

Thursday, May 6, 2021

MINUTES

A meeting of the Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) was held, virtually, on the 6th day of May 2021. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were properly provided.

Officers and Board Members Present:

David Garreis, President (Anne Arundel County)
Ruie Marie Lavoie, Vice President (Cecil County)
Abigail Goldman, Secretary (Baltimore City)
Alisha Alexander, Board Member (Prince George's County)
Alysoun McLaughlin, Board Member (Montgomery County)
Ben Frey, Board Member (Somerset County)
Chrissy Jones, Board Member (Queen Anne's County)
Kimberly Phillips, Board Member (Howard County)

Board Member excused:

Danna Archie-Williams, Treasurer (Baltimore County)

Members Present:

Please see attached listing.

CALL TO ORDER

President David Garreis called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. A quorum was established with a majority of board members present. Introductions were made and a roll call of those in attendance was recorded. Mr. Garreis announced the resignation of the Election Committee Chair but will address it under Committee Reports.

AGENDA

After having no changes or additions to the Agenda, the Board accepted the agenda as presented.

MINUTES

The Board Minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting were presented.

MOTION: Ms. Alexander to approve the Minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting.

SECOND: Ms. Kimberly Phillips seconded the motion.

ACTION: All Board members voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried and Board minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Ruie Lavoie gave an oral report for Ms. Williams. She reported Ms. Williams has received all payment for dues and 1 vendor registration fee for the conference. At this time there are over 300 members in the organization.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Absentee Ballot- They have met two times and are looking at the problems we encountered from the last election. They are waiting to see what Legislation passed in 2021 will affect us. They will be meeting again this month.

Audit: Ms. Gail Hatfield said she has no report as of today.

Awards – No report at this time.

Constitution and Bylaws – Ms. Alisha Alexander is planning a meeting next week on either Tuesday or Thursday to discuss the goals of the committee.

Elections – Mr. Garreis reported that Mr. Mickley has resigned and he will be looking for a new committee head. If you are interested in heading the committee to please send him an email.

Early Voting/Election Judge – Ms. Daneen Banks reported that she is setting up a demonstration of Prince Georges OEM and Frederick Counties election day module. This will be on May 12, 2021 at 10:00 am so look for an invite.

Election Technology Committee – Mr. Ben Frey reported that they are meeting tomorrow and are looking at a long agenda.

Legislative: Ms. Katie Berry said that she is looking to set up workgroups to get information so they are ready for what legislation may be introduced in the next session. The group topics will include: Absentee, Post-Election Model, Canvass- live streaming, Open meeting model to name a few. Look for a survey if you want to serve on any of these work groups.

Newsletter – Mr. Ben Frey reported it is in the final draft and should be sent out shortly.

Personnel – Mr. David Garreis and Ms. Ruie Lavoie said they have received 23 out of the 24 Boards letters and they are working on a narrative to go before the State Board meeting. In addition, Ms. Lavoie will be sending out an e-invite for a virtual training with Shermaine Malcolm and Chris Lohr on how to conduct reclassifications etc.

Standards – Ms. Dionne Church stated that they held a productive meeting last Friday and their long time goal is working on a procedures manual for MDVOTERS. Their next meeting is May 26, 2021.

State Registration Review – Ms. Katie Berry – no report

Voter Outreach – Mr. Gilberto Zelaya gave a report.

Voter Registration –Ms. Karen Perry reported that the next meeting will be held on May 10, 2021,

Webmaster – No report

OLD BUSINESS

2021 Annual Conference and SBE Biennial - Ms. Ruie Lavoie and Ms. Abigail Goldman

Members have called the Clarion to reserve rooms.

Ms. Lavoie presented to the Board of Registration Form to the Board. She asked for their approval of the form so it can be sent out to the membership.

MOTION: Ms. Alexander to approve the Registration form for the 2021 Annual Conference.

SECOND: Mr. Ben Frey.

ACTION: Favorable and unanimous, Motion carried.

Ms. Lavoie also reminded the membership that if their Board Members are not attending in person or virtually the States Biennial day they must get a waiver from State Administrator Linda Lamone. They waiver request must be addressed to Ms. Lamone but sent to Ms. Mary Wagner as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OPEN FORUM

Ms. Alisha Alexander said she did not forget about setting up a small workgroup on the precinct based ballots.

Ms. Chrissy Jones reported the iGO conference will be held in person this year and this year the venue is in New York City.

Ms. Stephanie Taylor said that the Harford Board of Elections is closed for painting for the next few days

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 10 am on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. Proper notice and the agenda will be provided.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made by Ms. Ruie Lavoie and a second by Ms. Kimberly Phillips, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Goldman
Secretary

Approved by Board at the June 15, 2021 meeting.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

NAME	COUNTY	BOARD MEMBER
David Garreis	Anne Arundel	President
Ruie Lavoie	Cecil	Vice President
Abigail Goldman	Baltimore City	Secretary
Alisha Alexander	Prince Georges	Board Member
Alysoun McLaughlin	Montgomery	Board Member
Ben Frey	Somerset	Board Member
Kimberly Phillips	Howard	Board Member
Christine Jones	Queen Anne's	Board Member
Allison Murphy	Caroline	
Amy Sullivan	Harford	
Anthony Gui	Wicomico	
Armstead Jones	Baltimore City	
Barry Jackson	Washington	
Bill Blackston	Wicomico	
Brani Underwood	St. Mary's	
Brenda Ross	Cecil	
Cathy Quesenberry	Queen Anne's	
Cheemoandia Blake	Kent	
Cindy Rimmey	Cecil	
Crystal McGinn	Queen Anne's	
Daneen Banks	Prince Georges	
Deborah Brohawn	Caroline	
Dionne Church	Wicomico	
Donald Gaither	Anne Arundel	
Duane Souder	Cecil	
Gail Hatfield	Calvert	
Gilberto Zelaya	Montgomery	
Gwendolyn Dales	Dorchester	
Jayne Lister	Queen Anne's	
Jeff Stevens	Baltimore County	
Jessica Noranbrock	Dorchester	

Jocelyn Abbott	Wicomico	
Jocelyn Montgomery	Wicomico	
Karen Benecewicz	Baltimore City	
Karen Perry	Cecil	
Katherine Berry	Carroll	
Katie Brown	Baltimore County	
Kelly Eichelberger	Queen Anne's	
Kim H. Slusar	Harford	
Kim Spence	Harford	
Kimberly Jones	Dorchester	
Lateef Owodunni	Prince Georges	
Lisa Nash	Baltimore County	
Marc Welch	Frederick	
Mary C. Wagner	SBE	
Monica Fields	Howard	
Nathan Reynolds	Cecil	
Patricia Jackson	Worecester	
Patricia Thorpe	Prince Georges	
Paula Pascall	SBE	
Richard Jerscheid	Anne Arundel	
Richard T. Siejack	Harford	
Rita Walczkevans	Baltimore County	
Robert Brady	Anne Arundel	
Ron Rhomas	Baltimore County	
Sloane Hurley	Dorchester	
Stuart Harvey	Frederick	
Susan Julian	St. Mary's	
Svetlana Passey	Calvert	
Tae Ferrar	St. Mary's	
Tammy Willis	Caroline	
Teresa Morningstar	Washington	
Teresa Womble	Howard	
Theresa Riggins	Worecester	
Tiffany Ferrell	Howard	
Tracy Dickerson	Charles	
Wendy Adkins	St. Mary's	