

TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, 9/22/2022

A meeting of the Executive Board of the TCTANJ was held on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, Toms River. President Carl DiLeo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The flag salute done by Jodie DeMaio, Sergeant-At-Arms. The invocation was given by Vince Belluscio. Mary Picariello did the roll call. Jodie DeMaio did a quorum check, and we did have an enough votes for a quorum.

Executive Board:

President	Carl DiLeo	P	
1 st Vice President	Effie Pressley	P	
2 nd Vice President	Paul Lesniak	A	
3 rd Vice President	Maureen Cosgrove	P	
Treasurer	Bonnie Fleming	P	
Assistant Treasurer	Elizabeth Villano	P	
Corresponding Secretary	Mary Picariello	P	
Recording Secretary	Chris Assenheimer	A, sub: Mary Picariello & Linda Canavan	P P
Sergeant-at Arms	Jodi DeMaio	P	
Chaplain/Good & Welfare	Danielle Peacock	A	
Legal Counsel	Keith Bonchi	P	
Executive Director/Past President	Vincent Belluscio	P	
Membership Services Director	Rita Carr	P	

Regional Representatives:

Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Passaic, Union	Sonia Shulman	p	
Sussex, Warren, Morris	Daryn Cashin	A	
Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, Mercer	Connie Ludden	A	
Monmouth, Ocean, Burlington	Louis Palazo	A	
Salem, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester	Fran Iladis	A, sub: Mark Godfrey	P
Atlantic, Cape May	Renee DeSalvo	P	

County Presidents:

Atlantic	Jessica Snyder	A	
Bergen	Jodi DeMaio	P	
Burlington	Julia Edmonson	A, sub: Michele A. Adams	P
Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem	Tracy Gregoire	A, sub: Terrance Graff	P
Cape May	Deborah Lindholm	P	
Essex, Hudson, Passaic, Union	Annmarie Corbitt	A, sub: Stacy Carron	P
Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, Mercer	Abelardo Conesa	P	
Monmouth, Ocean	Colleen Lapp	A, sub: Diane Lapp	P
Morris	Mary Ann Murphy	A	
Sussex, Warren	C. Rolef/D. Mooney	A	

Past Presidents:

2019-2020	Linda Canavan	P
2017-2018	Michele Adams	P
2015-2016	Kammie Verdolina	P
2013-2014	Jo Anne Lambusta	A
2011-2012	Mary L. Testori	A
2010-2011	Ron Zilinski	A
2006-2007	Randy Bahr	A
2005	Adeline Schmidt	P
2001	Gerald Vitarello	P
1998	Josephine Prisco	A

Liasons:

Division of Local Gov. Services	Margaret Saharic	P
Associate Business Members	Darren Lowe	A
Associate Bus Member President	Joseph Piesecki	A
Center for Gov. Services	Pam Morley-Chappelle	P
GFOA	John Antonides	A

Staff:

Director of the TCTANJ	Vincent Belluscio	P
Membership Services Director	Rita Carr	P

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At this time, President Carl Dileo reviewed the issues with the current Chaplin along with the assigned various duties. President Dileo asked for a motion for the removal of Danielle Peacock as Chaplin; Motion made by Linda Canavan; seconded by Michelle Adams. All present were in favor.

Carl Dileo asked for a motion to appoint Sonia Schuleman as Chaplain. Motion made by Mary Picariello; seconded by Linda Canavan. All present were in favor.

Carl Dileo turned meeting over to the incoming 2023 President Effie Pressley. President Elect Pressley asked for a motion to appoint Sonia Schuleman as Corresponding Secretary for 2023. Motion made by Mary Picariello; seconded by Kammie Verdolina. All present were in favor.

President Elect Pressley asked for a motion to appoint Tracey Gregoire as Sergeant at Arms for 2023. Motion made by Mary Picariello; seconded by Maureen Cosgrove. All present were in favor.

President Elect Pressely noted the position of Chaplin for 2023 would be discussed at a later date.

MINUTES FROM JUNE 23 2022

President Dileo noted minutes were sent out prior to the meeting and inquired if there was any discussion. There was a correction to the Saul Wittes seminar noting it will be held October 7th in person and virtual.

A Motion from Liz Villano, Seconded by Maureen Cosgrove, all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's report was distributed; Motion to accept was made by Mary Picariello; seconded by Abe Connessa. All present were in favor.

BUDGET REPORT: This report was unavailable as Lou was at the GFOA conference. Executive Director Belluscio noted the 2021 TCTANJ Audit is in process of submitting the financials but has to send in without Morris County financials. This led to the issue of County Presidents not attending the TCTANJ Executive Board meetings. After much discussion, it was decided that a stern warning will be sent to County Presidents about attending TCTANJ Executive Board meeting or send someone from their county organization as a representative, and to submit information needed as requested. Maureen Cosgrove noted the County Associations must have meetings as the TCTANJ is not a for profit and could lose exempt status. She added that Counties must use the money they are collecting for in person meetings.

