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## **ROVAC ANNUAL MEETING 2021 MINUTES**

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The meeting was held on June 28, 2021 at the Cromwell Town Hall Gymnasium, 39 West Street, Cromwell. This was the second attempt to have an annual meeting. The first meeting was called due to lack of a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 PM by Sue Larsen (So. Windsor).

**Credentials Report:** Chris Prue (Vernon) announced that 48 members of ROVAC were present and eligible to vote.

**Approval of the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting:** Motion to accept the Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting was made by Melissa Russell (Bethlehem) and seconded by Dianne Daniels (Norwich). Passed unanimously.

**President's Report:** Sue Larsen (So. Windsor) read the 2021 President's Report into the record.

**Credentials Report:** Chris Prue (Vernon) announced that we now have 50 members of ROVAC present and eligible to vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** There is @\$65,000 in our operating account. \$10,000 was collected in payments for the spring conference. There is still \$2,500 outstanding in conference payment. 14 towns still have outstanding dues for this year. 8 scholarships have been awarded for the Judi Beaudreau scholarship. \$1,200 was raised from the ways and means committee and \$800 was raised from some counties that donated money to the Judi Beaudreau Scholarship fund.

**Budget Report:** Reported by Chris Prue (Vernon).

- Dues will need to be increased by \$5.00 per Registrar, which includes their deputies, to cover a deficit in the budget.
- There will not be a "New Registrar" class. \$300.00 will be removed from the budget for this year.
- Vendors for conference-Change in conference vendors
  - For the fall conference- drop from \$3,200 to \$900
  - For the Spring conference- drop from \$2,500 to \$1,000
  - Total difference-\$3,800
- There would be in the future year, an increase of \$5.00 per Registrar for a total of \$80.00. Dues are currently \$75.00.
- Total budget: \$132,499. With the income and expenditures equal, we will have a balanced budget.

**Motion:** "I move that we increase the dues as recommended" was made by Melissa Russell (Bethlehem) and seconded by Dianne Daniels (Norwich). There would be in the future year, an increase of \$5.00 per Registrar for a total of \$80.00. Dues are currently \$75.00. Passed unanimously.

**Motion:** "I move to accept the budget as presented" was made by Melissa Russell (Bethlehem) and seconded by Don Francis (Rocky Hill). Passed unanimously.

**County Reports:** A motion to accept the county reports as presented, made by Alice Kelly (Cromwell) and seconded by Don Francis (Rocky Hill), passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports:** A motion to accept the committee reports as presented, made by Alice Kelly (Cromwell) and seconded by Don Francis (Rocky Hill), passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

Darlene Burrell (Suffield) proposed a bylaw change- The change being requested is to take care of issues that we faced with holding an annual meeting during COVID.

Except as hereafter provided at any annual meeting or special meeting, fifty (50) members shall constitute a quorum. A quorum is described as members in attendance in person *or visibly by electronic means, as determined by the president*. If no quorum is present, the meeting shall be recessed to a date not fewer than fourteen (14) days thereafter. The members present at any such rescheduled meeting shall constitute a quorum. However, a quorum of fifty (50) members must be present for the purposes of amending these by-laws

**Motion:** was made by Dianne Slopak (Norwich) and seconded by Dianne Daniels (Norwich) to accept the bylaw change. Discussion ensued. The original motion was adjusted to include the addition of the wording “as determined by the president” Motion passed unanimously.

**Nominating Committee:** Pete Gostin (N. Britain) thanked his committee, then presented the slate of candidates for the Executive Committee of ROVAC.

- President - Chris Prue, Vernon
- Executive Vice President - Annalisa Stavato, Wilton
- Vice President - Karen Birck, Wilton
- Secretary - Lauren Olson, Ashford
- Treasurer - Peter Gostin, New Britain

**A motion:** to accept the slate as presented was made by Dianne Daniels (Norwich) and was seconded by Jeff Rogers (Montville). Motion passed unanimously.

**Slate of Auditors:** Donna Rusgrove (Burlington), Frank McGarry (Thompson), Lou DeCilio (Stratford)

**A Motion:** to accept the slate of auditors was made by Alice Kelly (Cromwell) and seconded by Ann Kilby- (Marlboro). The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to Adjourn** was made at 7:11PM by Dianne Daniels (Norwich), seconded by Pete Gostin (N. Britain).

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren L. Olson (Ashford), ROVAC Secretary

