



# Maryland Association of Election Officials

Representing the Local Election Boards of the State of Maryland

## MINUTES MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF ELECTION OFFICIALS March 28, 2014

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) was held on March 28, 2014 in the Sunrise Room of The Grand Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland.

### **Board Members Present:**

Gail Hatfield, President, Calvert County  
Guy Mickley, Vice President, Howard County  
Ruie Marie Lavoie, Secretary, Baltimore County  
Allison Murphy, Treasurer, Caroline County  
Alisha Alexander, Board Member, Prince George's County  
Katherine Berry, Board Member, Carroll County  
Katie A. Brown, Board Member, Baltimore County  
Tracy Dickerson, Board Member, Charles County  
David Garreis, Board Member, Anne Arundel County  
Abigail Goldman, Board Member, Baltimore City

### **Board Members Absent:**

None

### **Guests present:**

Jim Harris, Montgomery County  
Sara Harris, Montgomery County  
Stuart Harvey, Frederick County  
Anthony Gutierrez, Wicomico County  
Shawn Larson, Harford County  
Alysoun McLaughlin, Montgomery County

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Gail Hatfield at 9:08 am. Quorum was established. Ms. Hatfield welcomed the new Board members and guests.

### **Agenda**

Ms. Hatfield explained the specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss the pros and cons of the hotel, accommodations and conference.

### **Conference Feedback**

- Rooms were very cold – hotel in general was cold.
- Sound System problems.
- Need cordless microphone for questions from the floor

- Audience not able to see power point presentations (partitions in room). Needs more screens.
- Should have 2 lines for buffet. Long wait for meals. Maybe place the soup at the end of the line.
- Food was cold – not able to keep warm while on buffet.
- Omelet station would have been welcomed addition and a nice touch.
- Game night (Casino) huge success.
- Board/Attorney Break-Out sessions were a success and well received.
- Disability seminar was a success with useful information.
- SBE needed more time to present provisional and absentee ballot information.
- Information Technology break-out was successful and included a range of information.
- Phillips Buffet dinner was a definite success. The Board will consider having a dinner at Philips during the next conference.

Shawn Larson will send a survey to all attendees requesting feedback. The feedback will be shared with the Board.

Ms. Hatfield will store the banner until the next conference. The Antonetti plaque will be displayed at every conference.

Sara Harris thanked the MAEO Board and the membership for a wonderful conference and their hard work.

The 2015 MAEO Conference will include State Board's Biennial and held in Ocean City, Maryland. Mr. Larson and Ms. Hatfield will secure bids from several hotels to be approved by the Board. The conference will be held in May or June but the exact date will be determined at a later time.

**Next Meeting**

The next MAEO meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2014 at 10:30 am at the Wicomico Board of Election office in Salisbury, Maryland.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, on a motion made Alisha Alexander and seconded by Guy Mickley, Ms. Hatfield adjourned the meeting at 9:36 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruie Marie Lavoie  
Acting Secretary

Approved 8/21/2014