

MAEO Meeting 12/8/17
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The December MAEO meeting was held in the Anne Arundel election office in Glen Burnie. Minutes were approved, Treasurer's Report read.

Committee Reports:

Audit Committee – Will meet 2 weeks before the MAEO conference.

Education Committee-Armstead Jones – Will meet in January. They would like to expand their focus to encourage MAEO members to participate with other organizations, such as the Election Center. They will also encourage these organizations to come to Maryland to conduct training.

Elections Committee – Jeff Stevens – Election during conference on 3/15/18

- Board Members and Officers on ballot
- Applications have gone out for candidacy
- Absentee application available
- Deadline to file 2/13/18
- If jurisdiction has not paid membership dues by deadline to file, name will be removed

Early Voting/Election Judge Committee – Daneen Banks – Ruie forwarded minutes from last meeting.

- Thanked Erin for updating County Bulletin section on Online Library
- Next meeting will be in January

Election Technology Committee – Garrick Hendricks – Coming up with ideas for conference

Legislative Committee – Stuart Harvey – General Assembly starts January 10, 2018

- Bills to keep an eye on:
 - SDR on Election Day (Senator Smith) – will look like bill previously presented by Frank Turner
 - If approved, will be on 2018 ballot, to be effective 2020
- Montgomery County Bill – Rank Choice Voting
 - Would need a 3rd party vendor to tabulate
 - Most likely will not pass, would make Mont. County have different equipment
- Provisional and Absentee ballots received by same voter
 - Right now we reject both, bill would have Absentee rejected and provisional accepted (the in-person vote)
 - Could be effective for 2018 General
- Would negate pre-processing of Absentee ballots
- Nikki Charlson – meeting with Sen. Simon to discuss change in absentees via OLVR
 - Voter requesting absentee via OLVR would have to provide DL# or SS#
 - Require LBE to contact voters who cast more than one ballot, if the voters cast is more than vote differential
 - May be able to put Provisional Bill in with this one

Personnel Committee – Kevin Keene – Specs still in Baltimore (DBM)

- Template letter will be sent to Directors soon to explain to finance department new positions and salary structure.
- SBE needs something from all counties saying they'll approve salaries before taking to SBE Board.

Absentee Committee – Alysoun Mc Laughlin – MAEO should either back pre-processing of absentee ballots or continue with provisional conversation (reject absentee/accept provisional)

- Can't do both because pre-processing of absentees would make impossible to reject if provisional accepted after absentee received and pre-processed.
- Will possibly meet with Legislative Committee

Standards and Voter Registration Committee – Dale Livingston/Jessica White - 11/17 meeting minutes were forwarded

Newsletter – Ben thanked those who responded to survey and also those who submitted pieces for “Around the State”.

Old Business:

Theme selection for conference - “Waves of Change, Oceans of Opportunity”

Conference Planning and Agenda

- Secured three speakers
- Every session will have speaker partnered with LBE or SBE reps.
- Outside speakers (one on diversity) will meet with LBE reps to tailor presentation to elections
- Part of SBE's Professional Development (fulfills EPPD requirement)
- Media Relations speaker (panel with Directors)
- Polling Place Preparedness – will cover more than just Active Shooters
- Officially accepted photo booth contract (same as last year)
- Vendors:
 - 50 requests sent out
 - 3 submitted registration and fees (ES&S, Rifkin and Votech)
 - Looking to get sponsorship from ES&S (will bring fees down)
 - Hoping to have vendors sponsor entertainment and breaks
 - ES&S will do cash bars
 - MAEO's Got Talent
 - 80's Karaoke
 - Cap on entertainment prizes set at \$250.00
- Comp Room – not ready to vote on, yet
- Registration Fee
 - Right now, without sponsorship, would be \$260.00 per person (cost of food driving up fee)
 - With sponsorship, would be \$240.00 per person
 - Hoping to have registration form out next wk.
 - Looking to get food cost down (\$12,000.00 more than last year with similar menu)
 - David will email the planner about lowering food cost
 - Waiting to make a motion on registration fee to see if sponsorship comes through
- Insurance – will use the same as last year

New Business:

2018 Membership Dues - \$30.00

- Fees pay for website, parties, sending people to conferences, etc.

Next Meeting: January 12, 2018 @ 10:00 am – Carroll County Board of Elections (Westminster)

The MAEO Holiday Social ensued, with Josh Ramos acting as Master of Ceremonies.