



**ROVAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 10, 2016**  
**NEWINGTON TOWN HALL**

**Members Attending:** Melissa Russell, Darlene Burrell, Tim DeCarlo, Fred DeCaro, Lou Dicio, Sue Larsen, Bunny Lescoe, Anne-Marie Mastroianni & Kevin McCauley

**Ex-Officio Member Attending:** Tony Esposito

**Non-Members Attending:** Linda Cultrera & Marie Fox

Meeting was called to order by President Melissa Russell at 10:30 AM

**I. Minutes from last meeting:** (Sept 21, 2016)

Anne-Marie M. moved to accept / Bunny L. seconded.  
Minutes approved.

**II. Treasurer's Report:** No Report

**III. County Reports:** No Reports

**IV. Committee Reports:** No Reports – Moved to Election Day discussion.

**V. Election Day Discussion:**

**EDR** – Discussion ensued on issues and accomplishments associated with EDR.

Numbers shared:

Darlene B. (Suffield): 126 EDR Registrations / 9000 Voters

Lou D. (Stratford): 590 EDR Registrations / 34,000 Voters

Bunny L. (Windham): 420 EDR Registrations (250 were ECSU Students) / 10,600 Voters

Tony E. (Hamden): 645 EDR Registrations / 33,000 Voters

Kevin M. (Bristol): 598 EDR Registrations / 34,300+ Voters

Mike W. (Tolland) reported by Kevin M.: 108 EDR Registrations

Sue L. (S. Windsor): 210 EDR Registrations / 16,347 Voters

Fred D. (Greenwich): 475 EDR Registrations / 37,000 Voters

Anne-Marie M. (Bethlehem): 57 EDR Registrations / 2,700+ Voters

Tim D. (Waterbury): 953 EDR Registrations / 60,200 Voters

Marie F. (Newington): 372 EDR Registrations / 18,955 Voters

### **EDR Continued –**

Highlights / recommendations out of discussion:

- If able, hire and train more people to staff EDR process
- By statute, cannot process EDR ballots until close of polls
- Position an information table as first station to determine eligibility
- Verification calls must be taken seriously and calls returned
- Police presence was helpful for those towns who felt the need to use at 8PM close
- CVRS crashes & slow responses throughout the day were frustrating. Beyond 16 ports (computers/tablets) to connect with CVRS, could cause issues. Some towns experienced no CVRS issues.
- Overall, smooth process experienced

### **Polling Place Issues – Discussion ensued.**

- Police presence was helpful in keeping the peace
- Early large hourly counts eventually eased throughout the day
- EDR/Polling location violations for voting in 2 different towns. Complaints are being filed by registrars for further investigation
- Backup at ballot clerk's station due to the excessive numbers turning out should be reviewed to determine better ways to process. Suggested implement of index card/raffle ticket issuance from checkers once checked-in to give to ballot clerk in exchange for ballot
- Some expected CVRS glitches need to be examined to correct for future elections
- Overall, fewer complaints than expected and favorable outcome

### **IVS - Discussion ensued.**

- OPA had representative vote via IVS in Bethlehem
- Few complaints statewide
- Jellybean button worked well in Suffield
- Greenwich instructional video well received
- Good PR helped get message out about new system
- Possible DOJ presence in Newington evaluating process

### **EMS – Discussion ensued about system failure.**

- Glitch deleted information input for many towns. May have affected different levels of missing data. PCC taking responsibility
- EMS is still reflecting incorrect numbers
- Flexible on re-input of data time frame
- Card reader could alleviate issues with future reporting of data. SOTS may not have funds to purchase system for each town

Notes: Overall good marks for election. Consensus to change from paper press releases to media/online notices. Will continue conversation to hopefully enact in future.

Will continue to work on creating good working relationship with New Haven ROV's.

New Canaan now has Working Family registrar added to their office.

**VI. Old Business:** None

**VII. New Business:**

A. Newbie Forum – Melissa shared the intent to conduct another “Newbie” class probably in a February 2017 time frame and members of the Board are expected to attend. Great opportunity for all the new registrars to get oriented to roles and their resources.

B. Meeting in December – Confirmation that there will be a December meeting.

**VIII. Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn made by Tim D. and seconded by Lou D. at 12:48 pm.

Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin McCauley  
Secretary