

# VALA BOD ZOOM Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting began at 9:30 AM.

Cheyenne Latimer established the quorum.

Present via Zoom: Lisa Wright, Mimi Burstein, Lisa Truchon, Bob Quaderer, Stacey Bradley, Todd Leblanc, Jack McCamley, Patricia McNall, Bill Basso, Jill Remick, Larry Willey, Patrick Santoso, Carol Hammond, Linda Sherman, Christie Wright, Cheyenne Latimer, Josh Hanford, Noel Weeks, Sidney Durmick. Marcia Chioffi, Cy Bailey, and Chris Miele.

**Secretary's report/ Approve minutes:** Mimi Burstein made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Todd Leblanc seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Truchon presented information regarding revenue, expenses, and balances.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Legislative Committee: Todd Leblanc made a comment to look at Misc tax bill adjustment.
- Annual Meeting Committee: Lisa discussed the schedule of events; Linda Sherman made a comment.
- LOTY Award & Rising Star Award: Linda Sherman will be taking the nominations for this. The Rising Star Award criteria was adjusted last year. Bob will update this information on the website.
- Membership Coordinator: Mimi gave an update, noting that she is organizing information on delegates and the tasks that they have. Mimi touched on the survey regarding membership, and membership fees. Linda T. and Lisa W. made comments.
- Education Coordinator: Mimi noted the IAAO classes for this year, and the dates. This information will be on the website. Lisa W, Linda T and Stacey B made comments.
- Website Coordinator: Bob discussed online registration, members only pages, etc. Bob noted these items may be difficult with our current website provider. Lisa W and Linda T made comments.
- Treasurer/ Finance Committee: Noted above in the Treasurer's Report.

**PVR Update:** Jill gave information on bills being discussed. These include information on municipal tax bills, utilities section, The Municipal code of Ethics and Bill H657, a telecommunications bill. This removes the telephone tax and puts communication property that is not currently on the Grand List, on the Grand List. There was much discussion. PVR is still working with Brian Fogg in setting values, this will not affect the current Grand List. Jill noted that IAAO has been hired to do the research for act 68 due in December.

**VLCT/Legislative Update:** Josh Hanford went over current bills, abatement, budget adjustment act, flood relief, etc.

**VT Pie & NEMRC Update:** Pat Santoso from VT Pie noted that there is ongoing training, for Current Use and Sales Validation. Testing of Exemptions Modules has been run; there will be more details forthcoming. In terms of Homestead Values, and Validating Sales and Current Use, it is essentially the same as last year. Before starting 2025 Grand List, discuss with DA; to make sure everyone is on the same page. Lisa W. had a question. Chris from NEMRC gave an update on testing and an update on Current Use. Chris will have a webinar to teach how to use the Current Use webinar. There are changes to Tax Bills this year, there will be more on this soon.

**VALA Newsletter:** Bob noted sponsors being included in the Newsletter.

**Member Concerns:**

**Any New Business:**

**VALA Member Discussion Items:** Stacey made note of NRAAO conference in Atlantic City May 19<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Stacey gave some information on this.

Lisa T. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda S. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Minutes taken and submitted by Cheyenne Latimer.