



ROVAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2015
Newington Town Hall

Members Attending: Melissa Russell, Pete Gostin, Sue Larsen, Darlene Burrell, Karen Cheyney, Tim De Carlo, Anne Marie Mastroianni, Kevin McCauley

Ex-Officio Member Attending: Tony Esposito

Non-Members Attending: Linda Cultrera

Meeting was called to order by President Melissa Russell at 10:02 am

I. **Minutes from last meeting:** (November 12, 2015)

Anne Marie Mastroianni moved to accept. Minutes approved.

II. **Treasurer's Report:**

Pete Gostin reported that checkbook had a starting balance of \$72,119.87 and with income of \$2,629 and expenses of \$467.74, left us a current balance of \$74,281.13.

Judi Beaudreau Fund (Savings) balance: \$845.45.

Professional fees for Sullivan and LeShane were paid, although not reflected in report.

Expenses breakdown discussed and clarified.

Delinquent dues spreadsheet handed out and discussed with update. Pete will email updated spreadsheet to county chairs for assistance in collection of dues.

Note: See attached PDF of Financial Report

III. **County Reports:**

- **Fairfield:** No Report
- **Hartford:** Darlene reported a January 12, 2016 meeting is scheduled. EMS (End of Night Reporting) demo planned with Ted, Peggy and Linda. Head moderators and town clerks invited.
- **Litchfield:** No Report

- **Middlesex:** Karen reported a January meeting is scheduled and will try to coordinate having similar demo as Hartford County.
- **New Haven:** No Report
- **New London:** No Report
- **Tolland:** No Report
- **Windham:** No Report

IV. Committee Reports:

- **Conference:** Melissa reported for Chris Prue that our fall conference venue will likely be Southbury and Groton is being considered for spring 2017 conference. More information will be shared at next meeting.
- **Education :** No Report
- **Technology:** No Report
- **Handbook:** Darlene reported **no** activity, although meeting dates of January 4, February 1, and March 14, 2016 have been scheduled.
- **Legislative:** Sue reported that at the November 17 meeting, surveys were reviewed, discussed and summarized. Action Items produced from this were shared and recorded in the committee minutes presented to the Board.

Highlights:

- A. Further clarification on EDR, 8pm cutoff & change ending time? WHEN is voter considered registered? Eliminate phone calling? Clarify usage of online registration for EDR.
 - B. Simplify the cross endorsement/unknown reporting. Allow voter to redo ballot or place in auxiliary bin. Registrars should be counting ballots, not assigning votes to minor parties.
 - C. Address the asterisk problem by making requirements for muni and state/fed elections consistent.
 - D. Further address and clarify acceptable signatures for primary petitions. When lists are generated after endorsements, should new registrants in those districts be accepted if they sign the petition?
- **Ways & Means:** No Report

V. Old Business:

A. Website – Melissa reported that the test site is up and running and asked board members to preview and report back with any comments, recommendations. A tutorial is available. It is mobile capable and password protected. Target launch date is January 2016.

VI. New Business:

A. Head Moderator Class – Melissa reported that a head moderator’s class is being considered and asked for input from board on which format of class would be best. Discussion ensued.

Highlights:

- A. Driven and financed by ROVAC (as like Newbie Class)
- B. Covers all that occurs at elections
- C. Knowledge of end of night filing of forms primary focus
- D. 2-3 hour class maximum, once certified as moderator

Karen motioned to organize a Head Moderator Class via ROVAC. Motion accepted and organizing a class was approved.

B. January Meeting / Post Holiday Gathering – Melissa asked for input on January meeting and decision made to forgo post-holiday gathering for a working meeting.

C. Any other business to come before the board –

- 1. Moderator Training Update – Darlene reported that discussion continues about raising fee for Certified Moderator class; both newbie and re-cert. Most likely will see a raise in fee per person next fiscal year. Voter intent seems to be a stumbling block with many moderators. Encourage registrars to become trainers.
- 2. Audit Committee – Sue reported that she has contacted members to schedule a meeting and has included Pete Gostin.

VII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Sue Larsen and seconded by Pete Gostin at 11:22 am

Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin McCauley
Secretary