burstein, Theresa Gile, Stacey Bradley, Karen K. Lemnah, Josh Hanford, Stacey Freegaard, Michelle Pingree, James Wheeler, and Chris Miele.

Legislative:

- Follow up and response to ACT 68 (Formerly H480): Jill gave an update, noting that a part of Act 68, was that PVR was assigned to contract with an outside expert to look at reappraisal in Vermont, and appeals processes. They are in the process of selecting a vendor and have had good responses. They will announce to Comp 60 when they have made a choice. The vendor will reach out to towns, host a round table discussion and include surveys.
- Follow up to Progress Report from PVR: Noted in discussion above.
- Follow up to Director's Letter in PVR Annual Report: In discussion above.
- Follow up and response to H545 Introduced: Jill gave some background, noting that the Tax Department is responsible for establishing Utility Values, and has not updated this process in a while. In a typical year, 85% of towns are using the figures PVR gives. In a 2022 report, the Tax Structure Commission recommended that they make changes to reflect fair market value. In updating these values, they are using Brian Fogg to help develop this. These values would not change until 2025. Lisa W and Stacey asked questions of Jill. There were questions and comments in the chat. Austin Sansoucy gave information. Josh Hanford from VLCT gave some information regarding this, and information on other legislation. Christina T asked questions. There was much discussion. James Wheeler, from Sansoucy made comments. The Legislative Committee will request information from Brian Fogg. Jeremiah made a comment.
- Concerns of where this language might be rolled into another bill: Addressed in discussion above.
- All other legislation of concern: Addressed in discussion above.

Annual Conference:

- **Choose Theme:** Lisa W. made comments. There was discussion in the chat noting some suggestions for a theme. Lisa T made comments regarding job sharing.

- **Planning for Keynote speakers, Education and Fee Schedule:** The Annual Meeting Committee will meet to discuss filling the role of Coordinator.

Minutes taken and submitted by Cheyenne Latimer.