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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alisha Gamble Chiquita Danzy  
Laurie Puckett Zach Propes  
Diane McNabb  
Jennifer Fricks

**BOARD MEMBERS CONFERENCE CALL:**

Travis Sims Tina Wetherford

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Angie Sorrow Lorri Robinson  
Cindy West

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT:**

Linda Cook John Hulsey  
Ramona Carver Sheryl Bowman  
Susan Van Nus Anna Payne  
Ramona Carver Peter Floyd

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS ABSENT:**

None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Alisha Gamble called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Alisha stated the March meeting had two amendments before being approved.

1) Susan wanted to add under new business, the board discussed that

- The biennial (every 2 years) Advanced Government Finance Institute Scholarship is now the annual GFOA Leadership Academy Scholarship, not to exceed \$4,000.
- The 2 Annual College Scholarships have been reduced to 1, due to lack of applicants despite being advertised in Peterson's College Scholarships database for years.
- The Board approved the addition of 1 Level II Certified Finance Officer Scholarship, up to the total cost of the certification. Must already have earned Level I Certified Finance Officer

2) Anna added that Gina, our part time administrative position resigned.

Diane made a motion to approve the March meeting as stated with the 2 amendments added. Laurie 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Alisha stated she saw a sponsorship for \$1,500 from Davenport under the national conference and she believed it was an error. She and Linda thought it should be a regular conference sponsorship. Linda will



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check her budget next week if she has any corrections. Alisha stated we should have received a sponsorship from East West Bank and she will follow up.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**New Business:**

- Linda stated that there is a Platinum sponsorship for \$1,500 and a Diamond Sponsorship for \$3,500 and it seems like there should be a sponsorship in between such a large gap. There should be a \$2500 sponsorship. We may want to explore an extra level such as bronze to fill in the gap. The conference committee along with some vendors will have a discussion on this and what each level will get for next year to bring back to the board.
- John stated that the CVIOG Renewal contract is coming up. There was a change in date with them going with a new billing system. Webinars are listed for \$9,000. All bills are paid except the June webinar which will have a July due date. The main contract is a two-year agreement for \$17,215 the first year and \$18,248 the second year. This is a 6% increase. Laurie made a motion to approve the signing of the CVIOG contract fees, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer. It was unanimously approved.
- Anna stated the NTS contract had a rate increase for maintenance for the website. Changes included a hosting increase from \$89.95 to \$249. They would do a gradual increase of \$199 a month from July 2019 to Dec 2019 and \$249 starting in January 2020. They will also stop manually entering in checks October 2019 and they will charge a one-time fee of \$7,650 to implement a way for us to put the checks in manually. We currently have around 120 members who pay by check. Anna did a survey back in 2016, and those members stated their government had to pay by check, either their p-card did not allow it, they did not have a government and they could not process by ACH. Anna felt they are trying to price us out and will not budge on the price. Travis stated that most of the checks come in October and November. Alisha asked Peter could he handle the negotiations for more time and maybe a termination clause. Diane suggested we put feelers out for other website companies. Anna stated we must renew July 1<sup>st</sup>. After much discussion, Alisha made a motion to agree to the fees with an extension of the \$7,650 due when we are fully trained with a termination clause and terms. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zach. It was unanimously approved. If they tell us no on the extension, then we will do a vote by email.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Linda stated the conference brochure is being reviewed and will be returned to Carl Vinson by 6/21/19. Registration is on target for opening on July 1<sup>st</sup>. On her spreadsheet, sponsorships items that have a date will be in pink and will be collected. Casino night, painting with a twist and slow ride are some of the activities being planned. We will also have the food trucks again



and looking into a cookie break depending on cost. Melanie is checking on pricing. The committee is also having moderator for each session at the conference. Next year we will be at Chateau Elan and Jekyll Island in 2021.

- John mentioned that we continue have Wednesday's News you can Use webinars. The 6<sup>th</sup> and final for the year is slated for June 19<sup>th</sup>. 69 people are registered. It is the last one in 6 series for the year. It is on cash disbursements. They will be working on topics for next fiscal year in August 14, January 29, March 18, April 29<sup>th</sup> and June.
- Ramona stated that they will continue working on upcoming newsletters.
- Peter stated that they had met in general assembly and the committee updated a final legislative report which will be in the newsletter and on the website. Laurie asked a question about HB379 dealing with SPLOST and he stated he would follow back up on the answer.
- Sheryl stated that as of June 13, 2019 we have 664 regular members, 104 associate members, 3 student members, 1 educator and 1 retiree member for a total of 773 members. She sends out emails when memberships expire and around conference time.
- Susan stated that we have our first 2019 scholarship recipient, Shanandra Usher from the City of Decatur. The GFOA Leadership Academy has 4 qualified applicants and applications are due June 15<sup>th</sup>. The Jim Pehrson Conference Stipend applications are due July 1<sup>st</sup>. She wanted to note that Nicholas & Cauley donate \$250 yearly for the scholarship fund. She also asked for volunteers to sale raffle tickets and she hopes to accept credit cards again at the conference. At last year's conference, 21 tickets were sold for \$210. We could send her any tickets sold before the conference instead of Travis so she can keep track of it and will deposit the money and turn in slips to Travis.
- Anna stated that she will help with various conference emails and if there are in website updates and questions she will help. The registration notification will be coming from the Institute of Government instead of GGFOA.

#### **OFFICERS AND DIRECTOR DISCUSSION:**

President Alisha Gamble – wanted to mention that the nation reception went well with 30 to 40 participants. Three contributors helped sponsor the event. It was a great conference in LA.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President - Chiquita Danzy – no comment

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President - Laurie Puckett – stated the audit report is in draft form, should probably be finished next week. Nothing major different from last year.

Treasurer- Travis Sims – no comment

Secretary – Angie Sorrow – no comment

Historian – Diane McNabb – no comment

Past President- Tina Wetherford – no comment

Director – Lorri Robinson – no comment

Director – Cindy West – no comment

Director – Jennifer Fricks – no comment



**Adjourn**

- Diane made a motion that we adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer. Approved unanimously.