

CONNECTICUT TAX COLLECTOR'S ASSOCIATION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

November 8, 2018 Aqua Turf

PRESENT: Lisa Theroux, CCMC, Helene Lefkowitz, CCMC, Maeci Evans, CCMC, Scott Ferguson, CCMC, Pat Crisco, CCMC, Colleen O'Connor, CCMC, Patricia Monahan, CCMC, Alan Wilensky, CCMC, Kristin Battistoni, CCMC, Rebecca Juchert Derungs, CCMC, Deborah Heim, Ana LeGasse, CCMC, Kathy Larkins, CCMC, Teresa Babon, CCMC, Lisa Madden, CCMC, Sarah Bruso, CCMC, Stephanie Irving, CCMC, Ann Scacco, CCMC, Carla Hamel, CCMC, Launa Goslee, CCMC.

Education Chair Alan Wilensky called the meeting to order at 1:46 pm.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to waive the reading of the Secretary's Report from the October 2, 2018 meeting which everyone reviewed, was made by Scott and seconded by Lisa. A correction was made to the date listed for the March 2019 conferenced. Lisa made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Colleen O'Connor. **Motion carried.**

Alan mentioned that we had been considering moving the Spring Aqua Turf meeting from May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflicts with being able to give complete legislative updates. It was decided that since the 2019 session is a long session and runs through the beginning of June, moving the date does not accomplish anything for the 2019 season. Scheduling a later May date in 2020 can be considered.

Alan was approached by a vendor who wanted to sponsor a specific event for the next conference. After a short discussion the group was reminded that it had been previously decided that vendors can give money but cannot specifically sponsor an event on their own. That splits the CTx group into those that are vendor clients and those that are not (including other vendors).

Upcoming Conference:

Alan referred everyone to the tentative Conference Schedule handout.

For the educational portion, some options include an FOI presentation (suggested by Pat Monahan) by Tom Hennick, who recently presented at CCMC, or possibly Mark Sommaruga.

Alan noted that FOI and Nuts & Bolts came up frequently as a suggestion for conference topics on the evaluation forms that were handed out at the last March conference.

Other topic suggestions included Refunds (Carla), Assessment 101 (Lisa Madden), and how the Assessor and Collector work together (Teresa). It was discussed that we would invite our Town Assessors to come, but they would have to pay for the day as a commuter.

Alan is researching options for entertainment, including a comedy/hypnotist. Regarding Hospitality, it was also suggested that perhaps CTx can offer a drink ticket and chair massage to entice people to attend Hospitality.

Alan noted that the cost of the dinner at the last conference was expensive (\$83/plate), and he is looking at options to reduce that cost this year.

Gifts were discussed. No decision was finalized although it was suggested that we do not purchase a gift this year. Instead, we can hand out all of our leftover gifts from prior years, if we have enough. Approximate stock is as follows: Towels: 60; First Aid Kits: 80; Umbrellas: 20.

We also need to start thinking about venues for year 2020.

**Motion to adjourn** by Maeci Evans at 2:45pm. Seconded by Lisa Theroux. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Helene Lefkowitz, CCMC  
Secretary