



Maryland Association of Election Officials

Representing the Local Election Boards of the State of Maryland

August 2, 2023
MINUTES

A meeting of the Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) was held in person on the 2nd day of August 2023. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were properly provided. The meeting was held at the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections office.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Garreis, President (Anne Arundel County)
Ruie Marie Lavoie, Vice President (Baltimore County)
Danna Archie-Williams, Treasurer (Baltimore County)
Abigail Goldman, Secretary (Baltimore City)
Anthony Gutierrez, Board Member (Frederick County)
Barry Jackson, Board Member (Washington County)
Kimberly Phillips, Board Member (Baltimore County)
Tae Frere, Board Member (St. Mary's County)
Chrissy Jones, Board Member (Queen Anne's County)

CALL TO ORDER:

President David Garreis called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. A quorum was established with 9 of the 9 board members present. Introductions were made and roll call of those in attendance was recorded.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- NFB Language
- MaCo

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Thanked everyone for coming to the in person meeting and there is about 10 months to the election.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Jared Demarinis addressed the group. He is looking forward to working with LBE. Wants the LBE to have all the resources and support we need. He wants a nice partnership and asks for patience during the transition.

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None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Danna Archie Williams gave a report which is attached to these minutes. A motion was made by Ms. Ruie Lavoie to accept the treasures report. Seconded by Ms. Tae Frere. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee Reports tabled for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Conference 2023:

Ms. Ruie Lavoie reported that the 2023 had the highest attendance. She reported that the original Ashore bill had no concessions but after a series of meeting with David, Danna, Abigail and herself we worked out concessions. It came out to about \$20,000 dollars and she has earmarked \$40,000 for the 2024 conference.

A survey was sent out by Ms. Abigail Goldman and thanked all for who all filled it out. Most of the complaints were about the Ashore hotel but all loved the sessions and speakers.

Ms. Lavoie thanked the Board for showing their appreciation for her work on the conference but would like to donate the monies to the scholarship fund.

Mr. Gutierrez said he would be honored to make the motion. Ms. Tae Frere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Conference 2024:

Ms. Lavoie said since it is a election year we must have an conference but the choices are:

- A one day conference
- 2 day conference
- A full regular 5 day conference
- Choice of months are March or September

In addition the Board asked Ms. Lavoie to look at other locations for the 2024 conference.

- She and Danna looked at many locations
 - Ashore – wants us to come back but will charge us a \$30 resort charge

- Rocky Gap – too small
- Baltimore City hotels – too expensive and parking is too expensive for each day.
- The Grand

Ms. Lavoie suggests we use the Grand. It is being run by Jackie Berger the old owner of the Clarion and will make sure everything is exactly what we need. She also passed out the copy of the quote. The Grand quote is the lowest.

Due to the dates and Ms. Lavoie will ask Jackie for earlier dates in September. Everyone felt March was not a good month.

Mr. Garries made a motion to approve the September dates and the Grand. All approved. Motion passed.

Pollbook Updates

Mr. Garreis gave an update from a MAEO/SBE committee meeting two weeks ago. He feels that the pollbooks are a no go, but SBE can't just cancel a project without reason. LBE's will need a letter from SBE why we are not using the pollbooks even though we have been paying for them.

Mr. Gutierrez asked that MAEO ask from SBE for a hard deadline on the project so we can make plans. We saw what happened in 2006.

Ms. Frere said there should be one message for communication. MAEO should write a letter to SBE about our concerns.

NEW BUSINESS:

Legislation: Ms. Katie Berry gave ideas for the 2024 general assembly session.

1. Election Officials Protection
2. Students earning service hours and receiving payment. Trying to find a way to get them both.
3. 50/50 cost split – codify language of who pays what.
4. HB1200 – Cleaning up the compensation of election judges' bonus and to amend to SBE to include in regulations what is a returning judge
5. HB410-Clean up on. We cannot keep on referring to the 2018 election when we have implemented the 2020 census information.
6. Unaffiliated voters and other voters need to be treated the same.

Mr. Garries also wants to add the wording to beef up the ability to make public buildings as early voting sites but not including schools on it.

Ms. Lavoie voiced opposition to #2. It will open doors to other volunteer service and student hours.

Ms. Berry asked the membership especially the directors and deputy directors to volunteer to become members of the State Regulation committee.

