

Government Finance Officers Association of Connecticut
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 8, 2016

First and Last Tavern
220 Main Street, Middletown, CT 06457

Rick Darling called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Members present: Rick Darling, Peter Erodici, Gregory Simmons, Michael Lupkas, Jonathan Perugini, Diana Doyle, Michael LeBlanc, Linda Trzetzak, Rob Buden, Robert Tait, Emilia Portelinha, Mary Jane Malavasi, Ann Harter, Lisa Hancock, James Finch, and Diane Waldron

Members absent: Robert Barron, Lunda Asmani, Joyce Williams, and Maryanna Stevens

I. Approval of minutes

The minutes of November 8, 2016 were reviewed with no comments. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Greg Simmons and seconded by Rob Buden. **Passed Unanimously**

II. Old Business

A. Update on 2.5% spending cap (CCM proposal to repeal)

Rick Darling spoke about CCM's proposal to repeal this statute and discussions that took place at the November 2016 CCM convention. At a convention press conference, CCM stated their intentions to introduce legislation which would repeal the cap. Rick indicated that he would stay in touch with CCM regarding the proposed legislation. Discussion ensued.

III. New Business

A. GFOA-CT sponsored session at the CCM convention

Rick Darling reported to the Board that GFOA-CT sponsored a session at the November 2016 CCM convention. It dealt with digital payment solutions and was presented by Bank of America. The two speakers from the Bank talked about on-line payments and e-payables. 15 people attended the session and Bob Barron arranged this program. Discussion followed regarding CCM convention attendance and program.

IV. Reports

A. Accounting Standards

Bob Tait informed the Board about an email that the State sent to those towns or cities who did not report 2015 data for UCOA. In addition, he gave an overview of implementation guidance from GASB on various topics. Bob provided a handout as well.

B. Education

Diana Doyle reported that Bob Tait was given an award from GFOA-CT for teaching the introductory government accounting class. Bob is working on organizing the intermediate government accounting class as well.

C. Historian's Report

Lisa Hancock introduced an idea: a digital scrapbook for members only. It would contain photos approved by the Board. It could also be a book to pass along among members. Discussion ensued, including how our website would accommodate this scrapbook. Discussion also followed on what the Historian (Lisa Hancock) should be doing. Lisa mentioned the idea of assisting in gathering and posting sample contracts and agreements to the website.

D. Internet

Emilia Portelinha reported that the file repository was updated and up and running. We can send documents that need to be uploaded to Emilia.

E. Walsh and Miklus Scholarship

Jim Finch reported that an announcement will be made at the upcoming February meeting.

F. Legislative

Rob Buden reported that he will be attending the CCM legislative committee meeting next Tuesday. He will update us later regarding the 2.5% spending cap.

G. Membership

Mary Jane Malavasi reported 335 members total: 314 paid members and 21 honorary members. She also updated job/employment information for members in December. Greg Simmons talked about the NESGFOA member count for CT. Discussion ensued regarding the modest variance.

H. National Event

No report.

I. Program

No report.

J. NESGFOA Representative

Jim Finch informed the Board that the NESGFOA Board meeting would take place in January 2017. They need topics for the Spring training conference. Over 300 attendees were at the New Hampshire conference in 2016. They are looking at other venues in New Hampshire for the future. Jim asked Board members to e-mail him or Diane with any topics. The next Spring training conference would be the 25th year. Discussion ensued. Jim mentioned that the 2017 conference is in Maine, 2018 is in Mystic, CT, and 2019 is in VT.

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Jonathan Perugini and seconded by Emilia Portelinha at 12:25 p.m. **Passed Unanimously**