

Meeting Date: May 13, 2021

Members: Sue Larsen (S. Windsor), Lauren Olson (Ashford), Chris Prue (Vernon), Tim DeCarlo (Waterbury), Dianne Slopak (New London), Sue Burnham (S. Windsor), Darlene Burrell (Suffield), Loreen Hegan (Canterbury), Ann-Marie Mastroianni (Bethlehem), Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury)

Meeting was called to order by President Sue Larsen at 10:04.

I. Minutes:

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Chris Prue and seconded by Loreen Hegan to accept the minutes and passed unanimously.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Checking balance as of April 2021- \$52,054.56.

With deposits of \$2,035 and debits of \$300, the closing balance for April 30, 2021 was \$53,789.56.

III. County Reports:

- **Fairfield:** Marla Cowden has resigned as chair of the county and is stepping down as Registrar of Voters in her town. Fred DeCaro has been selected to complete the remaining 13 months of her term as chair. The county has had two meetings: one on reports and one on voting. There will be a meeting in June for petitions.
- **Hartford:** No Report
- **Litchfield:** There will be a meeting on May 18 for choosing committees and for discussing conference. Dianne has resigned as chair and will resign as Registrar at the end of the year.
- **Middlesex:** No Report
- **New Haven:** No Report
- **New London:** Met in April. Had a general discussion. The meeting will be held next week.
- **Tolland:** No Report
- **Windham:** No Report

IV. Committee Reports:

- **Conference/ Education-**
 - The ROVAC website is ready to be uploaded for conference information. The Conference and Education committees are meeting tonight.
 - Credits for the last conference have not been added to the portal since they have to be manually added.

- CCM classes can be added to the portal. The Registrars need to forward their certificates to Chris. UCONN will also be in contact with Chris who will then forward to the appropriate person regarding education credits.
- There will be a Moderator certification class at the conference.
- Planning for an in-person conference for the end of September with the possibility of zoom for people not comfortable with in-person.
- **Technology-** Cytrex roll-out point person is willing to speak at the conference. Lisbeth is going to ask Tom Menino to speak, as well.
- **Handbook** – Only minor changes have been made.
- **Legislative -**
 - June 6 is the adjournment of the Congressional session.
 - No fault AB/ Early voting will be on the ballot in 2024 and could start in 2025 if it passes.
 - SB5- This will extend COVID related election rules to the November 2021 Election. This is expected to pass. The State is not likely to send out AB applications to all Electors.
 - House bill 6759- This is our clean-up bill. This is the furthest along it has gotten. Hoping it gets to the Governor's desk.
 - Senate bill 5- This will be an election bill. We will watch this bill because there are some concerns.
- **Ways & Means** – Asking Counties to donate money that would have been spent on the county baskets to the Scholarship fund. New London county donated \$250 to the fund.
- **By-Laws** – None

V. Old Business:

- There was discussion on voting rights for inmates.
- Reports for the annual meeting are due by May 20, 2021
- Next meeting will be June 10, 2021.

VII. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Dianne Slopak and seconded by Lisbeth Becker at 10:54 AM. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren L. Olson
Registrar of Voters, Town of Ashford
ROVAC Secretary