

Connecticut Tax Collectors' Association, Executive Board Minutes

West Hartford Town Hall, Room 314

February 14, 2018

Present: Launa Goslee, CCMC, Teresa Babon, CCMC, Helene Lefkowitz, CCMC, Ann Scacco, CCMC, Scott Ferguson, CCMC, Lauren Stuck, CCMC, Carla Hamel, CCMC, Kristin Battistoni, CCMC, Iris Laurenza, CCMC, Deborah Heim, CCMC, Dave Kluczowski, CCMC, Patricia Moio, CCMC, Alan Wilensky, Lisa Madden, Lisa Theroux, CCMC, Pat Crisco, CCMC, Corinne Aldinger, CCMC

President, Launa Goslee called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the November 9 2017 meeting was made by Carla Hamel and seconded by Teresa Babon. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Scott Ferguson and seconded by Ann Scacco. Motion carried.

Secretary Correspondence: Thank you notes were received and read from Arlene Boutin and Madaline Meyer, thanking Ctx for the donations made in memory of their loved ones.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to waive the reading of the Treasurer's Report was made by Deb Heim and seconded by Lisa Madden. Motion carried. Deb Heim questioned a refund that showed up on the report. Ann explained the reason for the refund. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Carla Hamel and seconded by Pat Crisco. Motion carried.

New Business

Committee Reports:

Awards: Deb Heim had nothing new to report, other than she is getting close to needing to order more 10yr pins.

DMV: Launa brought up an issue that they had in her town, where a taxpayer had fraud with their registration. DMV investigated agreed that the vehicle was fraudulently registered, but DMV would not send a delete to the Town, nor would the Assessor delete the record. Lisa Theroux said she would discuss this issue with DMV at their next meeting.

Lisa told the group that the old VPN keys will be permanently deactivated in August, and most are being disabled sooner. If you would like to continue to use your VPN key until August, you must notify DMV.

It was determined that the DMV Question of the Week is no longer necessary, as the number of questions has dropped dramatically.

Escrow: Due to the change in the federal tax laws for 2018, most towns received a large number of overpayments in December 2017, even for escrowed accounts. Because of this, Iris Laurenza has reached out to Corelogic, Wells Fargo and Lereta to determine the most appropriate and efficient process for getting these refunds back to the escrow companies, and ultimately back to the taxpayer.

Iris is planning for the next escrow committee meeting, to be held April 5th or 6th, 2018.

Certification: Pat Moio reported on behalf of Patricia Monahan. Road shows will be held as follows: April 17th - Redding; May 22 - Lebanon; September 18 - Bristol; October 16th - Clinton.

Final Exams for CCMC Certification are May 31st and November 29th.

Spring classes begin February 15th. Class 3 was cancelled due to low enrollment. Fall classes will begin in September.

NERTCTA: Pat Moisio reported on NE Regional, which will be held in August at the Omni Hotel in Providence, RI.

Lauren Stuck made a motion to host the NE Regional President for the March CTx Conference (Wednesday through Friday). Lisa Biagiarelli seconded the motion. Two people opposed the motion. Motion carried.

Legislation: Dave Kluczowski mentioned that the Governor, in an effort to counteract negative ramifications of the new federal tax law, is proposing legislation that would treat a portion of real estate taxes as a charitable contribution to the municipality.

Dave also reported that our current lobbyist, Capitol Consulting (Mike Duggan), is merging with Schepker & Associates. This will not affect our current contract.

Alan Wilensky asked if we could use the non-payment of certain state fees or taxes (i.e.: non-payment of state sales tax, for example) to withhold permits. Discussion followed and it was determined that this is not permissible, as Statute 12-146a specifies the parameters for withholding permits (non-payment of taxes, water, sewer or sanitation charges).

Other Business:

Ann Scacco ?? suggested that CTx offer financial aid for those members who want to come to the CTx Conference but don't because they can't afford it. The item was tabled for future discussion/investigation.

Membership List: Pat Crisco reported that she is working on correcting/updating the complete CTx Membership List. She will bring the list to the CTx Conference and ask everyone to update.

CCMO Courses: Pat Moisio discussed CCMC's program for professional development for CCMO Certification. Pat recently attended a few of the classes and she indicated that they were very informative and worthwhile. More information about the classes and certification can be found at CCM-ct.org.

Computer/Projector: Lisa Madden has been looking into appropriate laptop options for CTx and gave us an update of her research. Scott Ferguson made a motion to allow Lisa to spend up to \$2,000 for a laptop, projector and necessary software. Lisa Biagiarelli seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Position for 2018-2020: Ana LeGasse was slated for the Treasurer position but has decided she does not want to do it. Iris is reaching out to other potential candidates.

Launa instructed the Audit Committee to revisit the bylaws, specifically regarding the serving of board members, the term of office, and requirements to limit the number of years served in a specific position.

The committee will also review the audit requirements stipulated in the bylaws, as our accountant has indicated that there is no real need for an annual audit.

Motion to adjourn by Scott Ferguson at 2:44 P.M. and seconded by Ann Scacco. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helene J. Lefkowitz
Secretary