Movie – No Time to Fail:

Mr. Garreis brought up the movie that we had tabled in previous meeting until after the conference. He feels we should show it and volunteered the Anne Arundel County LBE> There is a small fee.

A motion was made by Ms. Abigail Goldman to move forward to getting the movie and Ms. Danna Archie Williams seconded it. It passed.

EAC-LLC:

Ms. Lavoie reported she and Ms. Katie Berry attended their first meeting. She reported that at the meeting she found it upsetting that the EAC mentioned every other State's change's but did not mention Maryland's at all. They did not include Maryland in their trends for drop boxes and election judges etc. She wants SBE to work with them to get us on their radar.

MaCO:

Ms. Lavoie thanked the Board of sending her to MaCO again.

NFB Language:

Ms. Melissia Dorsey presented the wording that was agreed to by the Attorney General's office and Election judge manual group. It must go to the NFB for their approval. It will read: "How do you want to mark your ballot? With a pen and paper. Or use a ballot marking device?"

Melissia asked for feedback on it. Allison Murphy voiced her concern that we need to say that both ballot choices need to be scanned.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made by Ms. Ruie Lavoie and second by Ms. Danna Archie-Williams, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am.

NEXT MEETING

Frederick County on September 15, 2023 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Goldman
Secretary

MEETING ATTENDANCE: MARCH 31, 2023 (* Denotes Board Member)

ATTENDEE	LBE
Abigail Goldman*	Baltimore City
Allison Murphy	Caroline
Amy Sullivan	Harford
Anthony Gutierrez*	Frederick
Barbara Salvatore	Harford
Barbara Wagner	Frederick
Barry Jackson*	Washington
Ben Frey	Somerset
Blaire Johnson	Baltimore County
Brandi Underwood	St Mary's
Chrissy Jones*	Queen Annes
Chrystal McGinn	SBE
Cheyenne Richards	Anne Arundel
Danna Archie Williams*	Baltimore County
David Garreis*	Anne Arundel
David Jones	St Mary's
Debra Brohawn	Caroline
Diane Loibel	Alleghany
Donald Gaither	Anne Arundel
Donna Hacker	Talbot
Erin Free	Queen Anne's
Erin Perrone	Carroll
Gwen Dales	Dorchester
James Harris	Baltimore County
Jena Anthony	Queen Annes
Sabrina Graves	Baltimore City
Karen Perry	Harford
Katie Berry	Carroll
Wendy Maddox	Alleghany
Bill Blackson	Wicomico
Dionne Church	Wicomico
Kimberly Phillips*	Baltimore County
Loralyn Sisler	Harford
Kim Slusar	Harford
Linda Miller	Anne Arundel
Nate Reynolds	Harford
Justin Walls	Harford
Jocelyn Montgomery	Wicomico
Gail Hatfield	Calvert
Kristen Scott	Calvert

Rob Jaensch	Calvert
Timothy Keith	Calvert
Shari Moran	Calvert
Fred Gleockler	Talbot
Kim Jones	Dorchester
Robert Brady	Anne Arundel
Ruie Lavoie*	Baltimore County
Sarah Leavitt	St. Mary's
Shane Blankenship	St Mary's
Colby Martin	Queen Annes
Sloan Hurley	Dorchester
Stephen Fergus	Harford
Susan Julian	St. Mary's
Brenda Powell	Somerset
Tae Frere*	St. Mary's
Julia Cox	Somerset
Teresa Morningstar	Washington
Jared Demarinis	SBE
Armstead Jones	Baltimore City
Stephanie Taylor	Harford
Amy Ringgold	Harford
Khrystyna Bednarek	Harford
Kim Spence	Queen Annes
Tammy Stafford	Talbot
LBES/SBE	
Alleghany	✓
Anne Arundel	✓
Baltimore City	✓
Baltimore County	✓
Calvert	x
Caroline	✓
Carroll	✓
Cecil	✓
Charles	x
Dorchester	✓
Frederick	✓
Garrett	x
Harford	✓
Howard	✓

Kent	X
Montgomery	✓
Prince Georges	✓
Queen Anne	✓
St Mary's	✓
Somerset	✓
Talbot	✓
Washington	✓
Wicomico	✓
Worcester	✓
SBE	✓