



**ROVAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 2, 2018  
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL**

**Members Attending:** Sue Larsen (S. Windsor), Bonnie Anderson (Cromwell), Tim Beeble (Bethel), Darlene Burrell (Suffield), Bunny Lescoe (Willimantic), Anne-Marie Mastroianni (Bethlehem), Kevin McCauley (Bristol), Chris Prue (Vernon), Dianne Slopak (Norwich) & Mike Wyman (Tolland).

**Ex-Officio Member Attending:** None

**Non-Voting Members Attending:** None

**Guests:** Linda Cultrera (Newington) - Host

Meeting was called to order by President Sue Larsen at 10:00 AM

**I. Minutes from last Meeting:** (May 10, 2018)

Bunny L. moved to accept minutes as amended for May 10, 2018 / Chris P. seconded.

Minutes approved.

(Q) Abstention(s):

**II. Treasurer's Report:**

Peter G. emailed the Board financial reports that reflect the ROVAC checkbook as of July 1, 2018 had a starting balance of \$71,813.57 and with income of \$610.00 and expenses of \$3,384.54, left us a current balance of \$69,039.03.

Total outstanding checks: \$250.00 Check #835 – Griffin Cox (JB Scholarship)

Standing Balance: \$69,289.03.

Judi Beaudreau Scholarship Fund balance: \$190.58.

Conference Checking Account: Starting Balance of \$1,504.34, with balance income / transfers of \$1,000.00 and expenses of \$799.95, left a balance of \$1,704.39.

Report placed on file for auditors.

**III. County Reports:**

- **Fairfield:** No Report

- **Hartford:** Darlene B. reported all officers remain the same, next meeting will be at conference. Looking to coordinate meeting space with Chris.
- **Litchfield:** No Report
- **Middlesex:** Bonnie A. reported that there will be a meeting in October
- **New Haven:** No Report
- **New London:** Dianne S. reported met July 19<sup>th</sup> and next meeting will be a potluck dinner on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Plan on monthly meetings. Committees forming. Former County Chair, Bill Giesing (New London) will be on Legislative Committee and Vice-Chair of County. Bill will be recognized at next meeting for his extended time as Chair. Talked about Primary, EMS training & Dues. Everybody is always invited to the County meetings.
- **Tolland:** Mike W. reported roundtable discussion at last meeting. Next is scheduled for October.
- **Windham:** Bunny L. reported that next meeting is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Budget referendum in Willimantic September 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **IV. Committee Reports:**

- **Conference:** Chris P. reported his concern over Danbury Crowne Plaza's poor communication in attempts to finalize details of conference, especially since we are only 7 weeks out from our conference. Booking room reservations are now being accepted, be sure to mention the Registrars of CT event to be given our group rate at \$95/Night. Any sales tax exempt info can be found at CT Department of Revenue Services (Melvin Jones).  
Be sure to log onto [my.rovac.org](http://my.rovac.org) to establish account in order to register for conference. Not all registrars have logged into system yet, but that will change once they try to register for conference and find they have log their information in. If they ever registered in the past for a conference, then they have an account set up on our new site. Unless changed from the information received at spring conference, the user names will be first initial and last name and password will be town they represent.  
Still tweaking the new system program ([my.rovac.org](http://my.rovac.org)) with Todd of Coastal Business Technologies, but getting close to integrating and interfacing existing system (ROVAC.org) with new options. If you forgot your password or login, the "Forgot your Login or Password" program is now in place to retrieve for you (by just following the steps).  
Moving along well for the fall conference. Confident it will be a great event.  
General session classes will be format for this conference because of their layout.  
Nothing has been booked for spring and fall 2019 conferences to date, but will concentrate on all options following upcoming conference. Convention Center and Foxwoods will not be an option due to costs and logistics. Cromwell will be considered again, as well as Mohegan Sun

and we will hopefully have enough information at the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to select and confirm a spring 2019 site.

- **Education:** Melissa R. is coordinating agenda package, SOTS Day and guest speaker for fall conference. Peggy has confirmed for Friday as SOTS Day and that there will be a guest speaker for them, but no info on who that may be. Should have more information to share with the Board at the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Technology:** Sue L. & Anne-Marie M. reported that Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury) will remain as Chair and Ann Kilby (Marlborough) Secretary. DMV issues are still being discussed and some suggestions for the conference agenda will be forwarded to Education Committee for consideration.
- **Handbook:** No Report
- **Legislative:** No Report
- **Ways & Means:** No Report

#### V. Old Business:

**Refund Request from Spring Conference** – Postponed from July meeting for a quorum vote, Chris P. asked to consider a one-day refund or credit from the Spring Conference for Registrar Debra Fellenbaum (Milford) & her Deputy, Joyce Marlow, as they were ill. Chris recommended a one-day credit for the next conference, since we are in a new fiscal year. Dianne S. motioned and Chris P. seconded to give a one-day credit to both at the next conference.  
Motion Passed.

#### VI. New Business:

**REMs (Regional Election Monitors)** – Discussion ensued on the merits of REMs. This is the new term created by and being used for the former Cog Monitors. With current model of SOTS directing REMs, ROVAC is being left out of the loop and that needs to change. Continual communication from REMs to County Chairs needs to be established so that all are on same page. Long term effectiveness doesn't seem to be within reach.

**Primary Discussion** – Discussion ensued. Question for when federal offices are on ballot. If so, then the names with asterisks on official voter list do need to comply. Acceptable options discussed for using two tabulators (one for each party) or one tabulator for both parties, one ballot transfer case for both party ballots or two separate for each party and using one Head Moderator Return for both parties or Two (one for each party). Even with multiple districts within a polling location, you can program memory card to read multiple district ballots for both parties in the one tabulator. Example: Bethel has two different district ballots for Dem and the same scenario for Rep and they are only using the one tabulator for all ballots. In the

event of being selected for Audit, then the ballots could be separated for the chosen party and district at time of Audit.

**SOTS Candidates Invitation** – Sue L. asked for consideration of inviting both SOTS candidates to our fall conference for a meet and greet format. Discussion ensued. Both candidates and any known petitioning candidates that surface will be invited to our Thursday night Hospitality Suite time slot for an informal meet and greet with those that wish to engage.

**ROVAC Sponsored Moderator Certification** – Sue L. posed consideration for a no-cost certification for Registrars either at conferences or at regularly scheduled classes throughout the state. Discussion ensued. Consensus to offer to Registrars only, but not at conferences. Single location possibly offered bi-annually. All trainers/instructors will be asked to volunteer their time to teach, so that ROVAC only incurs the cost of printing needed class materials/tests. Will continue discussion to finalize details at the September 19 meeting.

**Passing of Cheryl Giancesini (Plymouth) & Cathy Briody (Griswold)** – Sue L. asked to consider sending memorial donations for each to one of their suggested charities. Chris P. motioned and Kevin M. seconded to send \$50 each to the charity of choice. Motion Passed.

## VII. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Anne-Marie M. and seconded by Mike W. at 12:23 PM.  
Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin McCauley  
Secretary