

Meeting Date: December 10, 2020

Members: Sue Larsen (S. Windsor), Chris Prue (Vernon), Lauren Olson (Ashford), Anne-Marie Mastroianni (Bethlehem), Annalisa Stravato (Wilton), Mike Wyman (Tolland), Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury), Tim DeCarlo (Waterbury), Dianne Slopak (New London), Pete Gostin (New Britain,)Sue Burnham (S. Windsor), Darlene Burrell (Suffield) Loreen Hegan (Canterbury)

Meeting was called to order by President Sue Larsen at 10:03

I. Minutes from last Meeting: A motion to accept the minutes of September and November 2020 was made by Darlene Burrell, seconded by Loreen Hegan. The motion passed with one abstention.

II. Treasurer's Report:

- Checking balance as of June 30, 2020- \$56,596.03. With a Cash flow from Preauthorized ACH of \$1,634.95 and \$17,665 deposits for dues and fall conference and outflows of \$9,938.83 leaves a final balance of \$65,957.15.

III. County Reports: No Reports were made.

IV. Committee Reports:

- **Conference** – No update on Conference. New Registrar class will be held on 2/6 at 9 or 10AM. Length of class dependent on the presenters. Presentations should be @ 20 minutes.
 - Portal and conference- Chris
 - Office Management- Analisa
 - Canvass- Lauren
 - Legislation- Tim
 - Handbook- Darlene
 - Election Calendar- Election Calendar
 - CVRS- Ann-Marie and Mike
 - EMS- Pete
- **Education** – None
- **Technology**- Lisbeth Becker stated that Tom Miano wants to completely replace CVRS. She will have a technology meeting to work with him. They will also be looking into where we are with tabulators and memory cards.
- **Handbook** – None
- **Legislative** - None

- **Ways & Means** – Nothing to report. Looking into online raffles, other fundraising ideas. Look into giving Tuesday to raise funds for the Judi Beaudreau fund, otherwise, ask for donations.

- **By-Laws** – None

V. **Old Business:** None

VI. **Other Business:**

- Sullivan and LeShane: Peter Gostin questioned about the cost of the contract with our lobbyist. It was explained that there are two different areas that ROVAC contracts with them. Sue will sign the contract and request Lisbeth send the check.
- **Resolution proposed by Peter Gostin, New Britain-** After much discussion, no action was taken.

Proposed ROVAC Resolution December 10, 2020

The November 3, 2020 election saw 41 out of 169 municipalities participate in the pre-processing of absentee ballots as per the Secretary of the State of CT's office memo issued on October 2, 2020. Then, on October 30, 2020, a day or two before this new pre-processing method was implemented in the 41 municipalities, a new memo from the Secretary of the State's office was issued to all Registrars of Voters to allow for the contacting of any electors whose ballots were rejected due to incompleteness (i.e. lack of signatures, missing inner envelopes, missing ballots, other) and advising them of the ability to "cure" their ballots by going to vote at the polls.

By introducing and allowing this new practice just a few days from election day those electors in the other 128 municipalities, whose absentee ballots were rejected on election day according to the aforementioned deficiencies, were denied the opportunity to "cure" their ballots possibly creating due process, equal application and equal protection violations of their voting rights.

The Registrars of Voters Association of CT (ROVAC) hereby recognizes this inequitable treatment on behalf of the electors in the 128 municipalities whose absentee ballots were rejected without recourse to "curing" their ballots and submits this resolution requesting Secretary of the State Denise Merrill to refrain from issuing any future executive actions that creates inequitable treatment of electors' voting rights.

VII. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by M. Wyman and seconded by L. Olson at 11:36 PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren L. Olson

Registrar of Voters, Town of Ashford
ROVAC Secretary