

ROVAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Meeting
January 11, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Chris Prue (Vernon) at 10:02 AM.

Members: Chris Prue (Vernon), Annalisa Stravato (Wilton), Karen Birck (Wilton), Sue Larsen (So. Windsor), Brian Smith, (Norwalk), Peter Gostin(New Britian), Jeff Rogers (Montville), Darlene Burrell (Suffield), Tracey Ohaus (Chester), Fred DeCaro (Greenwich) Christine Psathas,(Willington),Lisa Amatruda,(Woodbury), Lauren Olson (Ashford)Tim DeCarlo,(Waterbury), Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury),, Sue Burnham(So. Windsor)

Highlighted in yellow are those in attendance.

- I. Minutes: **A motion to accept the minutes of 10/12/2023 was made by Jeff Rogers (Montville). Seconded by Annalisa Stravato (Wilton). The motion passed unanimously.**

II. Treasurer's Report:

Brian Smith (Norwalk) reported that Killingly still owes dues. There are 2 CD's that need to be reviewed for renewal. **Sue Larsen(South Windsor) motioned to approve the renewal of the 2 CD;s at the current rate. Seconded by Lauren Olson (Ashford). The vote was unanimous.**

Primary Checking & CD Accounts

- Starting Balance as of 10/1/2023- \$75,524.69
 - Total credits- \$13940.46
 - Total debits- \$19,306.39
- Ending Balance as of 12/31/23- \$70,158.76

Scholarship Savings Account:

- Starting Balance-\$10,738.44
 - Total credits- \$501.78
 - Total debits- \$
- Ending Balance- \$11,240.22

III. County Reports:

- A. Fairfield County- No report.
- B. Hartford County-Darlene Burrell (Suffield)reported Hartford County met on January 9th. She thanked Chris Prue (Vernon)for helping her get SOTS Stephanie Thomas as our guest. There were 70 in attendance between zoom and in person. There is still confusion on the wording for SDR vs EDR, The new handbook will be out shortly. Sec. Thomas said that SDR will be checked off separately. Chris Prue(Vernon) thought it was going to counted as EV. Right now, there are no mandatory hours before early voting. Registrars have to be there on EV days.
- C. Litchfield County- Lisa Amatruda (Woodbury)reported there would be a meeting at the end of February. There is a major concern about the board of Education election and having to hold 14 days of EV.
- D. Middlesex County- Tracey Ohaus(Chester) reported they discussed the October preparations for the November election at their meeting on Oct. 24th.Their next meeting is next week.
- E. New Haven County- Tim DeCarlo(Waterbury) reported no meeting.
- F. New London County- Jeff Rogers(Montville) reported they held a Holiday party in December.
- G. Tolland County – Next meeting will next Thursday in Hebron.
- H. Windham County- They will have a pot luck dinner tonight with Chris Prue (Vernon) to speak on EV.

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IV.Committee Reports:

- Conference Committee – Lauren Olson (Ashford) reported the committee will meet in February. The 2nd payment to the Event Center is due and the 3rd payment is due in March. They are looking for proposals for the fall conference. The Holiday dinner will be at the conference. ROVAC blocked 80

rooms at the Doubletree. It is school vacation week so there was concern that it could book up quickly. 80 rooms should be sufficient.

- Education Committee – Chris Prue (Vernon) reported that Melissa Russell (Bethlehem) took the position of Election Clerk in Torrington and resigned her ROV position. Chris will let us know shortly who will take over. In the meantime, send any suggestions to Lauren Olson (Ashford).
- Handbook Committee- Darlene Burrell (Suffield) reported an updated version has been sent out. There will be more updates on primaries to come.
- Legislative Committee: Tim DeCarlo (Waterbury) said he will be the Bridgeport monitor until February. A scheduled meeting with SOTS has been planned.
- Technology Committee – Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury) reported there will be a meeting in February. Anna Dickerson(Woodbridge) and Lois Timms(Ellington) were added to the committee to review changes to the new system to meet CT needs.
- Ways and Means – Sue Burnham (South Windsor) reminded everyone about the spring conference has the county baskets.

The Judi Beaudreau Scholarship fund has \$11,240.22 in it, Peter Gostin (New Britain) thought the amount of the scholarship should go up. Sue Burnham (South Windsor) asked if you could put the same name in twice. Chris Prue(Vernon)will review the policy. **Lauren Olson motioned to increase the scholarship to \$400. Darlene Burrell (Suffield) seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.** Peter Gostin (New Britain) would like to cap of the number of scholarships to 16 (2 per county). Chris Prue (Vernon) will write up the policy for review next month.

0V. Old Business:

During the zoom calls with SOTS, it was mentioned that the EV envelopes would be provided by SOTS but no new posters would be available. Tracy Ohaus (Chester) said she called and she got additional posters.

VI. New Business:

It was decided that Sullivan & LeShane would do an info graph similar to the one they did years ago on Registrars' s duties. This one would be for early voting since we need to get the word out on it. Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury) said they already have information out on it. Christine Psathas (Willington) said they were using some of the grant money to produce postcards. Some other suggestions were a video and maybe using the ROVAC Facebook page.

Peter Gostin (New Britain) had concerns over the registration date for "U". The date is March 25th, a day before early voting begins. We need an EV "cheat sheet"

The budget has not been done. The dues need to be review.

There is a concern that the Legislature will not fund Early Voting beyond the \$10,500.

VII. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 am

Next meeting will be held on February 8th at 10:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue W. Larsen
ROVAC Secretary