



**ROVAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2018 – 10:00 AM
NEWINGTON TOWN HALL**

Members Attending: Sue Larsen, Darlene Burrell, Tim DeCarlo, Lou DeCilio, Peter Gostin, Anne-Marie Mastroianni & Kevin McCauley.

Ex-Officio Member Attending: Melissa Russell

Non-Voting Members Attending: None

Guests: Linda Cultrera (Newington) - Host

Meeting was called to order by President Sue Larsen at 11:00 AM

I. Minutes from last Meeting: (February 8, 2018)

Anne-Marie M moved to accept minutes as amended for February 8, 2018/ Lou D seconded.
Minutes approved.

(0) Abstention(s):

II. Treasurer's Report:

Peter G emailed the Board financial reports that reflect the ROVAC checkbook as of February 28, 2018 had a starting balance of \$72,105.14 and with income of \$7,640.00 and expenses of \$4,746.64, left us a current balance of \$74,998.50.

Total outstanding checks: \$3,049.00

Check #808 - \$50.00 (Aaron Nash - website – Nov), Check #815 - \$2,500.00 (Crowne Plaza Danbury - fall conference '18), Check #816 - \$499.00 (Coastal Business Tech. - spring conference set-up)

Standing Balance: \$78,047.50

Judi Beaudreau Scholarship Fund balance: \$846.45.

Conference Checking Account: Starting Balance of \$1,678.94 with Balance Transfers of \$865.00 and expenses of \$489.89, left a balance of \$2,054.05.

Handout for Registrars who did not attend fall conference 2017 for informational purposes only. Discussion ensued.

III. County Reports:

- **Fairfield:** No Report
- **Hartford:** Darlene B reported meeting scheduled for March 13, 2018. Invite for Ted Bromley and Peggy Reeves to attend was replied with someone from SOTS will possibly attend.
- **Litchfield:** Anne-Marie M reported end of March meeting being worked on.
- **Middlesex:** Sue L reported a March 29, 2018 meeting is scheduled.
- **New Haven:** No Report
- **New London:** No Report
- **Tolland:** No Report
- **Windham:** No Report

IV. Committee Reports:

- **Conference:** No Report
- **Education:** Melissa R reported that although agenda of classes/presentations is coming together, still in need of instructor for CVRS class. It's an hour class which will be presented three times with live feed for interactive input. The presentation is already prepared, so please let the Committee know if anyone is interested or to recommend a good candidate to teach this class. Excited about presenting fresh and newly revamped Newbie Class.
- **Technology:** Sue L reported that meeting is scheduled for the end of March.
- **Handbook:** Darlene B reported meeting scheduled March 26, 2018. Discussing recommendations and suggestions to update and will put together amendment plan. Likely changes to audit, re-canvass, EDR and IVS (for printing of test decks). Saddened by news of Carole Young-Kleinfeld's retirement coming in April, but she continues to give input to Committee. Will be handing out current and draft (mocked-up) Handbook in order to compare/identify changes.
- **Legislative:** Tim D reported that 1st hearing date tentatively set for Friday, March 16, 2018. ROVAC has (3) bills this year:
 1. SB #409 – (Primary Bill) to align municipal primaries in line with state and federal, which moves September date to August.

2. SB #410 – (Bill from last year) that creates an online SOTS directory and clarifies/cleans up some language, such as “Unknown” to Unassigned” and to basically put into statute uniformed instructions for qualifying signatures on Primary Petition pages.
3. SB #430 – (Technical Clean-up Bill) which addresses/eliminates print sessions, board of voter admissions and training/certification language inconsistencies.

Some of SOTS Bills:

1. HB #5173 – (Redaction Bill) will limit the scope of voter registration information available to certain entities and prohibit certain uses of such information.
2. HB #5176 – (Related to #5173) will allow police officers and their family members to be redacted from the voter lists.
3. HB #5419 – (Central Counting of AB’s) ROVAC supports, which requires AB’s cast in municipal elections, primaries or referendum be counted at a central location, unless both registrars agree to count such ballots at the respective polling places.
4. HB #5420 – (Pop-up Polling Place Bill) which will require additional polling places at institutions of higher learning during state elections. This will also mandate that the respective municipality establish a separate voting district and that their registrars of voters provide a suitable polling place at or near the institution. ROVAC does not support this bill because of cost and logistical difficulties and will ask that a Fiscal Note be attached, since there was not one attached when raised last year.
5. HB #5422 – (EDR on Primary Day) will apply to primaries, the procedures at regular elections for elector registration, party enrollment and voting. This includes language that will allow unaffiliated voters to change to party of choice at EDR to vote in their primary. ROVAC does not support.
6. HB #5459 – (Restroom Bill) will allow members of the public to utilize restrooms in the building where a polling place is located. ROVAC feels this is a security issue and will present testimony of arguments with examples to provide justification.
7. SB #412 (COG Monitors) will eliminate the position of the COG Monitors.

Discussion ensued. Tracking report will be emailed to board soon.

- **Ways & Means:** Lou D reminded county chairs that baskets are expected from each county and will be presented for raffle at the spring conference.

V. Old Business:

Policy for Non-Paying Committee Members (Draft) – Peter G read into the record the motion from Fred DeCaro concerning members assigned to a committee that have not paid their dues. Discussion ensued.

Motion to amend the draft was made by Peter G and seconded by Lou D.
Motioned passed unanimously.

Motion to adopt the draft as amended (as seen below) was made by Peter G and seconded by Lou D.

“As of December 1, all unpaid members remaining on the above-referenced list are no longer considered members in good standing of ROVAC. Any committee or county positions are automatically forfeit. County chairs should fill said positions at their next scheduled meeting.

This policy statement shall be printed on all dues invoices mailed or transmitted by the Treasurer.”

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. New Business:

Budget – Sue L handed out draft budget from Chris Prue for review.

Discussion ensued.

Consensus that budget will be presented to membership at annual meeting without amendments.

Monitors Moderator Certification Program – Sue L discussed that the COG monitors have been working on a moderator certification program that incorporates a certification class calendar of dates, times, locations and instructors that, once up and running, they would like to post to the ROVAC website so that registrars would have easy access to the information. This would be beneficial to all and the Board approves of the proposal.

Change of Meeting Dates for Balance of Year – Kevin M explained his work schedule will change as of May of this year and it will impact his availability for the board meetings in June, July and August. Meeting dates will be changed to June 7th, July 12th and August 2nd. Linda C will check on availability of conference room and make accommodations accordingly. Kevin M thanked the Board for their consideration.

Discussion on Purchase of Tabulators – Sue L made us aware that Matt Waggner (Fairfield) personally purchased a lot of 40 tabulators from Maryland that were used for AB counting. These are being solicited to registrars for purchase. Two were sold to Norwalk, four to New Britain and three to SOTS, but SOTS will only be using as demos in their office, because according to Peggy Reeves, these are not to be used for elections. New Britain is in discussion with LHS to see if these can be reprogrammed and qualified for CT elections. Discussion ensued.

Judy Boudreau Scholarship – Sue L initiated discussion on how many scholarships to present this year. There are four candidates that have been received to date. Discussion ensued. Peter G motioned and Lou D seconded to present three \$250 scholarships selected from the lottery at the spring conference.
Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Anne-Marie M and seconded by Tim D at 12:25 PM.
Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin McCauley
Secretary