

## ROVAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Newington Town Hall

August 11, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Chris Prue at 10:08 AM.

Members: Chris Prue (Vernon), Lauren Olson (Ashford), Pete Gostin (N. Britain), Sue Larsen (So. Windsor) Fred DeCaro (Greenwich), Karen Birck (Wilton), Sue Burnham (So. Windsor), Jeff Rogers (Montville), Darlene Burrell (Suffield), Tim DeCarlo (Waterbury), Annalisa Stravato (Wilton), Tracey Ohaus (Chester)

I. Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of 6/9/22, was made by J. Rogers (Montville). and seconded by Karen Birck (Wilton) passed unanimously.

### II. Treasurer's Report:

#### Primary Checking Account:

- Starting Balance as of 4/3/22- \$60,762.74
  - Total credits- \$5,568.4
  - Total debits- \$1,010.00
- Ending Balance as of 6/30/2022- \$65,321.14
- Payments outstanding- check #1008- (\$200)
- Ending Balance as of 6/30/2022- \$65,521.14

#### Conference Checking Account:

- Starting Balance-\$1,298.63
  - Total credits- 0
  - Total debits- 0
- Ending Balance- \$1,298.63

#### Scholarship Savings Account:

- Starting Balance-\$5,059.50
  - Total credits- \$0.04
  - Total debits-
- Ending Balance- \$5,059.54

### III. County Reports:

- A. Fairfield County- There was a sharing session. Discussed was poll pay, and processing absentee ballots.
- B. Hartford County- Met in June. Will meet again in October.
- C. Litchfield County- No Report
- D. Middlesex County- Tracey Ohaus (Chester) is the new chair of Middlesex County. Chris Prue was there to update the new Registrars. They will meet again in October.
- E. New Haven County- No Report.
- F. New London County- No Report
- G. Tolland County- No Report Meeting was cancelled
- H. Windham County- Had a meeting. Invited everyone to attend. We ran the testing of the tabulator for our many new Registrars. We also answered their questions and offered help to make this a smooth primary for the new Registrars.

### IV. Committee Reports:

- Conference Committee-
  - Met to choose the menu and to talk about committee members responsibilities at the conference.
  - Shopping for the conference will be done by Lauren Olson (Ashford) and Chris Prue (Vernon) in the coming weeks
  - We will be prepared for the conference.

- *Education Committee- The committee met and talked about the classes that will be held, and made some changes on who was teaching classes, and what will be taught.*
- *Handbook Committee-*
  - *The new changes to the handbook have been submitted. They will send out a list of the changes to Registrars so they know what sections need to be reprinted.*
- *Legislative Committee-*
  - *Meeting will be held to put together the survey. May do a second survey on December to be prepared for the new SOTS.*
- *Technology Committee- No new information*
- *Ways and Means- Their plan is to hold raffles and raise a lot of money for the Judi Beaudreau Scholarship Committee. Chris Prue will take care of needed raffle tickets and will reorder when necessary.*
- *V. Old Business:*
  - *There will be a 6-member committee to work with Sullivan and LeShane to prepare some registrars to speak with the press and support ROVAC views. The invoice has been paid and the contract is signed.*
  - *Pete Gostin (N. Britain) will meet with a local CPA to handle the government tax paperwork. The previous CPA has retired so a new CPA is necessary. Pete will provide more information at the next ROVAC Board meeting.*

#### *VI. New Business:*

- *The two Secretary of State candidates will be invited to the conference. At the end of one day, the candidates will be provided time to give their stump speech and to answer some questions. They may then have time to socialize. It was decided if one candidate is unavailable, neither candidate will attend. Many other ideas were discussed. These ideas will be brought to the education committee.*
- *A motion by Jeff Rogers (Montville) and seconded by Annalisa Stravato (Wilton) to invite both the Secretary of State candidates, Predetermined questions to be decided by a Committee of Board Members of both parties, moderated by a professional moderator. The motion passed with one abstention.*
- *Pete Goston (N. Britain) spoke of the bank account that will be switching from People's United to M & B bank. The switch takes place on August 20, 2022. Both Karen Birck (Wilton) and Lauren Olson (Ashford), both of whom use this bank, spoke about leaving to another bank because there are more limitations of banking with the new bank.*
- *Darlene Burrell (Suffield) brought up issues of hostility that occurred at the Primary. Also discussed were issues with the tabulators and the SOTS response to that issue. In addition, many towns in Connecticut didn't follow the rules from SOTS and removed the wrong person at the Republican Primary.*
- *Jeff Rogers (Montville) offered his trailer for ROVAC use moving equipment for the conference. Chris Prue (Vernon) thanked him but relayed that we are already set for this conference.*

*VII. Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn at 11:25 by Jeff Rogers (Montville) and seconded by Pete Gostin (New Britain)*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Lauren L. Olson*

*Registrar of Voters, Town of Ashford, ROVAC Secretary*