

ROVAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Zoom Meeting
October 12, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Chris Prue (Vernon) at 10:04 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), Melissa Russell (Bethlehem), Sue Burnham(So. Windsor)

Highlighted in yellow are those in attendance.

- I. Minutes: **A motion to accept the minutes of 9/18/2023 was made by Brian Smith (Norwalk). Seconded by Jeff Rogers (Montville). The motion passed unanimously.**

II. Treasurer's Report:

Primary Checking & CD Accounts

- Starting Balance as of 8/31/2023- \$107491.62
 - Total credits- \$
 - Total debits- \$
- Ending Balance as of 9/30/23- \$75,524.69

Scholarship Savings Account:

- Starting Balance-\$9,296.44
 - Total credits- \$1442
 - Total debits- \$
- Ending Balance- \$10,738.44

III. County Reports:

- A. Fairfield County- Fred DeCaro (Greenwich) reported they will be holding two events and will have a full county meeting on Dec. 7th with the main topic being the results of the legislative survey taken at the Fall Conference.
- B. Hartford County-Darlene Burrell (Suffield) reported Hartford County met on October 10th. All committees reported what had occurred since last June. Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury) gave an extended report on the technology committee. Our guest speaker was James Krupinski, Town Clerk of Newington, on the responsibilities of the Registrars on absentee balloting.
- C. Litchfield County- Lisa Amatruda (Woodbury) reported no meeting. Next meeting will be Nov. 13th.
- D. Middlesex County- Tracey Ohaus (Chester) reported there will be a meeting on Oct. 24th.
- E. New Haven County- Tim DeCarlo (Waterbury) reported no meeting.
- F. New London County- Jeff Rogers (Montville) reported they will meet next Thursday.
- G. Tolland County – Next meeting will be on October 18th in Bolton.
- H. Windham County- They will have a meeting in Nov.

IV. Committee Reports:

- Conference Committee – Chris Prue (Vernon) reported that the fall conference was a success. There will be another proposal from the Mariotte to hold a conference there again. April 10-12 will be the spring conference dates. The Bristol Events center will host it.
- Education Committee – Chris Prue (Vernon) reported that all presentations are now loaded on the ROVAC website. The committee will begin classes for the spring after the election.

- *Handbook Committee- Darlene Burrell (Suffield) reported there are no changes in the handbook at this time.*
- *Legislative Committee: Tim DeCarlo (Waterbury) said the Legislative session will begin in February 2024.*
- *Technology Committee – Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury) reported the committee met at the fall conference. The schedule for the new Voter Registration system is moving forward. Kristin Sullivan (SOTS) will be making the choices of the town that will be participating in the testing phase. Chris Prue (Vernon) made suggestions. At this point in time Greenwich has been selected.*

There was a discussion on the registration cards to change the unknown category to include non-binary.

Chris Prue(Vernon) will ask Kristin Sullivan to write a letter to be sent out to the ROVs on the issues to be cleaned up in CVRS prior to the new system coming on board. Fred DeCaro(Greenwich) was not sure why it wasn't being done through the state system.

- *Ways and Means – Sue Burnham (South Windsor) reported that the committee did a great job and raised \$1401 for the Judi Beaudreau scholarship fund.*

0V. Old Business:

Conference Refunds – Darian asked for a refund or credit toward the spring conference. They did not attend. ROVAC does not allow for credit. Unanimous vote for No. Carey Fraulino from Marlborough was ill both days. The vote was 9-1 in favor of the refund. Lois Timms-Ferrara from Ellington asked for a refund because her husband was in the ICU and she could not fly back. The vote was unanimous in favor. Stuart Wells from Norwalk asked for a refund since his wife injured her shoulder and she needed his assistance. The vote was a unanimous in favor of the refund. Ron Banks (Norwalk) requested a refund but was denied.

VI. New Business:

Darlene Burrell (Suffield) had a concern that new Registrars are not getting enough communication from SOTS. SOTS is short staffed with Heather Augieri (SOTS) being out. Fred Decaro(Greenwich) says that it is taking about two weeks to get a response. Some registrars were going straight to the Deputy Secretary to get a response. Chris Prue (Vernon) will discuss this with Kristin Sullivan.

Darlene Burrell (Suffield) asked if there was an updated EDR manual. Many registrars need new EDR envelopes.

Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury) wanted to know the status of the EV manual. Stuart Wells did a revision and he also did a new Moderator Manual.

VII. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 am

Next meeting will be held on November 8th at 10:00 am via zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sue W. Larsen
ROVAC Secretary*