

CONNECTICUT TAX COLLECTOR'S ASSOCIATION
Aquaturf Spring Meeting, May 11, 2017
Southington, CT

PRESIDENT Launa Goslee called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

MINUTES: Copies of the minutes were available on the tables for review. A motion was made to dispense of the reading of the Secretary's Minutes from the November 2016 meeting and approve them as written. Motion made, seconded. **Motion carried**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Copies of the treasurer's report were available at the registration table. Motion to waive the reading of the treasurer's report and approve them as written and posted was made by Barry Maynard and seconded by Denise Talbot. **Motion carried.**

County Reports: The following County Reports were given:

Litchfield: Carla Hamel reported that Litchfield had 2 meetings this past year. During these meetings they selected a scholarship committee and awarded a \$500 scholarship, reviewed DMV procedures and concerns, and reviewed legislation and seminar information.

Middlesex County: Kristen Battistoni noted that QDS will be presenting at their next meeting, and the meeting is open to collectors from other counties if they would like to attend.

New Haven County: Diane Lauber reported that New Haven County has re-elected officers this year. In their meetings they have reviewed the placing of UCC Liens as well as office policy and procedures.

Fairfield County: Pat Moasio reported that in the December meeting Legislation was reviewed. The next meeting, to be held in June, is open to all and will discuss "Tracking, Hacking and Ransom" on computers. Adam Cohen will also be present and will discuss legislation. Fairfield County is in the process of choosing a scholarship winner, and is also looking for a nominating committee to present a slate of new officers.

Tolland/Windham: Lisa Madden and Linda Gagne reported that a new slate of officers were elected this year. At the April meeting they reviewed the budget process and office procedures.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Deb Heim presented **Years of Service** pins to the following individuals:

25 years – Cindy Small, Groton

20 years – Michelle Kane, Meriden; Madaline Meyer, Chester; Ann Walsh, Shelton

10 years – Brenda Carter, Middlebury; Brenden McDonough, Greenwich; Nancy Olson, Waterbury; Sharon Scinto, Oxford; Karen Vincent, Plainfield, Ann Bednaz, Bristol

Names of the following **retiring collectors** were read by Deb Heim, and those present were presented with retirement gifts: Dave Forman, Bethany; Cindy Small, Groton; Harry Baum, Hampton; Robert Anderson, Seymour; Lisa Basilicato, East Haven

Escrow: Iris reported on Escrow. The last meeting was April 27th in East Hartford. There was a good turnout of collectors, but from the escrow services, only Corelogic attended. There was discussion regarding wire transfers. We are to contact each tax service to learn more. We are encouraged to do monthly delinquent reports. Meetings will now be held one time per year. Next meeting to be held in 2018.

Certification: Pat Monahan spoke on behalf of the Certification Committee.

- The next final exam for those who are eligible to sit will be June 1st in Berlin. Registration deadline is May 19th. Another exam will be held on November 30th – register by October 1st.
- There was a successful road show on April 4th; another will be held on May 16th in Newtown and Oct 17th in Wallingford.
- Since 2017 is an election year, there will be a crash course for new collectors on November 15th at the Clinton Town Hall.

Certification Certificates were awarded to the following:

Scott Antonson, Thompson; Erin Bartlett, Tolland; Michele Bonacassio, Wolcott; Bridget Boucher, Plainville; Linda Camelio, Stonington; Lavinia Cockrell, Middletown; Carolina Feliz, Windham; Peter Juszczynski, Windsor Locks; April Lamothe, Brooklyn; Joanne Matarese, Torrington; Erin Scott, Bethel; Lynn Shortell, Wallingford; Terri Skoog, Manchester 8th Utilities District; Amy Snell, North Stonington; Katherine Stauffer, Redding; Deborah Swan, Guilford; Darlene Tynan, Wolcott

Audit: Launa spoke on behalf of the Audit Committee. The committee is in the process of creating record retention schedules.

Legislation: Dave Kluczowski, Berlin, gave an update on legislation. Regular session will adjourn at midnight, June 7th. Lobbyist will send out update tomorrow. Bills of interest are as follows:

- HB7142: Threatens to impose restrictions on lien assignments. Passed in banking committee, killed in Planning & Development
- Proposed legislation on legal ads. Did not pass, therefore we are still required to publish in newspaper.
- Offer ability for municipalities to process DMV registrations. The bill failed, but the lobbyist noted that there could be an amendment later in the session.

NE Regional: Pat Moio spoke on behalf of Northeast Regional. She noted that there has been a good exchange of information among the participating states. This year the conference will be held at the Aqua Blue Conference Center in Narragansett, RI from Sunday Aug 27th through Wednesday Aug 30th. Classes will include dealing effectively with difficult constituents, a class to understand the S&P Moody's rating and insight as to what they are looking for, a session on strengthening your ethical compass, social media mayhem, cybersecurity, and preparing a successful office budget.

Education: Teresa Babon; Next meetings will be at Aqua Turf on the following dates:

- Nov 9, 2017
- May 10, 2018
- Nov 8, 2018
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The next CTx Conference will be at Waters Edge, Westbrook CT March 21-23, 2018. Please send Teresa ideas/suggestions for speakers and workshops.

Keynote Speakers: John Rainaldi, Director of Assessment & Collection –Manchester,+ regarding Office Security; DMV Committee regarding leasing companies and issues with refunds; discussion that DMV will be migrating to a new FTP site; CIVLS review. The group was asked NOT to contact Gayle with issues; contact the DMV Committee. For CIVLS issues, contact dmv.civls.portal@ct.gov.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Lauren Stuck at 11:50 and seconded by Lee Matterazzo. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Helene J. Lefkowitz, CCMC
Secretary