



**ROVAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2019
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL**

Members Attending: Sue Larsen (S. Windsor), Bonnie Anderson (Cromwell), Tim Beeble (Bethel), Tim DeCarlo (Waterbury), 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: Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury) – Technology Comm.

Guests: Linda Cultrera (Newington) – Host

Meeting was called to order by President Sue Larsen at 10:00 AM

I. Minutes from last Meeting: (December 13, 2018)

Tim B. moved to accept minutes for December 13, 2018 / Chris P. seconded.
Minutes approved.
2 Abstention(s): Bonnie A. & Tim D.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Peter G. emailed the Board financial reports that reflect the ROVAC & Conference checkbooks and Judy Beaudreau Fund ending December 31, 2018, as well as Reconciliation Reports & CD Report.

ROVAC Checkbook in December had a starting balance of \$68,241.81 and with income of \$8,825.00 and expenses of \$5,010.27, left us a current balance of \$72,056.54.
Total outstanding checks: None
Standing Balance: \$72,056.54

Judi Beaudreau Scholarship Fund balance ending December 31, 2018: \$1,507.81

Conference Checking Account ending December 31, 2018: Starting Balance of \$1,485.27, with balance income / transfers of \$0.00 and expenses of \$0.00, left a balance of \$1,485.27.

Reports placed on file for auditors.

Peter G. brought forward that Joan Strickland (Old Saybrook) asked for a waiver of her 2018 fall conference dues. Discussion ensued.

Kevin M. motioned to allow the waiver of dues from the fall conference for Joan Strickland / seconded by Bunny L. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about earmarking receipt of \$1,300.00 from AP for Election Day results reporting for the towns that participate resulted in postponing decision until we discuss in more detail at next month's board meeting. The Board is hoping to educate the members to increase participation, which, in turn, will bring in a larger sum of money.

III. County Reports:

- **Fairfield:** No Report
- **Hartford:** Lisbeth B. and Peter G. reported for Darlene Burrell (Suffield) that a meeting was held on January 8, 2019 at 9:30AM. IT expert Tom Miano from SOTS was guest speaker. Discussed security challenges / issues and changing password every 90 days. April changes likely. EMS & election night reporting were also discussed, as well as DMV/CVRS interface issues. DMV is taking all issues in to consider changes with target date of December, 2019 to implement.
- **Litchfield:** Anne-Marie M. reported a meeting was held on January 3, 2019. 18 towns attended. EMS & recounts discussed. Tim D. (Waterbury) attended and reviewed future legislative initiative, which was well received and very informative, especially for the many new registrars in attendance.
- **Middlesex:** Bonnie A. reported meeting scheduled for January 23, 2019 in E. Haddam (Moodus' new building). Tim D. will be attending to review legislative initiatives. Thoughts for Betty Tedeschi (Berlin), who's last day was January 9th after serving almost 35 years, since 1984. Middletown ROV/town hired clerk issues brought to Board's attention. Discussion ensued.
- **New Haven:** Tim D. reported a meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2019 at 10AM in North Haven. Chris P. invited to discuss new portal.
- **New London:** Dianne S. reported a potluck meeting scheduled for January 17, 2019 at 10AM at Montville Town Hall. Tim D. and Chris P. invited to discuss legislative issues and the new portal. All board members are invited. Preston issues becoming more widely known with exposure in the news. Dianne S. also asked that consideration be given to how registrars refer to their opposing party registrar and that she'd like to hear co-registrar, rather than counterpart. The feeling is that counterpart gives an adversarial tone to the referral. Point taken to be sensitive to how it is used in conversation.
- **Tolland:** Sue L. reported for Mike W. (Tolland) that a breakfast meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2019 in the library at the Tolland Town Hall.
- **Windham:** Bunny L. reported a February meeting will be scheduled.

