

Meeting Date: January 14, 2021

Members: Sue Larsen (S. Windsor), Chris Prue (Vernon), Lauren Olson (Ashford), Anne-Marie Mastroianni (Bethlehem), Annalisa Stravato (Wilton), Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury), Tim DeCarlo (Waterbury), Dianne Slopak (New London), Pete Gostin (New Britain,) Sue Burnham (S. Windsor), Darlene Burrell (Suffield) Loreen Hegan (Canterbury), Fred DeCaro (Greenwich), Marla Cowden (Westport)

Meeting was called to order by President Sue Larsen at 10:02

I. **Minutes from last Meeting:** A request to amend the minutes was made by Sue Larsen:

- Add the following presentation assignments for the new ROV class:
 - Lisbeth Becker- Office budgeting and ROVAC budget
 - Poll Workers- Bonnie Anderson
 - Election Calendar- Dianne Slopak

A question was raised by Marla Cowden regarding the proposed regulation that was presented at the December 2020 meeting, which Marla found un-factual. After much discussion, no motions were seconded and no changes were made to the regulation. The resolution had not passed at the December 2020 meeting.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Ann-Marie Mastroianni and seconded by Loreen Hegan to accept the minutes as amended. The motion passed with Annalisa abstaining and Pete Gostin voting no.

II. **Treasurer's Report:**

- Checking balance as of December 2020- \$ \$65,957.15. There were deposits of \$1,634.95 from Preauthorized ACH and \$17,665 deposits from dues and the fall conference and outflows of \$20,348.99, including the \$20,000 payment to Sullivan and LeShane. The final balance for December 2020 is \$48,788.16.

III. **County Reports:** A request was made for county chairs to inform new registrars of the Newbie class in February.

- **Fairfield:** No Report
- **Hartford:** Had Tim DeCarlo as a guest speaker. He spoke about the GAE committee and what they do. The committee discussed the Security Monitor classes and how to take them, how to get a webcam. Discussed whether any of the Security monitor classes count toward the required 8 hours of training. Ann-Marie said that any of the classes that are suggested by SOTS would be counted.
- **Litchfield:** No Report

- **Middlesex:** No Report
- **New Haven:** Tim will hold a meeting in the next few weeks. May do two, one for full committee and one for just new registrars. 5 towns have both registrars that are new.
- **New London:** Met last month and will meet again next week. There are several new registrars in this county: (Griswold, Preston and Montville)
- **Tolland:** No Report
- **Windham:** Last meeting was in September

IV. Committee Reports:

- **Conference**
 - New Registrar Day- Chris has received emails requesting information. He will set up a zoom meeting and let everyone know. Will be held on February 6 at 10AM.
 - Conferences- planning for both in-person and online. Hoping that at least the fall conference can be in-person.
 - Chris will coordinate with Melissa Russell about the classes to be provided at the conferences.
- **Education – None**
- **Technology-** Lisbeth Becker is looking to set up a meeting at the end of February
- **Handbook –** Will meet at the end of the month
- **Legislative -**
 - Had a zoom meeting to discuss the survey. There were 166 responses.
 - Tim DeCarlo and Sue Larsen met with SOTS to discuss their legislative priorities. SOTS will push for no fault absentee ballots and early voting. For no fault absentee voting, Tim feels there may be a desire for it by CT residents due to their experiences with the pandemic. We need to have a seat at the table.
 - The Legislative Committee does not have a big agenda since most of our priorities have been passed. Still trying to get a cleaned-up Title 9 bill passed.
 - ROVAC has the support of Speaker Ritter. He is willing to work and listen to the opinions of ROVAC.
- **Ways & Means –** No report. Still trying to figure out how to do an online raffle.
- **By-Laws – None**

V. Old Business: None

VI. Other Business:

- High School Registration- Set up a zoom to go into the classes. Ask the teachers to provide iPad for students to register on.
- Sue set up a short-term committee to meet with Scott Bates regarding updates on CVRS. The final committee will include 3 registrars and 3 town clerks.

VII. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Pete Gostin and seconded by Chris Prue at 11:15 AM. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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