

## **2015 Tax Collector Education Committee Report**

The Education Committee is charged with scheduling programs of timely topics of interest for tax collectors to be presented at the New Collector's Workshop, Spring Workshops and the Annual Education Convention.

The "New Collector's Workshop" was held on March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the DMV in Concord. This is the second year the committee was able to utilize the DMV auditorium for our classes. This location has been positively received and the meeting space is perfect for these sessions. We appreciate the DMV's willingness and assistance in allowing us to use this facility. These sessions saw increased attendance with 28 collectors in attendance on March 26 and 32 for the April 2<sup>nd</sup> session. Congratulations to Katie Gargano, Franklin, who was the new collector workshop scholarship winner.

Spring Workshops were held on March 28<sup>th</sup> in Marlborough, April 8<sup>th</sup> in Concord, April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Hampton, and April 29<sup>th</sup> in Littleton. Attendance at all workshops was up over years past. All workshops went smoothly and evaluations were positive. Association Legal Counsel Bernie Campbell presented a session on Manufactured Housing and taxation of recreational vehicles and court cases. The court cases discussion was very timely as it centered on a current case working its way through the court regarding the town of Northumberland and a tax deeded property. One item litigated in the court case centered on notices to owners. All members were advised to be sure that any notices being sent to co-owners be addressed on both the letter AND the envelope as such. This will be an interesting case to follow and it is expected that more information and guidance will be provided to collectors as this case continues to be heard in the court.

Association members who attended spring workshops were pleased to see that concerns on evaluations in regard to association equipment and set up at workshops were addressed. Room and meal set up at some locations was changed and this year the committee purchased and utilized a new portable sound system. This sound system was widely and positively received at all locations. The association has also purchased a laptop and a projector for use at workshops and fall conference.

Your committee members are very much looking forward to this year's conference and believe this will be a very informative and educational conference for all. The agenda is full of topics requested by "you". The agenda was set with topics and instructional materials based on from feedback received directly from you through workshop and convention evaluations and general questions posed to the membership throughout the year.

On Wednesday we will cover liening and deeding "round table" style and answer your questions that you submitted for this session. On Thursday morning user group sessions with our software vendors will be held and Dawn Enwright, Derry, will present an "MS61 Using Excel" session. For Thursday afternoon we are excited to have dynamic speaker Rich DiGigirolamo scheduled to present "Recess from Taxation". Friday will feature association legal counsel Bernie Campbell and our legislative chair David Fredette, Nashua, who will provide legislative and court case updates on items that affect tax collectors. In addition, Attorney Campbell will

also provide a session on Trusts. This session was overwhelmingly requested following spring workshops.

If there are topics you would like to see covered at a workshop or a conference session, please contact a committee member and let them know. Also, equally important is to continue providing this information on session evaluation forms.

Committee members go “above and beyond” their daily routines when agreeing to serve on a committee and take on additional tasks and this year was no exception. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee members for their time and efforts in preparing for and presenting sessions to the membership at the New Collector Workshop, Spring Workshops and the Annual Educational Convention. We are very fortunate to have dedicated volunteers willing to help and assist us all.

This year I will be stepping down as the Chair of the committee. I thank you all for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity. I have enjoyed meeting and talking to so many of you and I also have learned a lot, maybe more than I thought possible, about tax collection. I hope you will join me in welcoming Dawn Enwright, Derry, as your new chair. Dawn will be a great asset to the Tax Collector Executive Committee and to all of us in this important role.

Your 2015 Education Committee consists of the following members:

Cheryl Bolouk, CTC – Town of Salem  
Kitty Cornwell, CTC - Town of Madbury  
Cate DeVasto, Department of Revenue Administration Representative  
Dawn Enwright, CTC – Town of Derry  
Min Kennett, Northumberland, Executive Committee Representative  
Cindy Reinartz, CTC - Town of Tilton  
Kim Trammell, CTC - Town of Tamworth  
Diane Trippett, CTC – Town of Merrimack

Respectfully Submitted,



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