

Government Finance Officers Association of Connecticut
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 Thursday, April 7, 2016

Water's Edge Resort and Spa
 1525 Boston Post Road, Westbrook, Connecticut 06498
 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Mike Lupkas called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

Members present: Mike Lupkas, Rick Darling (11:00), Bob Barron, Jim Wren, Beth Bauer, Bob Tait, Mike LeBlanc, Linda Trzetzziak, Rob Buden, Mary Jane Malavasi (9:41), Diane Waldron (9:41), Jim Finch (9:45), and Maryanna Stevens.

Members absent: Greg Simmons, Jonathan Perugini, Diana Doyle, Emilia Portelinha, Peter Erodici, James Reynolds, and Bill Hogan.

I. Reinstatements

- a) Reinstate Michael LeBlanc (11/10/15 and 12/03/15)
 A motion to approve the reinstatement was made by Rob Buden and seconded by Maryanna Stevens. **Passed Unanimously**

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting were reviewed with no comments. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Beth Bauer and seconded by Maryanna Stevens. **Passed Unanimously**

III. Old Business

- a) Update on Nominating Committee's activities and potential candidates

	POSITION	CURRENT	NOMINEES
GFOA of CT Officers	President	Michael Lupkas	Rick Darling
	First Vice President	Rick Darling	Robert Barron
	Second Vice President	Robert Barron	Peter Erodici
	Treasurer	Gregory Simmons	
	Past President	James Wren	Michael Lupkas
Board of Directors	2016	Beth Bauer	Emilia Portelinha - 2019
	2016	Jonathan Perugini	Jonathan Perugini - 2017
	2016	Robert Tait	Robert Tait - 2019
	2017	Diana Doyle	
	2017	Michael LeBlanc	
	2018	Linda Trzetzziak	
	2018	Rob Buden	
New England Representatives	2017	Diane Waldron	
	2016	Jim Finch	Jim Finch - 2021
	2018	Maryanna Stevens	

Jim Wren provided the above list of nominees in a letter to President Michael Lupkas and informed him of the scheduled vote on this list in the June meeting.

- b) Update on the CTGFOA response to the state regarding its UCOA initiative

Mike Lupkas wrote a letter dated 3/16/16 to Bob Dakers of the state's Office of Policy Management and copied OPM's Bill Plummer and Blum Shapiro citing the Connecticut GFOA's concerns about the state's UCOA initiative. Mike also participated in the previous Thursday's presentation of a UCOA model available for everyone's use and reported that it appears to be useful, but didn't address the GFOA's concerns about maintenance procedures.

- c) Update on the CTGFOA retiree presentation consideration for a 2017 quarterly meeting

Mike Lupkas spoke with Alan Desmarais and informed him that his retiree presentation proposal would not be carried forward (considered) as an agenda item for the upcoming year as was the consensus of the sitting Officers and Board of Directors of the Connecticut GFOA.

IV. New Business

- a) Discussion of Walsh and Miklus awards

There have been no applicants to date and there was a brief discussion on the need to increase the scholarship amount.

- b) Discussion of engaging Radford University to provide a 2-day training class in the upcoming fiscal year and other member education opportunities

Bob Barron agreed to come up with a proposed budget for each training session for discussion in the July budget setting meeting.

- c) CTGFOA endorsement of City Clerk's bill for increasing fees

Mike Lupkas informed the board that he had received a request from the Connecticut Town Clerks Association requesting support for its petition to the state to increase fees. Mike reported that he signed the letter in support of this petition.

- d) Discussion of the proposal to provide business personal property exemption for businesses with less than \$10,000 of assessed property

It was reported that this proposal had been losing traction in the legislature.

- e) Discussion of the proposal to eliminate the DMV hold for delinquent taxes

It was reported that this language had been removed from pending legislation.

V. Reports

- a) Accounting Standards

No report.

- b) Education

Diana Doyle and Bob Tait are the Education Co-Chairs now that Bob Barron has assumed the 2nd Vice President's role. Bob Barron pledged to help the Education Committee if needed in the current and coming year.

- c) Historian's Report

No report.

- d) Internet

No report

- e) Walsh and Miklus Scholarship

Bill Hogan was not in attendance, but had provided the following update in a 1/28/2016 email to Mike Lupkas, "I won't be at the Board meeting due to a.m. budget meeting but want to report that I have released to the membership the Don Miklus Scholarship to the NESGOFA Spring Training and the John Walsh Scholarship to the UConn MPA program for (2) \$2,000 scholarships. Both are due back by February 26th. There is no AGFI scholarship this year to the University of Wisconsin as GFOA offers it every other year. Diane Waldron and Ann Harter assist me with application reviews."

- f) Legislative

Many items were discussed throughout the meeting. Mike Lupkas reported that he attended the CCM Legislative meeting on Monday where several items were discussed, specifically: the 2.5% spending cap which has a waiver application process, unfunded state mandates, the anti-blight mission that had been "watered down," and the Firefighters cancer fund.

- g) Membership

No Report

- h) National Event

Bob Barron reported that he'll be sending out email requests for participation and vendor sponsorships soon for the Toronto event. He also thanked Diane Waldron for her preliminary research on

available restaurants and asked for a \$500 contribution from the CTGFOA to keep the food costs down for those participating. A motion to approve the request was made by Maryanna Stevens and seconded by Rob Buden. **Passed Unanimously**

i) Program

Rick Darling reviewed with the board the four speakers that he had secured for the day's program. The board agreed that it was a good program and thanked Rick for his efforts.

j) NESGFOA Representative

Jim Finch reported that the annual NESGFOA conference will be held on September 11-14, 2016 at the Mount Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire. The conference will return to Connecticut on September 15-19, 2018 in Mystic, Connecticut. Maryanna Stevens, Diane Waldron and Jim Finch have already begun the planning activities for this conference as it typically takes a full two years to prepare for such an event.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Barron and seconded by Maryanna Stevens at 11:22 a.m. **Passed Unanimously**