
ROVAC ANNUAL MEETING 2022 MINUTES

DRAFT- Pending Annual Meeting Approval

The meeting was held on April 6, 2022 at the Marriott, Hartford/Windsor, 28 Day Hill Road, Windsor.

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 PM by Chris Prue (Vernon) and sent directly to recess while awaiting the Credentials Report.

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Chris Prue (Vernon).

Credentials Report: Annalisa Stravato (Wilton) announced that 109 members of ROVAC were present and eligible to vote.

Approval of the Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting: Motion to accept the Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting was made by Melissa Russell (Bethlehem) and seconded by Anita Mips (Windsor). Request for revisions by Sue Larsen. Motion to accept the minutes as revised was made by Melissa Russell (Bethlehem) and seconded by Patricia Howard (Bridgeport) Passed unanimously.

President's Report: Chris Prue (Vernon) read the 2022 President's Report into the record.

Treasurer's Report:

Starting Balance as of 2/28/22- \$82,029.38

- Total credits- \$26,770.00
- Dues deposits of \$340.00, Spring Conference payments of \$25,990.00 and Fall Conference payments of \$440.00
- Total debits- \$1,968.90

Ending Balance as of 3/31/2022- \$103,812.73

Budget Report: Reported by Annalisa Stravato (Wilton).

- Increases in the budget are for general cost of doing business; vendors, storage and lobbyist fees and fees for treasurer/secretary/conference chair positions within ROVAC.
- Total budget: \$134,000.00.

Motion: Motion to accept the budget as presented was made by Peter Gostin (N. Britain) and seconded by Jeff Rogers (Montville). Sue Larsen (So. Windsor) made a motion to lower the increase for the treasurer position by \$200. There was no second on the motion made by Sue Larsen (So. Windsor). The original motion passed unanimously.

County Reports and Committee Reports: A motion to accept the county and committee reports as presented, made by Melissa Russell (Bethlehem) and seconded by Annalisa Stravato (Wilton), passed unanimously.

New Business:

- President Chris Prue (Vernon) announced that there would be two scholarships per county awarded from the Judi Beaudreau Scholarship Fund. Each will be awarded \$200. The Scholarship winners are as follows: Jackson (Simsbury), Samantha (Naugatuck), Lucia (Greenwich), Carolina (Brookfield), Carissa (Willington), Ben (Coventry), Ria (So. Windsor), Kayla (Hartland), Anna and Christian (Griswold), Nolan and Adam (Winstead)
- A motion was made by Matt Katra (Naugatuck) to discussion and vote on the following resolution. It was seconded by Tom Pugliese (Rocky Hill) The resolution is as read:
 - **I make a motion to add discussion and vote of the following resolution on Early Voting to the annual meeting agenda of ROVAC for April 6th, 2022.**
 - **Whereas**, the Registrars of Voters, are responsible for administration of elections in our respective municipalities in the State of Connecticut.
 - **Whereas**, there is a question titled "Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to permit the General Assembly to provide for early voting?", that will be placed on all November 8th, 2022 ballots statewide to amend the State Constitution to allow for early voting for all elections in the State of Connecticut.
 - **Whereas**, the language in the amendment being proposed is vague in details as to the following; length of early voting days, methods allowed for the use of early voting, locations allowed for early voting, security of early voting infrastructure, and funding for each municipality for the increased costs of early voting.
 - **Whereas**, if the early voting is passed by the voters of Connecticut, each Registrar of Voters, being professional administrators of elections, will implement early voting to the best of our ability according to the laws and regulations adopted by the CT legislature for the implementation of early voting.
 - **Therefore**, the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut (ROVAC) adopts the position that we are against the Early Voting Question on the November 8th, 2022 ballots in its current form.
 - **Therefore**, we support a 'NO' vote by our members, officers, and all Connecticut voters for the Early Voting ballot question.
 - **Therefore**, the members of ROVAC direct that the elected ROVAC Executive Board, committee members and chairpersons, when speaking privately or publicly on behalf of ROVAC, state the position of ROVAC as against the Early Voting question on the November 8th, 2022 ballot.
- Discussion ensued. Jeff Rogers (Montville) asked that the motion be tabled until the fall conference, have the motion sent to all Registrars and have discussion on how to move forward. The president informed that there is no annual meeting at the fall conference. Melissa Russell (Bethlehem) spoke as to why she doesn't agree with this motion. Noted that this is already on the ballot and will be voted on by the State. Can't ask the Executive Board to speak publicly and privately on a position. We need a seat at the table. Point of Order called by Lou DeCilio (Stratford) as to whether it was a motion to add to the agenda or to vote on the above. It was determined and called by the President to add the above to the agenda. The motion failed with a vote of 45 yes to add, 60 no to add. The motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn was made at 3:20PM by Jeff Rogers (Montville), seconded by Lou DeCilio (Stratford).

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren L. Olson (Ashford), ROVAC Secretary