



**ROVAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2019
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL**

Members Attending: Sue Larsen (S. Windsor), Darlene Burrell (Suffield), Tim DeCarlo (Waterbury), Lou DeCilio (Stratford), Peter Gostin (New Britain), Bunny Lescoe (Willimantic), Anne-Marie Mastroianni (Bethlehem), Kevin McCauley (Bristol), Chris Prue (Vernon) & Dianne Slopak (Norwich).

Ex-Officio Member Attending: None

Non-Voting Board Members Attending: None

Guests: None

Meeting was called to order by President Sue Larsen at 10:06 AM

I. Minutes from last Meeting: (January 10, 2019)

Bunny L. moved to accept minutes for January 10, 2019 / Chris P. seconded.

Minutes approved.

0 Abstention(s):

II. Treasurer's Report:

Peter G. emailed the Board financial reports that reflect the ROVAC & Conference checkbooks and Judy Beaudreau Fund ending January 31, 2019, as well as a Conference Summaries Report.

ROVAC Checkbook in January had a starting balance of \$72,056.54 and with income of \$920.00 and expenses of \$20,713.34, left us a current balance of 52,263.20.

Total outstanding checks: None

Standing Balance: \$52,263.20

Judi Beaudreau Scholarship Fund balance ending January 31, 2019: \$1,507.87

Purchasing (formerly Conference) Checking Account ending January 31, 2019: Starting Balance of \$1,485.27, with balance income / transfers of \$1,000.00 and expenses of \$447.89, left a balance of \$2,037.38.

Reports placed on file for auditors.

III. County Reports:

- **Fairfield:** Sue L. reported a recent meeting was held just prior to George Cody's testimonial event. Tim D. & Chris P. both in attendance to give their presentations. One concern about certification classes being cancelled often. Anne-Marie M. will inquire about incomplete or altered certification list.
- **Hartford:** Darlene B. reported a meeting is scheduled for March 12th. Tim D. & Chris P. invited for their presentations around 10:00 am, ½ hour after start of meeting.
- **Litchfield:** Anne-Marie M. reported meeting scheduled for the end of March.
- **Middlesex:** Sue L. reported a meeting is scheduled for March 7th in East Haddam. Tim D. & Chris P. will also be attending.
- **New Haven:** Tim D. reported the January 30th meeting was held in New Haven where Chris P. discussed the Portal and Tim D. covered the legislative agenda.
- **New London:** Dianne S. reported their monthly meeting was held. Sue L., Tim D. & Chris P. attended. As usual, there was a huge showing with about 40 people. Very informative with lots positive feedback. This month's meeting will be next week.
- **Tolland:** Sue L. reported that Tim D. & Chris P. were at the last meeting to give their presentations.
- **Windham:** Bunny L. reported their next meeting is February 28th and the duo of (Tim & Chris) will be attending. Tim also attended a special meeting in Mansfield to discuss legislation largely affecting the college towns and are part of Sen. Mae Flexer's district. Testifying was stressed for these registrars against the pop-up polls bill. Very informative and successful meeting.

IV. Committee Reports:

- **Conference** – Chris P. reported the Farmington proposal will be starting from scratch due to the new contact assigned from the Hotel not being assessed of the details for ROVAC. Received quotes from Southbury and Danbury, with Farmington forthcoming. Farmington was available for the first week of September, but Southbury was for the second or third week. More will be discussed at the next Board meeting. There is a committee meeting scheduled for February 16th at 10:30 am in South Windsor, but will leave early to attend the Education Committee meeting.
- **Education** – Chris P. reported a meeting is scheduled for February 16th at 12:00 pm and he will be attending. They will work on tightening up the conference agenda. New Registrar Day invite information will be re-emailed due to the original notice being sent with an incorrect link to the eventbrite registration site. There are 15 registered to date, not including board members. Please bring your assigned topic presentations (such as PowerPoint) to the next Board meeting for vetting. On a thumb drive is the desired option. Try to avoid audio. A list of presenters and their respective topics was announced once again.

