



Maryland Association of Election Officials

Representing the Local Election Boards of the State of Maryland

February 23, 2023
MINUTES

A meeting of the Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) was held in person on the 23rd day of February 2023. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were properly provided. The meeting was held at the Baltimore 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)
Chrissy Jones, Board Member (Queen Anne's County) (by phone)
Kimberly Phillips, Board Member (Baltimore County)
Tae Frere, Board Member (St. Mary's County)

CALL TO ORDER:

President David Garreis called the meeting to order at 10:05 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:

None

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Mr. Garries welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Highstarr Copy and Printing for the breakfast and lunch they were providing for MAEO today.

MINUTES:

Ms. Goldman presented the minutes of the January 24th meeting for their approval. Ms. Kim Phillips motioned to accept the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Anthony Gutierrez. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Danna Archie Williams presented her report. We are on track for the Conference budget this year. As of right now we have 319 members, and the number of memberships is rising. She is still waiting for 3 LBE's to give her their counties membership forms.

She reported that the educational funds are low and wants to talk to the Board about raising funds and suggests that the grants be put on hold this year due to the low balance. For example, this year 7 members went to iGO and the cost was 7 x \$400. We need to build in policy or business practices on the grant monies give out to individuals.

Ms. Chrissy Jones and Mr. David Garreis suggested if a grant is given then they should participate in fund raising for the committee.

Ms. Kimberly Phillips made a motion for a new business process. The motion was as follows:

1. Make sure every conference has a fund raiser for the educational fund.
2. Put funding on hold.
3. Application must be a committee active member.
4. Draw up guidelines.
5. Board be the final approval on grants.
6. Ms. Archie-Williams will work with Ms. Hatfield on the work process.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Tae Frere. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit– Ms. Gail Hatfield reported that it is too early for this report.

Awards & Recognition- None

Conference Planning – See in old business.

Constitution & Bylaws - none

Early Voting/Election Judges – Ms. Phillips reported that she and Ms. Graves are setting up a meeting for mid-March.

Educational & Grant – See Treasurers report.

Elections - none

Election Technology- Mr. Frey reported that a meeting will be held soon.

Legislative – Ms. Berry briefly went over some bills. She stated bills are moving fast. HB130 has crossed over. SB195 is on second reader today. (SB195 is the bill concerning making orphans court judges race a non-partisan race.

Mail-In Voting – Ms. Frere reported they met for a lesson learned. They submitted a lot of information to Jennifer and are working on cleaning up issues. They will meet again in March.

Newsletter – Ms. Jessica Norenbrock reported that they met this last Tuesday. Planning a pre-conference issue. Will reach out to LBE's for contact information.

Personnel – Ms. Lavoie and Ms. Perrone co-chair this committee. The election series will not change. However, they are open to help anyone with forms etc. that need to be filled out for personnel.

Standards- Ms. Dionne Church has nothing to report on currently but look forward to setting up a meeting soon.

State Regulations Review – Ms. Berry said they are meeting to clean up regulations.

Voter Outreach-The committee is trying to set up a meeting in March.

Voter Registration – No report

Website-Mr. Aslam reported that the website is up to date.

OLD BUSINESS:

Conference 2023:

Ms. Lavoie asked the membership to make reservations ASAP. If you do it on the online portal the hotel will take out one day. If you call up, they will not.

If you are going to pay by check the hotel needs the rooming sheet and payment by check mailed in prior to the conference. If you are paying by credit card the first person checking in will have to pay for all the attendees from that county. Each person will be asked for a credit card to be placed on record for incidentals.

This year Ms. Lavoie is happy to start the first book club will meet on Monday. She will let the membership know which book they will be discussing.

She listed the 2023 conference session for the Board. Mr. Garreis said to move forward with the agenda.

Ms. Lavoie also addressed the conference fee. With the rising cost of food etc., she feels that we need to raise the conference fee to \$250.00. In addition, guests must pay the full price. There is nowhere in Ocean City where you can eat 3 meals a day for 5 days for that cost. Mr. Barry Jackson made a motion to change the cost of the conference and agenda. Seconded by Ms. Kimberly Phillips. Motion carried.

Ms. Lavoie suggested that MAEO be administered the oath of office and to be ethical and should be done annually at the conference. Ms. Lavoie made the motion and Ms. Danna Archie-Williams seconded. All voted for it. Motion carried.

Mr. Gutierrez asked that the 60th anniversary of MAEO is coming up asked are we planning to do anything to commemorate it. Ms. Lavoie said we are now.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Berry from the Legislative Committee suggested a Legislative event. It would be a type of meet and greet for the legislature. She has no idea of the cost of it but maybe we could partner with another organization.

