

CONNECTICUT TAX COLLECTOR'S ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

April 10 2019, West Hartford Town Hall

PRESENT: Lisa Theroux, CCMC, Helene Lefkowitz, CCMC, Pat Crisco, CCMC, Alan Wilensky, CCMC, Deborah Heim, CCMC, Kathy Larkins, CCMC, Teresa Babon, CCMC, Iris Laurenza, CCMC, Lisa Biagiarelli, CCMC, Al Palumbo, CCMC, David Kluczowski, CCMC

President Lisa Theroux called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to waive the reading of the Secretary's Report from the November 8, 2018 meeting which everyone reviewed, was made by Helene Lefkowitz and seconded by Pat Crisco. A correction was made to the expected cost of the bracelet for retiree gifts. Pat Crisco made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Teresa Babon. **Motion carried.**

Helene read a thank you note that the group received from Hannah Joyce, President of New Hampshire Tax Collectors, thanking us for our hospitality at the CTx annual conference. Deb Heim indicated that she had received a thank you note from the Willington Assistant Tax Collector thanking us for her retirement gift.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Larkins presented the Treasurers Report, and concluded with a comment that the current balance is about \$90,000. Kathy questioned whether we should be investing that money in a vehicle that would yield a higher rate of return. Kathy will research possible investment options and will present them at our next meeting. Helene Lefkowitz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Deb Heim. **Motion Carried.**

**New Business:**

*Proposed Legislative Statute Changes:* Theresa Babon made a motion for CTx to pursue legislative statute changes (provided there is no additional cost to CTx) negating what some are interpreting as the requirement of tax collectors to only use Marshals for tax sales. Motion seconded by Al Palumbo. **Motion Carried.**

*Amicus Brief:* Lisa Theroux indicated that Attorney Fox advised that it was not necessary for CTx to submit an amicus brief on the Marshal's appeal of the court decision. Based on this advice, Lisa Biagiarelli motioned to take no action regarding the possible submission of an amicus brief on the Marshal's appeal of the recent court decision. Seconded by Teresa Babon. **Motion Carried.**

*Aqua Turf Speakers:* Dave Kluczowski said that our lobbyist will present an End of Session Report; Lisa Biagiarelli will head up a Mini Road Show: Nuts and Bolts of Collecting. Probable panel will include Al Palumbo, Carla Hammel, and Launa Goslee.

*Proposed Legislation: Elected versus Appointed Collectors:* Lisa Theroux wanted to make it clear that there is nothing in the CTx Bylaws compelling CTx to take a position on this proposed legislation and

therefore did not take a position. CTx members, specifically the Legislative Committee, did, however, offer to help anyone interested in preparing testimony.

*Seminar Speakers:* At the conference, some collectors were invited to give a recap of their experience testifying at the legislature: It was noted that moving forward, that is not to be done. New “topics” should not be added to the seminar agenda with no prior notice.

*New Hampshire invitees to CTx Conference:* Iris motioned to reinstate reciprocity to the New Hampshire President to attend our annual conference. Seconded by Lisa Biagiarelli. **Motion carried.**

*Aqua Turf Meeting – November 14, 2019:* Lisa Theroux was approached by members of the Assessor’s Association regarding the possibility of combining Assessors and Collectors for the November meeting. The group thought this was a good idea and so Lisa T. will pursue this further.

Next Executive Board Meeting scheduled for May 16, 2019. Place to be determined.

Scholarship/Financial Aid: Tabled

Update on Review of Bylaws: Tabled

Cordless Mic – potential purchase: Tabled

Other Business:

Awards: Have Presidents notify Deb Heim regarding those retiring within their County.

Website: Iris has been receiving requests to help update info on the CTx Website. Membership list currently maintained by Phil D’Amato.

Nominating Committee: Lisa Biagiarelli and Pat Crisco will sit on the Nominating Committee for a new slate of officers for 2020 – 2022, to be presented at the September Executive Board Meeting.

**Motion to adjourn** by Helene Lefkowitz and seconded by Teresa Babon at 11:05 am. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Helene Lefkowitz, CCMC  
Secretary