

CONNECTICUT TAX COLLECTOR'S ASSOCIATION

Aqua Turf Fall Meeting, November 14, 2019

Southington, CT

PRESIDENT: Lisa Theroux called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. Lisa then welcomed new collectors and asked them to stand and introduce themselves. New collectors included Anne Marie Burr, Prospect, Ashley Schremmer, Oxford, and Jaimie Monckton, Woodbury.

SECRETARY REPORT: Copies of the minutes were emailed to the membership prior to the meeting. Barry Maynard, Old Saybrook, made a motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes. Seconded by Lauren Stuck. **Motion Carried.** John Rainaldi, Manchester, made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Denise Talbot. **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 was made by Barry Maynard and seconded by Lauren Stuck. **Motion carried.** Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Barry Maynard, seconded by Scott Ferguson. **Motion carried.**

COUNTY REPORTS: The following County Reports were given:

Tolland/Windham: Lisa Madden, Somers, reported that they had two meetings since the last Aqua Turf. The focus of the meetings has been on software and how it can increase productivity (ie: using the Flags in QDS for tracking accounts, shortcuts). The next meeting will be Dec 10th.

New Haven: Pat Crisco, Woodbridge, reported that new officers were elected in May; the Association gave out two \$300 scholarships; Jenn Gauthier of OPM spoke at one of their meetings. Pat also mentioned the passing of member Diane Lauber, and presented her sister with a retirement bracelet from the Association.

Pat mentioned that she was a member of the Nominating Committee, along with Lisa Biagiarelli and on behalf of the two of them, she expressed their disappointment that very few CTx members expressed interest in stepping up to Board positions.

Middlesex: Douglas Sienna, Cromwell, said that at the last meeting the focus was to try to increase involvement from county members. The next meeting is scheduled for April 22nd and they will be reviewing bylaws.

Hartford: Peter Juszczynski, Windsor Locks, reported that Hartford County had a meeting on October 24th and the speaker was Tony Barbara from a security firm. The next meeting will be Dec 5th with a State Representative.

Litchfield: Rebecca Juchert-Derungs from Litchfield County reported that they have had two meetings since last Aqua Turf. In addition, they conducted a fundraiser to benefit their Scholarship Fund. One of their meetings consisted of a round-table where many topics were

discussed, including ordinances, resolutions and certificates of correction. The next meeting will be in December.

Fairfield: Pat Moisio and Ann Scacco presented for Fairfield County. The last meeting was a breakfast at the Legislative Office Building. Attendees included 8 Representatives. The group was given a tour of the building and then they were introduced on the floor. Next meeting is at Rizzutos, where they will present scholarship awards. Pat noted that TaxServ generously matched contributions to the scholarship fund. Fairfield County holiday party is Dec 12th, and then there will be a legislative event in the spring.

New London: Nothing presented

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REPORTS:

Escrow – Presented by Iris Laurenza. No new information from Escrow. Please reach out to Iris if you are having any issues. Corelogic is looking to increase customer service to Collectors. They are working on a digital platform and will be seeking our input.

Website issues should also be directed to Iris.

Nominating Committee: New slate of officers was presented by the Nominating Committee, as follows:

President: Teresa Babon

First VP: Alan Wilensky

Second VP: Lisa Madden

Secretary: Helene Lefkowitz

Assistant Sec: Anne Marie Burr

Treasurer: Kathy Larkins

Assistant Tres: Maeci Evans

Nomination from the floor was made by Kristy Foran, East Hartford. She nominated Scott Ferguson for First VP. Seconded by Samantha Pletscher, Farmington.

Motion to close the nominations was made by **Sheryl** and seconded by Carla Hamel. Motion Carried.

A vote was taken for the position of First VP. Scott Ferguson obtained 39 votes, Alan Wilensky received the remaining votes (greater than 45 votes). Motion carries to elect Alan Wilensky for First VP.

Scott Ferguson made a motion to receive the rest of the slate of officers as presented. Seconded by Barry Maynard. Motion Carried.

Certification: The Certification Committee awarded CCMC certificates to: Christine A. Alison, Westport; Cynthia B. Beers, Lyme; Ida B. Cabral, Coventry; Eileen M. Curtin, Amston Lake Tax District; James Finley III, Durham; Karen B. Gauthier, Montville; Nicolas J. Guido, Shelton; Joseph T. Kilduff, Plymouth; Krista A. Kot, Easton; Sheel P. Patel, Berlin; Heather D. Perssonatti, Warren; Sara Y. Rolfe, East Lyme; Dwight W. Rollins, Farmington; Tracy L. Thompson, Portland; Jennifer A. Woodward, Bethlehem. The following individuals earned their certificates but were not present: Caterina Rauso, Trumbull; Linda Russell, Mansfield.

Retirements: Presented by Deb Heim to; Sharon Tweed, Oxford; Cindy O'Bar, Cheshire; Joan Carroll, Ledyard

Administrative Issues: Lisa Theroux noted that the next Aqua Turf meeting will be a joint meeting with the Assessors. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 5th 2020.

LEGISLATION: Presented by Michael Dugan, Capitol Consulting. An update was given on all the bills of interest to Ctx, including the following (none of which passed):

HB 7192: Municipal Efficiencies

SB 711: Collection of Taxes by Car Dealers

SB 1135: Interest Rate on Delinquent Bills

SB 1139: Elimination of the MV Tax over a Five-Year Period

SB 431: Tax Reform

The following legislation did pass:

HB 51215 (PA 19-36): Increase abatement for volunteer firefighters

HB7244 (PA 19-47): Increase base exemption for disabled veterans by \$500 effective Oct 1, 2019

HB 7201 (PA 19-165): MV registrations increase to 3 years; licenses to 8 years, effective Jan 1, 2020.

Expectations for the 2020 Session: Special session on tolls, bonding for hospital fix, legalization of marijuana, regionalization.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Employment Law – Rights & Wrongs: Presented by Attorney Frederick Dorsey, Kainen, Escalera and McHale

ADJOURNMENT: Barry Maynard motioned to adjourn at 12:00pm, seconded by Denise Talbot.
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helene J. Lefkowitz
Secretary