



**ROVAC ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2016
Radisson Hotel Cromwell
100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT**

Meeting was called to order by President Melissa Russell (Bethlehem) at 2:30 PM.

Motion to recess until registration and credentials are completed made by Dianne Daniels (Norwich) and seconded by Daria Hart (New Hartford). Motion carried.

Meeting called out of recess by President Melissa Russell (Bethlehem) at 2:45 PM.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Sue Larsen (S. Windsor) announced a quorum had been established with 81 members present and eligible to vote. Process rules were explained. Tellers assigned. Motion to accept Credential Committee report made by Carole McGuire (Canaan) and seconded by Sue Burnham (S. Windsor). Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING: Motion to accept the minutes as transmitted for April 23rd, 2015 Annual Meeting made by Helen Mis (Beacon Falls) and seconded by Louise Pitney (Derby). Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: President Melissa Russell (Bethlehem) shared past year's accomplishments, including favorable legislation to maintain politically balanced offices. Biggest change we have faced is the implementation of mandatory certification. Phenomenal pass rate is no surprise---we are professionals who take our jobs seriously. Legislative changes and bonding money released to SOTS for improved technology that should help on Election Day and beyond. Looking forward to and hoping for successful roll out of EMS. Unfortunate for SOTS decision to not attend conferences and hold their own. Hoping it is only temporary, and is important that the partnership between ROVAC and SOTS remains in place. Shout out to our committees and their leaders who work so hard to make ROVAC run; particularly the Conference Committee, Education Committee, Legislative Committee and the Handbook Committee. Thanks for efforts, we all benefit from it.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Pete Gostin (New Britain) reported that a corrected financial report was transmitted and available at check-in and summarized income of \$53,201.00 and expenses of \$32,547.47, leaving a net profit of \$20,653.53. No further discussion requested.

Motion to accept financial report by Treasurer made by George Cody (New Canaan) and seconded by Joanne Jelenik (Oxford). Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET PRESENTATION: Budget Committee Chairwoman Sue Larson (S. Windsor) transmitted report to all reflecting a 6% reduction in this year's budget – shout out to Chris Prue (Vernon) for being responsible for most of reduction due to his negotiating skills as Conference Committee Chair. Recommend to all to account for a \$5.00 dues increase per registrar (including deputy) in next year's budget. No further discussion requested.

Motion to accept budget for the coming year made by George Cody (New Canaan) and seconded by Peter Gostin (New Britain). Motion carried unanimously.

ALL OTHER COMMITTEE AND COUNTY CHAIR REPORTS (AS NEEDED):

Motion to accept all reports as transmitted made by Barbara Konow (Franklin) and seconded by Lou DeCilio (Stratford). Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS (OTHER THAN ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS):

Tony Esposito (Hamden) was recognized and rose from the floor to make a motion following submittal of written motion to the Secretary. "I move that the ROVAC Board of Directors undertake action to determine the feasibility/possibility of finding the Connecticut State Statute entitled 'An Act Strengthening Election' to be declared unconstitutional. That the Board be empowered to expend up to \$5,000 in this action by the Fall Conference". Mary Mourey (E. Hartford) seconded for discussion. Motion read again by Tony Esposito (Hamden), apologizing for bringing forward six months later than he should have.

Discussion ensued on clarification of parameters, merits of motion, how perceived in regard to public relations, political implications, budgetary implications, duplication of efforts already accomplished from Legislative Committee, diplomacy and clarification of removal from office process. Tony Esposito thanked all for the necessary discussion.

Voting Breakdown: 10 In-Favor / 55 Opposed / 6 Abstentions

Motion failed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT (N/A IN EVEN YEARS): N/A

ELECTIONS (N/A IN EVEN YEARS): N/A

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Bill Giesing (New London) at 3:29 pm / seconded by George Cody (New Canaan). Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin McCauley
Secretary