



**ROVAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2018 – 11:00 AM
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL**

Members Attending: Sue Larsen, Tim DeCarlo, Fred DeCaro (via Phone), Lou DeCilio, Peter Gostin, Bunny Lescoe, Anne-Marie Mastroianni, Kevin McCauley, Chris Prue & Mike Wyman.

Ex-Officio Member Attending: Melissa Russell

Non-Voting Members Attending: Cheryl Roberts (Preston) – Deputy Treasurer

Guests: Linda Cultrera (Newington) - Host

Meeting was called to order by President Sue Larsen at 11:03 AM

I. Minutes from last Meeting: (January 11, 2018)

Mike W. moved to accept corrected minutes for January 11, 2018/ Bunny L. seconded.
Minutes approved.
(0) Abstention(s):

II. Treasurer's Report:

Peter G emailed the Board financial reports that reflect the ROVAC checkbook as of January 31, 2018 had a starting balance of \$71,118.21 and with income of \$2,890.00 and expenses of \$1,903.07, left us a current balance of \$72,105.14.

Total outstanding checks: \$50.00 / Check #808 (Aaron Nash – Website) Pete G. asked that Aaron be contacted to discuss why check has not been cashed yet.

Standing Balance: \$72,155.14

Judi Beaudreau Fund (Savings) balance: \$846.42.

Conference Checking Account: Starting Balance of \$1,068.61 with Balance Transfers of \$1,778.53 and expenses of \$1,168.20, left a balance of \$1,678.94.

Budget Summary and ROVAC CD's Report presented and discussed.

III. County Reports:

- **Fairfield:** Fred D reported via email & Phone that a meeting was held on January 25th in Wilton. A vacancy was filled for Legislative Committee by John Amarilios (New Canaan – “U”). The Tim twosome presented the Legislative Agenda and deftly answered questions. Peggy Reeves also attended meeting and participated in Q & A with members. Meeting dates were tentatively set for March 15th & April 26th (depending on legislation), May 10th to review petitions and June 21st for county positions, including committee assignments.
- **Hartford:** No Report
- **Litchfield:** Anne-Marie M reported no meeting held.
- **Middlesex:** No Report
- **New Haven:** No Report
- **New London:** No Report
- **Tolland:** Mike W reported pot luck dinner meeting was cancelled due to weather.
- **Windham:** Bunny L reported meeting scheduled for March 29th with Deputy SOTS Scott Bates attending.

IV. Committee Reports:

- **Conference:** Chris P reported everything with the spring conference is moving along. No Presidential suite for hospitality room this year as it has limited space. We will be utilizing the Governor’s suite (Room #353) one floor below to accommodate expected attendees. Food options have been selected. Conference registration is now up and running on the ROVAC website. New bar-coding system & logistics will be in place for this conference. Daily agenda sheets will be available at the registration table and ROVAC President’s gift will also be handed out here upon registering.
Chris P pointed out that this spring will be the 85th ROVAC conference.
Fall conference set for September 20 & 21, 2018 at the Danbury Crowne Plaza. Contract will be signed once some specific items are ironed out.
- **Education:** Melissa R reported that Anne-Marie M & Tim D will be presenters for the newly revamped Newbie Class for Wednesday morning at the conference, while non-newbies will be having class on primaries, DMV and CVRS with live feeds in classroom. Also, confirmed Rob Rock (#2 elections official in RI) will be guest speaker at lunch. Leslie Mara will teach an afternoon class on non-partisan practices in the work place. Ending the day with another best practices round table discussion by Melissa R. Thursday will be general session the whole day, with Kevin Ahern – SEEC and Dan Tapper - media relations. Guest speaker will be author Bill Lewers from VA and a big thanks goes out to Dotti Dori (Brookfield) for her referral. Annual

meeting will follow lunch. SOTS Day is confirmed for Friday. They have been given our class content, so hopefully no duplication of information will be presented.

Melissa R will be attending the Certification Committee's meeting next week to coordinate and be sure we are in sync to apply classes to our education requirements and how they will process attendance verifications.

- **Technology:** Anne-Marie M & Sue L shared some highlights from minutes of January meeting. Ted Bromley & Shirley Sturgeon from SOTS were present to discuss EMIS. SOTS working diligently to resolve issues and will take into account members' input. Stress test is expected to be scheduled prior to August primary. Working on ability to print registration cards on 5" X 8" card stock. Various recommendations will be forwarded to Education Committee. More information can be found in the minutes posted on the ROVAC website.
- **Handbook:** No Report
- **Legislative:** Tim D reported concern from Governor's State of the State address where he will be pushing early voting as well as possible mail-in system. Executive order to study with report expected in September 2018 with findings. Committee formalized & approved legislative agenda. Meeting tomorrow with leadership of the GAE Committee and will walk through our agenda with them. Consensus to leave Moderator Certification requirements at the 2-year term in order to keep moderators more current, but discussion on lowering fee structure will be attempted. SOTS will unveil her agenda soon. Committee doesn't anticipate anything massive coming out of this short session. Pop-up polling place bill may be re-introduced, but Legislative Committee will request a fiscal note be attached, since we challenge claim of a zero \$ cost impact. Original bill was intended for Federal Elections only, but may try to expand. The logistical issues are many and efforts to kill the bill will probably be pursued.
- **Ways & Means:** Lou D asked that County Chairs pass along that county baskets will be expected for spring conference.

V. Old Business:

Scholarship Meeting – Sue L asked County Chairs to please solicit scholarship nominees at their county meetings and submit names to be considered for lottery.

VI. New Business:

Edison Research Request – Sue L received a call from Evan of Edison Research who is taking over for "AP" for reporting of results from each town after each election. County Chairs asked to please explain to their registrars that if they receive a call from Edison Research requesting results info that it is legitimate. There will likely be a monetary stipend to each town that releases results. Sue L will also send notice via Constant Contact.

Discussion on Newbie Day for Deputies – Sue L asked (based on some email considerations) if this merits a separate class or allow deputies to join in registrar newbie day classes. Discussion ensued. Sue L will survey via Constant Contact to get a better idea of interested deputies.

Registered “Independent” – Mike W asked if there’s a best practice concerning contacting those electors who choose “Independent” for a party that they are relinquishing their rights to vote in a primary? The answer is only if they are in-person and that we don’t notify via separate letter or phone call because we do not wish to be accused of trying to influence an elector away from a recognized party.

Unpaid Members on Committee Assignment – Fred D asked if there is a point in time that a non-paying dues member can be removed from a committee assignment. Discussion ensued. Motion made by Tim D / seconded by Pete G to have Fred D draft a policy for the Board to review and consider. Motion approved.

VII. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Anne-Marie M and seconded by Tim D at 12:22 PM.
Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin McCauley
Secretary