



ROVAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2016
Radisson Hotel Cromwell

Members Attending: Melissa Russell, Fred DeCaro, Bill Giesing, Pete Gostin, Sue Larsen, Anne-Marie Mastroianni, Kevin McCauley, Chris Prue, Mike Wyman

Ex-Officio Member Attending: Tony Esposito

Non-Members Attending: None

Meeting was called to order by President Melissa Russell at 5:00 PM

I. **Minutes from last meeting:** (March 10, 2016)

Anne-Marie M. moved to accept / Sue L. seconded.

Minutes approved w/ one abstention (Bill Giesing)

II. **Treasurer's Report:**

Pete Gostin reported that checkbook had a starting balance of \$60,910.76 and with income of \$21,675.00 and expenses of \$3,479.26, left us a current balance of \$79,106.50.

Total Outstanding Checks: \$382.46

Judi Beaudreau Fund (Savings) balance: \$845.59.

Expenses breakdown discussed and clarified.

Motion made and accepted to approve Treasurer's Report.

Note: See attached April 11, 2016 Financial Report

III. **County Reports:**

- **Fairfield:** No Report
- **Hartford:** No Report
- **Litchfield:** Anne-Marie M. reported that meeting held competing with EMS training, so only 22 attended. Next meeting in Norfolk on May 6th to elect County officers.

- **Middlesex:** No Report
- **New Haven:** No Report
- **New London:** Bill Giesing reported at last meeting discussed preparations for upcoming Presidential Preference Primary and Canvass. Many new members, so helpful to exchange information. Increased participation of members and there is a desire for monthly meetings. Elections to be held at May meeting. Encouragement given for members to get involved and/or step up for officer positions.
- **Tolland:** Mike W. reported that he attended the Windham County meeting which included a potluck supper. Election of County officers held. Suzanne W promoted conference, but got some push back from members, since EMS and SOTS training took much of their time and budgets. Martha Emilio was brave to bring up discussion on ROVAC building better relationship with SOTS. Constructive discussion ensued. Discussion on support for new registrars in all aspects of job.
- **Windham:** See Tolland report

IV. Committee Reports:

- **Conference:** Chris Prue reported 797 registrars registered over 3 days. 279 on Wed, 274 Thurs & 244 Fri. 132 out of 169 towns represented. Per contract, 140 room nights have been committed and we have 137 presently. One room purchase for a registrar and (2) free nights for staff will be needed to approve to meet contract obligation.

Pete G motioned for ROVAC to purchase one room night / seconded by Bill G.

Motion approved.

Fred D motioned for ROVAC to purchase (2) free nights for staff / seconded by Mike W.

Motion approved.

Record number of vendors (10) this year. Thanks to Voter CheckList, LHS & Adkins for sponsoring donations.

Express continental breakfast by pool for Wednesday.

Invoices to approve: Mileage and Trailer rental

Bill G motioned to approve payment of Mileage and Trailer Rental / seconded by Anne-Marie M.

Motion Approved.

Refund requests from two registrars due to medical reasons.

Board approved refunds for both registrars as they are qualifying reasons.

Card with \$25 donation in Tina Bryson's name (from LHS) discussed.

Mike W motioned to send card and \$25 donation in Tina Bryson's name / seconded by Bill G.

Motion approved.

Recommended that board members act as goodwill ambassadors in every aspect during conference to help minimize any registrar frustrations.

- **Education:** Melissa shared hopes in providing good educational programs this year and commended Committee for their great work in creating a curriculum. Gretchen from OPA will also be giving a class.
- **Technology:** No Report
- **Handbook:** No Report
- **Legislative:** Sue Larsen reported ROVAC Day Ice Cream Social at Capitol went well, serving close to 140 people. George Cody's collection display well received, as always. Melissa reported that two Bills we are tracking, Unknown Votes & Conform Registration Deadlines, just passed House unanimously and are on their way to Senate. April 19th is date set for ROVAC press conference on PPP. Ranking members of the GAE joining us.
- **Ways & Means:** Great expectations of baskets and gift cards.

V. Old Business:

A. Website - Melissa reported that website is now live.

B. George Cody Card of Appreciation – Mike W recommended we send a card to George Cody, acknowledging his involvement with ROVAC Day at Capitol. Consensus to send card on behalf of Legislative Committee and ROVAC. Secretary will see to it.

VI. New Business:

A. Connecticut Comparison to Other States – Tony commented on the fact that CT is unique from any other state and that we should not be compared.

B. Hartford Ordinance – Sue L shared that Hartford Ordinance trying to go with appointed, rather than elected and also appointing only D & R. This will be tracked very closely.

VII. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Bill G and seconded by Anne-Marie M at 5:47 PM.

Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin McCauley
Secretary