“No Time to Fail” is a publication and movie from Rhode Island that we can view and discuss for a MAEO learning session in the future. Rhode Island is very interested in showing it to us. (From the website: Amidst an onslaught of attacks from a sitting President and the deadly threat of a global pandemic, local election administrators work around the clock to secure the vote for their community. Rhode Island's election teams take center stage in this unprecedented voting adventure.”).

Ms. Lavoie made a motion to schedule it after the conference for a continuing education program for MAEO. Seconded by Ms. Archie-Williams. Motion carried. It was also suggested to invite the new LBE board members to it.

OPEN SESSION:

Mr. Andy Hightower and Mr. Shane Thompson from Hightower Copy and Print services introduced themselves.

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 11:30 am.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2023, at 10:00 am at the St. Mary's County Board of Elections and the color to wear that day is red, white and blue.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Goldman
Secretary

MEETING ATTENDANCE: FEBRUARY 23, 2023

* Denotes board member

ATTENDEE	LBE
Abigail Goldman*	Baltimore City
Allison Murphy	Caroline
Amy Sullivan	Harford
Andy Hightower	Anne Arundel
Anthony Gutierrez*	Frederick
Barbara Salvatore	Harford
Barry Jackson*	Washington
Ben Frey	Somerset
Blaire Johnson	Baltimore County
Boris Brajkovic	Montgomery
Brett Paradise	SBE
Briana Moore	
Cathy Cemegys	Harford
Cheemoandia Blake	Kent
Chrissy Jones*	Queen Anne's
Chrystal McGinn	SBE
Cindy Remyey	Cecil
Craig Booth	Baltimore County
Danna Archie Williams*	Baltimore County
David Garreis*	Anne Arundel
David Jones	St Mary's
Debbie Brohawn	Caroline
Devin Jones	Anne Arundel
Diane Loibel	Alleghany
Dionne Church	Wicomico
Donald Gaither	Anne Arundel
Donna Hacker	Talbot
Doug Walker	Cecil
Drew Hightower	Queen Annes
Duane Powell	SBE
Erika Penman	Baltimore County
Erin Free	Queen Anne's
Erin Perrone	Carroll
Gail Hatfield	Calvert
Garret Newbill	Baltimore County
Gwen Dales	Dorchester
Isaac Nogueron	Carroll
James Harris	Baltimore County
Janet Ross	Montgomery
Janie Quartucci	Anne Arundel

Jena Anthony	Queen Annes
Jessica Noranbrock	Dorchester
Jocelyn Montgomery	Wicomico
Judi East	Wicomico
Karen Perry	Harford
Katie Berry	Carroll
Kelly Eichelberger	Queen Anne's
Kenkishaw Alvi	Baltimore County
Kim Jones	Dorchester
Kim Slusar	Harford
Kim Spence	Queen Annes
Kimberly Phillips*	Baltimore County
Lateef Owodunni	Prince Georges
Lenice Austin	Baltimore County
Lisa Nash	Baltimore County
Marc Welch	Frederick
Mary Vavra Alcoser	Baltimore County
Melissia Dorsey	SBE
Mia Farber	Carroll
Michelle Meekins	Kent
Nicole Hill	Anne Arundel
Nikki Charleson	SBE
Patricia Jackson	Worcester
Paul Noranbrock	Wicomico
Reider White	Anne Arundel
Rita Evans	Baltimore County
Robert Brady	Anne Arundel
Robert Jaensch	Calvert
Ruie Lavoie*	Baltimore County
Sarah Leavitt	St. Mary's
Shane Blankenship	St Mary's
Shane Thompson (Guest)	Highstarr Copy and Printing
Shantice Nedd	Baltimore County
Sloan Hurley	Dorchester
Stephanie Taylor	Harford
Stephen Fergus	Harford
Susan Julian	St. Mary's
Tae Frere*	St. Mary's
Tammy Stafford	Talbot
Teresa Morningstar	Washington

Teresa Womble	Howard
Tiffany Ferrell	Howard
Tracy Dickerson	Charles
Tracy Hightower	Anne Arundel
Tyrone Creek	Baltimore County
Wendy Adkins	St. Mary's
Abigail Goldman	Baltimore City
LBES/SBE	
Alleghany	x
Anne Arundel	✓
Baltimore City	✓
Baltimore County	✓
Calvert	✓
Caroline	✓
Carroll	✓
Cecil	✓
Charles	✓
Dorchester	✓
Frederick	✓
Garrett	x
Harford	✓
Howard	✓
Kent	✓
Montgomery	✓
Prince Georges	✓
Queen Anne	✓
St Mary's	✓
Somerset	✓
Talbot	✓
Washington	✓
Wicomico	✓
Worcester	✓
SBE	✓

Minutes approved at the 3/31/2023 meeting