

MINUTES

May 3, 2017

MEETING OF THE ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
701 Kelly Road, Room 231, Cumberland, Maryland

Present: Richard DeVore, President
Armand Pannone, Board Attorney
Ronald Levasseur, Member
Georgia Martin, Member
JoAnn Spiker, Member
John T. Stakem, Member
Diane Loibel, Election Administrator

Absent: None

Call to Order:

Mr. DeVore called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., at which time a quorum was established.

Minutes:

Mr. DeVore called for alterations, corrections, and/or approval of the minutes.

MOTION: Mrs. Martin motioned to accept the April 5, 2017 minutes as written.

SECOND: Mr. Stakem

ACTION: Favorable and unanimous.

Additions: None

Attorney's Report: None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

MAEO Conference: Mrs. Loibel stated that she is still in need of a silent auction basket for the upcoming MAEO Conference.

Candidate Filings: No candidates filed for office this month.

New Business:

2016 Presidential Election Audit: A copy of the 2016 Presidential Election Audit was sent to all members for their review. Mrs. Loibel indicated that we did not have any action items on this audit. The board president will need to sign our official response to SBE.

2018 Election Calendar: A copy of the 2018 Election Calendar has been placed in your blue board folder. As any of the dates change an updated calendar will be provided.

Contractual Part-Time Election Clerk: We have made a selection for our part-time position and are currently waiting on the background checks to be returned.

Inventory: Mrs. Loibel reported that SBE will be here on June 19, 2017 to complete the inventory process.

5.2.2.0 Upgrade: Mrs. Loibel reported that SBE had decided to use the current voting system version for the 2018 Gubernatorial Elections. Even though the new version allows for two columns of candidate names per ExpressVote screen it does not address the navigation issues of the “more” or “previous” buttons. Upgrading would require every piece of equipment to be upgraded not just the ExpressVotes. The new version is not backward compatible meaning that the 2016 elections would not be able to be accessed and there is a significant cost to upgrade to the new version.

Election Night Results Reporting: ES&S will no longer offer its election night results product and support. SBE is looking at other solutions. It has been suggested to use the county IT department to use EXP’s XML exports to display election night results.

Pollbook Upgrade: We can expect a new upgrade for the pollbooks later in 2017. An alpha release is expected in May but this release has not been fully tested. SBE will be ordering new CMOS batteries for all pollbooks and we can expect delivery sometime in July.

Polling Place Agreement: A copy of the polling place agreement and initial contact letters has been placed in the blue board folders for review. Now is the time to make any changes to the agreement for the upcoming election. We need to update the time that signs can be placed on the premises before early voting and election day. The time changed from 7:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Legislative Update: A copy of the current election legislation has been placed in your blue board folder for review.

Registration Statistics: Statistics as of March 31, 2017 were as follows: Total Active Registration 43,419 – 14,292 Democrat, 21,422 Republican, 126 Green, 279 Libertarian, 6,987 Unaffiliated, and 313 Others.

Board Members Report: None

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be held on August 2, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

Adjournment:

Mr. DeVore adjourned the meeting at 9:35 A.M.

MOTION: Mrs. Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Mr. Stakem

ACTION: Favorable and unanimous.