

ROVAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Newington Town Hall

March 10, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Annalisa Stravato at 10:04.

Members: Pete Gostin (N. Britain), Tim DeCaro (Waterbury), Sue Larsen (So. Windsor) Fred DeCaro (Greenwich), Karen Birck (Wilton), Annalisa Stravato (Wilton), Christine Psathas (Willington), Sue Burnham (So. Windsor), Jeff Rogers (Montville), Darlene Burrell

I. **Minutes:** A motion to accept the minutes of 2/10/22 was made by J. Rogers. and seconded by Sue Larsen, and passed unanimously.

II. **Treasurer's Report:** Money is needed to be transferred into the Conference Committee Account. After much discussion a motion to move \$2,500 into the conference committee account was made by Jeff Rogers and seconded by Fred DeCaro. Motion passed unanimously.

Counties need to nominate High School Seniors for the Judi Beaudreau scholarship. The number of scholarships will depend on the amount raised at the conference by the Ways and Means Committee.

The CD's quarterly report will be provided at the next Executive Meeting.

The final listing of unpaid dues is at nine towns that are delinquent.

Primary Checking Account:

- Starting Balance as of 1/31/22- \$94,801.18
- Total credits- \$7,450.00

Dues deposits of \$570.00, Spring Conference payments of \$6,440.00 and Fall Conference payments of \$440.00

- Total debits- \$225.95

Website, Mobile Storage, Commercial credit card, Board dinner, Fees.

- Ending Balance as of 2/28/2022- \$82,029.38

Conference Checking Account:

- No change in balance-\$1,215.06

Scholarship Savings Account:

- Starting Balance as of 1/31/2022- \$3,709.34
 - Total credits- \$0.03 interest from bank, \$50 donation from Bright Fund (F. DeCaro)
 - Total debits- None
- Ending Balance as of 2/28/2022- \$3,759.37

III. County Reports:

- Fairfield County-** Discussed Legislative updates. Had a presentation on redistricting by Matt Wagner. The presentation is available on the ROVAC.org
- Hartford County-** Met 3/8- Moriah Moriarty discussed delegates for upcoming Conventions. She also discussed what parts running for office that ROV's can participate. There are five new ROVs in Hartford County.
- Litchfield County-** No Report
- Middlesex County-** No Report
- New Haven County-** No Report
- New London County-** There was discussion on Canvassing and Redistricting. All the members of N. London County have concluded both. There were questions on what would be taught at the upcoming conference.
- Tolland County-** A meeting will be held on March 16.

H. Windham County- No Report

IV. Committee Reports:

- **Conference Committee-**
 - The conference committee has met. We are finishing up preparation for the Conference.
 - The new laptops have been purchased and C. Prue is preparing them for Conference.
 - Necessary shopping is happening this coming week.
 - The location and plans for this conference will please the membership.
- **Education Committee-** The Education Committee has met to prepare for the conference. There will be some guests. The New Registrar class is not going to be held during the conference. The committee felt that pulling new Registrars from classes for another class didn't make sense. They will work with Tim DeCarlo to schedule a New Registrar Class in the coming weeks following the conference.
- **Handbook Committee-** The committee has sent out updates three times. All the minutes from the committee meetings are on the ROVAC website.
- **Legislative Committee-** The ROVAC tech bill was raised in committee. Legislative committee will be meeting on Monday 3/14. There will be a public hearing on March 31. All Committees must have their bills ready to present. Sen Bill 349- an act concerning the filling of vacancies and replacement of candidates on election will move the date from when a candidate can be removed from a ballot from 24 days to 36 days.

VI. New Business:

- D. Burrell requested that the Registrar salary survey be shared with the membership. L. Olson shared that C. Prue would be posting it on the ROVAC website.
- There was discussion about the IVS machines and the issues with the ink bleeding through the ballots. IVS knows that there is an issue with the cartridges. IVS says they are a ballot marking machine and not a test desk maker. Would still be an issue with two-sides ballots.
- Budget- it was requested that \$600 be added for the New Registrar Class. It was decided that two budgets would be submitted, one with the additional \$600, one without. More discussion was tabled until the next meeting. The next step for the budget is for it to be presented to the ROVAC members at the Annual meeting. Annual reports are also due from the County chairs and must be presented at the annual meeting.
- A. Stravato requested that the board invite all candidates for Secretary of State position for the upcoming election. There was much discussion on how that could be accomplished while staying politically neutral. A motion was made by Lauren Olson and seconded by P. Gostin. The motion stated that no candidates would be invited to the spring conference. In addition, a new discussion must be held before any candidates are invited to the fall conference.
- The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2022 at 10AM in Newington.

VII. Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn at 11:40 by S. Larsen and seconded by P. Gostin

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren L. Olson
Registrar of Voters, Town of Ashford
ROVAC Secretary