

**Meeting Date:** February 11, 2021

**Members:** Sue Larsen (S. Windsor), Lauren Olson (Ashford), Annalisa Stravato (Wilton), Tim DeCarlo (Waterbury), Dianne Slopak (New London), Pete Gostin (New Britain), Mike Wyman (Tolland), Sue Burnham (S. Windsor), Darlene Burrell (Suffield) Loreen Hegan (Canterbury), Fred DeCaro (Greenwich), Marla Cowden (Westport)

Meeting was called to order by President Sue Larsen at 10:03.

Sue thanked the members of the board for the wonderful classes that were presented for the “newbie” class.

**I. Minutes:**

A request to amend the minutes was made by Sue Larsen to read “SOTS will push for no fault absentee ballots and early voting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Pete Gostin and seconded by Loreen Hegan to accept the minutes as amended and passed unanimously.

**II. Treasurer's Report:**

Checking balance as of January 2021- \$48,788.16.

There were deposits of \$2,770.

- \$2,000 from a transfer of funds from Scholarship fund.
- \$770 from dues and fall conference.

There were outflows of \$200.00.

- Aaron Nash- \$50
- CT mobile storage- \$150

The January 2021 treasury final balance is \$86,548.03.

**III. County Reports:**

- **Fairfield:** No Meeting. Marla Cowden heard nothing but positive reports about the New Registrar Class.
- **Hartford:** No Report
- **Litchfield:** No Report
- **Middlesex:** No Report
- **New Haven:** Tim held an in-depth meeting with all the new registrars in the county.
- **New London:** There are nine new registrars. Discussion on Eric and Canvass.
- **Tolland:** Zoom meeting with 2/3 of the members participating. Had been a year since the previous meeting. They discussed the meeting schedule for the upcoming year, budget, canvass and conference.

- **Windham:** No Report

#### IV. Committee Reports:

- **Conference-** No report- Conference will probably be a zoom conference in May.
- **Education** – No Report
- **Technology-** No Report
- **Handbook** – Put in a new handbook prior to the newbie class. They only had to clean-up information on federal postcard applications. Handbook committee needs new members.
- **Legislative -**
  - Met on Monday February 8
  - Only 5 or 6 bills will be raised this session. There are currently over 200 bills. Our tech bill is one that will be included in another bill put forth.
  - The first public hearing will be on no fault and early voting.
  - Tim DeCarlo has met with Dan Fox, the head of the GAE.
- **Ways & Means** – No report. Fred DeCaro has some ideas on how to do an online raffle. Sue Burnham will contact Fred.
- **By-Laws** – None

#### V. Old Business:

- New Registrars Day- was there a recording made? There will be another New Registrar day at the conference. It was offered that people could join the New Haven county meeting if they missed the previous class.
- Fred DeCaro reported on the joint CVRS committee, with SOTS, ROVAC and Town Clerk Association. They are in the information collection mode. There were 190 responses from registrars.
  - Ted Bromley seems interested in our concerns. Not certain what SOTS action items are.
  - Fred DeCaro is looking at demos from other states, also looking at RFPs from other states to see where they may not be happy.
  - Hoping for cooperation with DMV.
  - Not certain what the next steps are.

- Questions on whether we want redistricting on the old system or the new. Maybe the new system should be implemented in 2023.
- Budget requests- none
- ROVAC website- Darlene Burrell, Loreen Hegan and Lauren Olson will take a look to see what is missing from the website. Sue Larsen wants the next ROVAC president to look at restructuring the website.

#### **VI. Other Business:**

- Annual meeting- Needs to be done in person. Election of officers also must be done in person. Need a bylaw change to have the meeting via zoom and an emergency provision in the bylaws. It was suggested we find a way to do the meeting by zoom because COVID won't be over in time.
- Annalisa Stravato will look for a parliamentarian to see if it is possible to adjust the bylaws.
- Suggestions for holding the annual meeting include-
  - Add something of value. Have on a Saturday and have a picnic. Will need amplification. Provide lunch boxes.
  - Have more than one location. Possibly do it by county.
- Credentials- All executive board positions have a candidate except Treasurer. Pete Gostin will send out another request for candidates.
- A committee to review the bylaws was set up. Sue Larsen, Pete Gostin and Analisa Stravato will be on the committee.

**VII. Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Pete Gostin and seconded by Mike Wyman at 11:15 AM. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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