

**ROVAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
*Marriott, Hartford/Windsor, 28 Day Hill Road, Windsor*  
*April 4, 2022*

*Meeting was called to order by President Chris Prue at 4:41.*

*Members: Chris Prue (Vernon), Lauren Olson (Ashford), Pete Gostin (N. Britain), Sue Larsen (So. Windsor) Fred DeCaro (Greenwich), Karen Birck (Wilton), Annalisa Stravato (Wilton), Christine Psathas (Willington), Sue Burnham (So. Windsor), Jeff Rogers (Montville), Darlene Burrell (Suffield), Loreen Hegan (Canterbury)*

*I. Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of 3/10/22 was made by J. Rogers. and seconded by Sue Larsen passed with one abstention.*

*II. Treasurer's Report:*

*Primary Checking Account:*

- *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*

*Conference Checking Account:*

- *Starting Balance-\$1,215.06*
  - *Total credits- \$2,500.00*
  - *Total debits- \$1,960.90*
- *Ending Balance- \$2,073.19*

*Scholarship Savings Account:*

- *Starting Balance as of 2/28/2022- \$3,759.53*
  - *Total credits- \$0.03 interest from bank, \$550.00 in donations*
  - *Total debits- None*
- *Ending Balance as of 2/28/2022- \$4,309.40*
- *Additional deposit made on 4/1/2022- \$250.00 donation from Windham County.*
- *Ending Balance as of 4/1/2022- \$4,559.40*

*III. County Reports:*

- A. Fairfield County- No Report Meeting to be held soon.*
- B. Hartford County- No Report Next meeting June 10, 2022*
- C. Litchfield County- No Report*
- D. Middlesex County- No Report*
- E. New Haven County- No Report*
- F. New London County- No Report Next meeting in May*
- G. Tolland County- Met on 3/16, first meeting in a while. All towns were represented but one. Officers and Committee members were all elected. Many long-time ROVs have retired.*
- H. Windham County- We had a potluck meeting. There were four new ROVs. There were ten towns that had to deal with redistricting. Our next meeting is in June in Ashford.*

*IV. Committee Reports:*

- *Conference Committee-*
  - *The proposal from the Southbury Hotel, for the fall conference, was presented to the committee. A motion by Annalisa Stravato (Wilton) and seconded by Jeff Rogers (Montville) to accept the proposal passed unanimously. A deposit of \$2,000 will need to be made to the hotel.*
  - *Chris Prue (Vernon) presented seven requests for reimbursement on the conference fees. The board accepted six (due to illness) and denied the seventh (due to scheduling).*

- *Education Committee- Nobody on the Education Committee showed up except Chris Prue (Vernon) and Melissa Russel (Bethlehem). They went over the classes that will be presented at the conference. We had one cancellation by a presenter due to a family health emergency. The New Registrar's class will be held county-wide or region-wide. Tim DeCarlo (Waterbury) and Chris Prue (Vernon) will work together to provide those classes. There was also discussion regarding attending Conference and getting the letter from SOTS, also do our classes even count, regardless whether SOTS attends conference, or not. Should we create a letter for Registrars to submit to their towns.*
- *Handbook Committee- Nothing new since January. There will be another meeting in May.*
- *Legislative Committee-*
  - *Sue Larsen (S. Windsor) and Chris Prue (Vernon) testified two weeks prior. The ROVAC tech bill is almost certainly not going anywhere, they did vote on the Lollipop as the state candy. There is only one person holding up this bill. ROVAC had a good meeting with SOTS.*
  - *472- 3 parts, wanted section 2 removed which required ROVs to notify local parties and LOWV when absentee ballots not filled out properly. This was removed from the language. What do unaffiliated voters do if they are not reached out to by the parties, or no local LOWV.*
  - *Hope the tech bill gets passed this year which cleans up language; Board of Electors, tab tenders from municipality, etc*
  - *The Governor has not signed the bill on COVID/ AB as an excuse.*
- *Technology Committee- No Report*
- *Ways and Means- Ready for conference.*

#### *V. Old Business:*

- *Budget- Gone over by Chris Prue (Vernon) and Annalisa Stravato (Wilton). The New Registrar class was removed from the budget. At the previous meeting, the stipend recommendations were tabled so we are readdressing.*
- *Recommendation of stipend amounts- \$700 for Treasurer, \$400 for Secretary, \$500 per conference chair, with a free hotel room. \$125 for Roadie, plus free hotel room and food, includes day before and day after conference.*
  - *Treasurer position- duties have changed, include more responsibility. It is set in previous minutes in October 2, 2019 that the treasurer will hire a tax specialist due to the additional tax forms that need to be filed.*
  - *Conference Chair- Takes many hours of time planning, scheduling, running conference.*
  - *Secretary- Workload has increased due to work on the portal.*
- *A motion to set the treasurer's stipend at \$500 if the treasurer uses outside tax preparation help but \$700 if they do the taxes themselves was made by Sue Larsen (S. Windsor) and seconded by Jeff Rogers (Montville). Chris Prue (Vernon) asked for a friendly amendment of payment of \$500 plus \$200-\$400 for a tax preparer. Also, that we will revisit the stipend yearly. Jeff Rogers (Montville) made a motion to amend the first motion. It was seconded by Christine Psathas (Willington). A vote on the motion passed with 5 yes votes, 3 no votes and 3 abstentions.*
- *A motion to raise the secretary stipend from \$300 to \$400. There was a question if people who work for volunteer groups be compensated. A motion by Fred DeCaro (Greenwich) and seconded by Pete Gostin (N. Britain) to accept the increase in compensation for the secretary. The motion passed 8 to 1 in favor.*
- *The rest of the stipend compensation discussion was tabled until the next meeting.*

*VII. Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn at 6:42 by S. Larsen (So. Windsor) and seconded by S. Burnham (So. Windsor).*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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