IV. Committee Reports:

- **Conference** – Chris P. asked for input from the Board on the possible fall conference sites at Southbury Wyndham and Farmington Marriott that have interest in hosting. Discussion ensued. Neither is ruled out at this time. Southbury proposal received and awaiting proposal from Farmington, so options will be presented at February meeting for Board selection and approval. Live reservations on the my.rovac.org site postponed until (hopefully) January 21st for a launch date, while some issues are worked out. Discussion ensued.
There will be a link on the current ROVAC website that says “Registration for the ROVAC Spring 2019 Conference Click [HERE](#)” and will bring you directly to the new portal sign in page. Invoice will be available for printout immediately following registration from site, email & dashboard. Much of the bar coding processes and filing to UCONN will be easier with this new portal system.
No breakout out sessions planned for this spring conference, only general session classes.
- **Education** – It was reported for Melissa R. (Bethlehem) that a meeting was held on December 18th. Will meet again on January 12, 2019 to finalize class agendas for the spring conference.
- **Technology** – Lisbeth B. reported having a December meeting and scheduling another for January to organize placing deadlines on goals to monitor and measure progress. Dianne S. brought up CVRS “Super-user” issue of only one being issued per town. Discussion ensued. The left hand menu system will remain the same (one per each tax town). For easing the virtual systems getting launched, SOTS looking to require town/city emails in order to log in to CVRS. They will no longer accept Gmail or other personal email accounts.
- **Handbook:** Sue L. reported for Darlene Burrell (Suffield) that a January meeting is planned to focus work on the poll worker training handbook.
- **Legislative:** Tim D. reported the legislative kickoff meeting was January 8, 2019. EDR at the polls will be a big push by SOTS. SOTS looking to incorporate staffing level reporting on a standardized form similar to how we follow a ballot order. This stems from some towns grossly under-staffing EDR locations that could not keep up with the numbers showing up. Tim plans to attend all county meetings to explain EDR bill, what our counter measures may be & points to share with respective legislative bodies. He has already attended some of the County meetings. He feels that ROVAC needs to get ahead of this with a position. Moving August Primary date to June will not go anywhere. Pop-up polling places will be another battle this year. Many bills we will not be able to fight. Many of our allies are no longer in office. Compromise on our part will be essential this year to minimize adverse legislation affecting ROVAC members. Early voting will be a very strong push from SOTS agenda and has a strong chance of moving through the process this year. Tim envisions that with early voting looking like it will be enacted in the next couple years, ROVAC should push for being the responsible administrators. He’d like to see us using mail-in or walk-in ballots (such as “No-Fault” ABs) that are processed in the Registrar’s office and a reasonable time frame, such as one week out. Discussion ensued.
- **Ways & Means:** No Report

V. Old Business:

- **Newbie Day (March 2nd)** - Sue L. put together some ideas and assignments for the board members attending the New Registrar Newbie Day.

Handbook – Darlene Burrell

Budgeting – Peter Gostin

ROVAC – Melissa Russell

EDR – Tim DeCarlo

AB's – Bunny Lescoe

Canvass – Bonnie Anderson

Office Management – Kevin McCauley

Primaries – Lou DeCilio

Poll worker Recruiting & Training – Tim DeCarlo

Elections Overview – Mike Wyman

CVRS – Dianne Slopak & Anne-Marie Mastroinanni

Conference & Portal – Chris Prue

Lunch & Host – Chris Prue

Discussion Ensued.

Anne-Marie M. motioned and Kevin M. seconded to combine both New Registrar and New Deputy Day into one venue on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 9:00 AM, location at 375 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon. Motion Passed unanimously.

VI. New Business:

- **List of Emails for Tom Miano (SOTS I.T.)** – Tom Miano looking for a complete list of registrars and their email in order to assess those with no town/city emails being provided or available. A special sorted list will be created for him.
- **Preston Issues** – Cheryl Roberts is no longer a Registrar, so she can no longer hold the office of ROVAC Deputy Treasurer. Her situation disqualifies her from seeking the Deputy Treasurer position until March when she hopes to become the Republican registrar. If she does become a registrar at that time, she may run for ROVAC Treasurer at the April Conference's annual meeting. The Board is not going to fill the Deputy Treasurer position until after the elections in April, where Peter Gostin (New Britain) has offered to fill the role for the Treasurer-elect on the July 1st effective date.

VII. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Dianne S. and seconded by Peter G. at 1:13 PM.

Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin McCauley
Secretary