- **Technology** – Sue L. reported that the committee had a meeting and was mostly centered around Stuart Wells (Norwalk) working with Shirley (SOTS) to make ENR more like the tape and adding blanks so that everything calculates out to 100% of what's on the tape and it will be easier to find errors. Issues with DMV and the lack of communication with ROVAC was also discussed.
- **Handbook:** Darlene B. reported a meeting was held on February 11, 2019 to work on poll worker training handbook. Next meeting is March 11th. Working on a possible new chapter on EMS, but with very basic instructions. Emergency Plan and best practices included.
- **Legislative:** Tim D. reported he is going to every County meeting as they are scheduled and has almost hit every one. ROVAC/membership needs to be on the same page so our message and effectiveness is optimized in knowing where we are, what we are and why we feel the way we feel on certain bills. Senator Mae Flexer is back as Senate Chair of GAE. There was a split Senate last 2 years, but different this year. GAE public hearing is tomorrow, February 15th and Sue L., Tim Beeble (Bethel) and Tim D. will be testifying.

Some of the bills that ROVAC is supporting, opposing or tracking are as follows:

Senate Bill (SB) 265 – An Act Concerning Certification of Moderators & Alternate Moderators. Moves the certification training requirement back to every 4-years. Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury) will testify in support of this.

(SB) 266 – An Act Requiring Polling Places at Institutions of Higher Education. Sue L. will be testifying against this as written, however, if Bill supports polling locations for all elections, then we can support it.

House Bill (HB) 5335 – An Act Concerning Removal from Party Enrollment Lists. If Town Chair wishes to remove a party member, the Registrar of that town holds a public hearing to hear testimony, then decides if warranted or not. Sue L. will testify in support of this.

HB 5817 – This bill requires electors announcing loud enough for unofficial checkers to hear. Sue L. will testify against this.

HB 6045 – Extends EDR past 8:00 pm and introduces HB 5818 – EDR to primaries. Tim D. will testify against EDR past 8:00 pm and Tim Beeble (Bethel) will testify against EDR to primaries.

Tracking HB 5610 – An Act Concerning Replacement of Candidate on a Ballot. ROVAC in support of it.

Tracking HB 6047 – An Act Concerning Polling Places that Serve Multiple Voting Districts. “Multi-Colored Ballot” bill.

Tracking HB 6672 – An Act Concerning Voting Age for Elections of Municipal Officers. Allows 16 year olds to vote in a municipal election. ROVAC not in support of it.

Tracking HB 6471 – Moving municipal primary to August.

ROVAC has bills, but Senator Flexer would like to consolidate a few bills, so we will likely receive new designation numbers/names.

HB 6055 – An Act Concerning Updates to Election Administrative Laws. This is our “Clean Up” bill.

HB 6059 – is our EDR bill. SOTS eliminates EDR crosschecks and pushes EDR past 8:00 pm. We want to make staffing levels SOTS responsibility.

Discussion ensued. A question was raised whether there were any bills addressing ballot changing deadlines. Legislation is out there on this.

- **Ways & Means:** No Report

V. Old Business:

- **New Registrar & Deputy Day (March 16th)** - Covered in Education Committee Report.

VI. New Business:

- **Sullivan & LeShane Contract (Public Relations)** – Sue L. wanted to clarify the contract stipulations and that there are 3 parts covering Administration, Legislative & PR. The PR part of this has a separate fee schedule of \$3,000 and should require a separate contract, signed by both parties. Discussion ensued.
Chris P. motioned to add \$3,000 to the Budget for PR purposes. Seconded by Anne-Marie M. Motion passed.
Sue L. will notify Dan Tapper of Boards decision that a separate signed contract from S & L will be needed.
- **Widget Discussion at Conference** – Windsor Locks asked Hartford County Chair, Darlene B., to inquire whether a widget discussion by Matt Wagoner can be included in the conference agenda. That is not possible at this time.

VII. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Tim D. and seconded by Anne-Marie M. at 12:24 PM.
Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin McCauley
Secretary