President Dileo inquired if there was any correspondence. Mary Picariello noted the thank you card from the NRTCTA.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Carl Dileo noted Atlantic County had a meeting and the speaker was Keith Bonchi. Bergen County reported they would be having a meeting next Thursday. Burlington County held a virtual meeting in July. Camden County noted their June 14th meeting and stated the next one will be held October 18th. Cape May reported they had two meetings and are scheduled tentatively for December. Hudson/Passaic County reported on their June meeting and stated the next meeting is September 26th. Middlesex/Somerset/Hunterdon/Mercer reported their third meeting was last week with good attendance. He noted their fourth quarter meeting would be virtual. Monmouth County reported they had a mini conference and awarded 2 Scholarships. Morris/Sussex/Warren Counties Executive Director Belluscio reported no one attends and believes the association needs to take a stand. Effie Pressley noted letters were sent to the Counties. President Dileo asked that they be notified they must have representation at the December meeting. Executive Director Belluscio would communicate with the Counties. President Dileo thanked Maureen Cosgrove and Tyrone for their hard work on Saul Wittes and expressed appreciation to Mark Godfrey for taking over for Fran Illaddis.

1st Vice President – Effie Pressley

Legislative – Chris Assenheimer

Legislative Report was distributed was read by Mary Picariello. Executive Director Belluscio noted the SHB have approved a 24% increase in rates. He also noted the Daniel's Law portal is up and running and people are registering. He stated the legislature was back in session and the league anticipates amendments to OPRA that would be favorable to Municipalities. Maureen Cosgrove read an email from John Antonides regarding the rate hikes, which stated:

The State Health Benefits Committee (SHBC) summarily approved the attached insurance rate hikes for local governments participating in the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) by a vote of 3-1, 1 with an overview of the outrageous increases copied below for your review.

- The recommended rate change for Local Government Actives is a 24.0% increase for medical and a 3.7% increase for the prescription drug premium rates, for a total increase of 21.6%.
- The recommend rate change for Local Government Early Retirees is 16.6% increase for medical and a 5.7% decrease for the prescription drug premium rates, for a total increase of 13.0%.

- The Medicare Retiree medical decrease for Plan Year 2023 is 7.9%, which includes both self-insured medical premiums and fully insured Medical Advantage premiums.
- The recommended prescription drug rate change in Plan Year 2023 is 7.8% increase.
- The projected combined Active and Retiree Medical and Prescription Drug Claim Stabilization Reserve Balance is projected to be below the targeted 2.0 months of plan cost in Plan Year 2023. As a result, 2.0% margin has been added to the Active, Early Retiree, and Medical Retiree Medical and Prescription Drugs Premium.

Technical Review – Linda Canavan, No Report

Spring Conference –Maureen Cosgrove

The Spring Conference for 2023 dates have changed to May 30, 2023 till June 2, 2023. Maureen and Vince presented changes for year 2023 and 2024 at the Hard Rock Casino. A motion was made by Effie Pressley, seconded by Linda Canavan, and all in favor. Executive Director Belluscio noted there were some issues with reservations for the league but noted he had 50 rooms blocked.

2nd Vice President – Effie Pressley for Paul Lesniak

Atlantic City Conference – Liz Villano and Jodi DeMaio

The courses for November are set, still looking for volunteers at the booth. There are 60 rooms at the Hard Rock for the TCTANJ this November.

It was also noted the Scholarship fund had \$10,276.10 in it.

Newsletter/Public Relations –Mary Jo Gilmour/Paula Ferreira

Next Criterion going out shortly, please have all information for the Fall Criterion to them asap.

3rd Vice President- Maureen Cosgrove

Good & Welfare, No Report

Linda Canavan stated received the retirement plaque for Rebecca Overgaard.

Northeast Regional TCTA – Adeline Schmidt

Had a wonderful conference, great turnout, and Addie handed out Peanut Brittle from the Conference. She also asked for suggestions on new locations for the Conference. President Dileo thanked Kammie Verdolina for attending.

GFOA Representative – John Antonides

He was not present due to the GFOA conference.

Saul Wittes Seminar –

On October 7th, in person and virtual.

County President's Reports

County Presidents reported on upcoming and past meetings, and the speakers attending.

Executive Director's Report – Vince Belluscio, No Report (has said enough earlier).

Counsel's Report – Keith Bonchi reported there was one employment issue last month. He stated he would be arguing a title raiding case before the Supreme Court next week.

Membership Services Director – Rita Carr

Please sign up for the Breakfast at the League for the Swearing in of 2023 TCTA Officers. She stated there were 30 people registered.

Division of Local Government Services – Margaret Saharic

Marge said her new office telephone number is (609) 913-4422 and Fran Iliadis is (609) 913-4431. Please check your calendars the next exam is December 7, 2022. Also, Marge stated it was a pleasure working with our organization.

Rutgers Report – Pam Morley-Chappelle reported enrollments were good with Rutgers despite the pandemic. She stated next Semester has two full classes and registration is higher than ever.

New Business: Executive Director Belluscio reported the City of Perth Amboy was in need of a Tax Collector. Maureen Cosgrove reported the **2023** TCTANJ Meetings will be held 1/12/23, 3/23/23, 6/22/23, 9/21/23 and 12/7/23 in Toms River.

In addition, a motion from Maureen Cosgrove to have 2023 Contracts sent to the Executive Board before the January 2023 meeting so everyone can look at beforehand. Seconded Diane Lapp, all in favor, except Linda Canavan, not in favor.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Picariello & Linda Canavan for Chris Assenheimer