



Maryland Association of Election Officials

Representing the Local Election Boards of the State of Maryland

October 27, 2023
MINUTES

A meeting of the Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) was held in person on the 27th day of October 2023. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were properly provided. The meeting was held at the Anne Arundel 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)
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)
Abigail Goldman, Secretary (Baltimore City)

CALL TO ORDER:

President David Garreis called the meeting to order at 10:04 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. Garreis welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then named Ms. Tiffany Ferrell as Chair to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee because Mr. Gutierrez has a step down.

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None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit–None

Awards & Recognition- None

Conference Planning – See in old business.

Constitution & Bylaws - none

Early Voting/Election Judges – Ms. Phillips reported that she and Ms. Graves have a meeting set up for November 14, 2024, at Anne Arundel County Board of Elections

Educational & Grant – None

Elections – None

Election Technology- None

Legislative – Ms. Erin Perrone read John Michael's report, which is attached to these minutes.

Mail-In Voting – Ms. Frere and committee asked for a hole punch in the mail in envelope to see there is a ballot in there. The hole will be under the privacy flap and Taylor is working on it. Also, they are working on the ballot box signage on all four sides saying the ballot box slot is locked open.

Mr. Garries asked Ms. Jennifer McLaughlin from SBE if there are extra ballot boxes in case some of the boxes are sprayed painted or vandalized. She feels like she has a surplus but won't know until the final count. Harford county said they added white spray paint to their tool kit and WD-40 because they had that happened to them in 2022.

Newsletter – None

Personnel –Ms. Perrone and Ms. Lavoie are going to start a new mentor program for Directors and Deputy Directors. Next meetings end of November and topic is budget. Mr. Garreis also mentioned a topic to discuss in employee retention.

Standards- Ms. Dionne Church stated her committee is working with SBE drafting online manual.

State Regulations Review – None

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

Voter Registration – Ms. Ferrell step down as co-chair but will still participate. Ms. Frere spoke to Ms. Amy Sullivan and she is willing to work as a cochair.

Website- Mr. Richard Jerscheid met with Mr. Val Patterson from Howard County wants to have him as his co-chair.

OLD BUSINESS:

Conference update on one day or multiple days.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OPEN SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made by Ms. Tae Frere and second by Ms. Chrissy Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 am.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be November 13, 2023 at 10 AM at Anne Arundel County followed by the Holiday Social.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Goldman
Secretary