

NH Government Finance Officers Association
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2024
Teleconference Meeting via Zoom

Members Present:

Naomi Bolton; Vicki Lee, Cheryl Lindner, Tammy Penny, Jill McNeil, Tammy St. Gelais, Tammy Letson, Katherine Heck, Tina Waterman, Justin Campo, Aaron Patt

Call to Order:

Naomi Bolton called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Secretary's Report:

The February 8th and March 14th minutes were reviewed. Spelling corrections were cited for both minutes. Cheryl made the motion to approve both as amended. Tammy Letson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Cheryl explained that the Treasurer's report was not available since the bank statement just came in before the meeting and there hasn't been ample time to review the numbers. Cheryl indicated that they are just starting to pay the annual conference expenses and that she would get a draft Treasurer's report out that could be reviewed at the annual meeting in May. Tammy S mentioned that the Treasurer's report will need to be delivered at the annual meeting.

Committee Updates:

Legislative Update:

Katherine explained that this is cross-over day. NHMA is following 567 bills and there are 118 bills with a finance component that would be more specific to GFOA. Many bills that NHMA was concerned about have gone to interim study or have been amended. These bills have only been heard in one chamber and the second chamber will be taking these up next. Therefore, bills could change at any time. She encouraged everyone to get involved and reach out to legislators regarding bills of concern. We can track bills on the NHMA website. NHMA is also following some bills on education funding. There have been dozens of amendments floating around about education funding. Two bills are coming out of the house with one that would increase special education funding and one that would increase adequacy aid. There is an interesting proposal to flip flop SWEPT and local education tax on the tax bill meaning the State would be (on paper) funding more education. There is no new funding source.

Training Committee:

Tammy S indicated that there are 190 registered for the conference and there are 26 zoom option registrants. The training committee will send an email out to the zoom attendees to find out about sessions they were planning on attending. Then the correct zoom links will be sent out. We have received more items for the bags from sponsors. Sponsor signs are at the printers. The brochure is in draft form and there still are some changes to be made. We have the casino night floor plan with dining tables on one side, high tops on the other and the casino in the middle. Jill added that there will be food when you walk in and off to the left is the bar. Next to the bar will be the cocktail area. Sponsor signs will be in each area. Vicki explained the tickets and prize system from casino night at the last conference. We also received a contract from the Grappone Center in Concord for the next conference since we are alternating locations each year. We received \$38,250 in sponsorship money. Justin asked if we could consider going to a theater in Concord instead of booking

entertainment at the 2025 conference. Tammy S is also looking for ideas for the NHMA conference. GAAFRs were ordered. Jill has sent lists of the Wednesday night stays to the hotel for the May conference. Wednesday night attendees need to call in with their credit cards to pay for that night.

Certificate Program:

Jill updated the group. The first session was scheduled on the day of the snowstorm and was cancelled since so many mentioned that they were not going to make it due to weather. We will have to move business communications to another day. The session on accounting will start on Wednesday, 4/17.

Membership Committee:

Memberships are pretty much stagnant this time of year.

Purchasing Committee:

Tina updated the group on second quarterly meeting that occurred on April 9th. Many attended this meeting and she is not sure if the high attendance has to do with the fact that she sent invites as a calendar invite or the grant topic. The next meeting will be on July 9th.

Website Committee:

Justin had no website updates but mentioned that his email is intermittently being delayed because Londonderry is in the process of switching between .org and .gov.

Audit Committee:

No updates

New England States GFOA:

Tammy S indicated that there are 83 registered for the NESGFOA spring seminar occurring in Waltham on April 17th and 18th. The NESGFOA past secretary, Ruth Porter has passed away. She was a wonderful woman and retired. The annual conference in Mystic, CT will be September 15th through 18th.

NHPDIP Committee:

There is nobody from PDIP on the call today.

Old Business:

Naomi mentioned that the fellowship program award was awarded in March. Tammy S said that we are now looking for interns. She is in contact with a professor at Plymouth State University since there are eight students in the new public finance course that is only a few weeks in.

New Business:

Naomi moved the review of the listserve policy to our June meeting. Naomi then identified the one scholarship request we received for the May conference and it was from Tim Auger of Manchester. Cheryl made the motion to approve the scholarship. Tammy P seconded. The motion passed. Naomi asked Jill to reach out to Tim to let him know.

Aaron joined the meeting at 9:35.

Naomi began to discuss the new slate of officers. Mark D has decided to step away. Naomi will stay on as President one more year, Vicki will be first Vice-President, second Vice-President will be Cheryl L, Tammy L will take the Secretary position, Tammy P will be Treasurer, immediate past President is vacant, Aaron, Jessica, and Justin will be Members at Large. Other nominations may also take place at the annual meeting.

Adjournment: Justin made the motion to adjourn. Cheryl seconded to adjourn at 10:04 am. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Penny

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