



Maryland Association of Election Officials

Representing the Local Election Boards of the State of Maryland

June 20, 2024
MINUTES

A meeting of the Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) was held in person on the 20th day of June 2024. 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)
Danna Archie-Williams, Treasurer (Baltimore County)
Anthony Gutierrez, Board Member (Frederick County)
Barry Jackson, Board Member (Jackson County)
Kimberly Phillips, Board Member (Baltimore County)
Tae Frere, Board Member (St. Mary's County)
Abigail Goldman, Secretary (Baltimore City)

On Phone:

Ruie Marie Lavoie, Vice President (Baltimore County)
Chrissy Jones, Board Member (Queen Anne's County)

CALL TO ORDER:

President David Garreis called the meeting to order at 9:02 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.

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None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Danna Archie Williams gave an update on membership as of this date 23 LBE's have their paperwork and payment in. One LBE only has their paperwork in.

Currently there are 399 members.

Mr. Anthony Gutierrez motioned to accept the treasurers report and it was seconded by Ms. Kimberly Phillips.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Audit–None

Awards & Recognition- None

Conference Planning – See in old business.

Constitution & Bylaws – Ms. Tae Frere reported that there are two bylaw changes and additions for this year's election.

Early Voting/Election Judges – None

Educational & Grant – None

Elections – None

Election Technology- None

Legislative – John Michael Gudger gave an updated report and will like to have a legislative meeting during the summer to discuss MAEO's priority for legislation.

Mail-In Voting –None

Newsletter – Ms. Jessica Norenbrock reported that Mr. Shawn Larsen is stepping back from the leadership role.

Personnel –Ms. Erin Perrone gave a short report on Ms. Katie Berry's email this morning regarding COLA's etc.

Standards- None

State Regulations Review – None

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

Voter Registration– It was reported that there are issues with the printers disappearing from MDVOTERS and petitions are coming and the OLUP's are now with the regular batches.

Website- None

In addition the Voter Registration/MIB committees spoke together stating that there will be a MIB lessons learned with Jennifer McLaughlin from SBE on issues the LBE's had after the primary election.

OLD BUSINESS:

Conference - 2024

Ms. Ruie Lavoie reported that the annual meeting 2024 will be held on August 20, 2024 at the Baltimore County office. Mr. Jared DeMarinis will open the meeting. There will be a small \$20 cost per person. Ruie asked the board if they wanted to do a theme and there was an overwhelming yes to that. She is going to send out a theme e-mail. Anthony said keep in mind this is the 60th anniversary of MAEO. Ruie hopes to end the conference about 3:00 PM. And there will be a virtual aspect of it.

Conference – 2025

Ms. Ruie Lavoie presented 2 contracts from the Grand Hotel and the Ashore Resort & Beach Club. The dates for the conference will be May 4th through 10th, 2025. A discussion followed about the two contracts. Ms. Kimberly Phillips made a motion that we accept the Grand Hotels contract and Mr. Barry Jackson seconded it. All voted yes with one abstention of Ms. Ruie Lavoie.

NEW BUSINESS:

Certificate of Candidacy: Mr. Barry Jackson motioned to approve it seconded by Ms. Tae Frere.

Mail in Ballot Application: Mr. David Garries handed out the Mail in Ballot application. A discussion was held about making the print bigger. Mr. Garries will work on it.

IGo

Ms. Chrissy Jones reported that the IGo conference is going to be July 19th through 24th in New Orleans at the Sheraton.

Guest Speaker Policy: Tae Frere brought up having a MAEO guest speaker policy. Discussion was had about this. In the end it was decided that Mr. Anthony Gutierrez made a motion to put on the name of the company and the and the topic of the speaker and put a disclaimer on each agenda that we have a guest speaker. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barry Jackson. However, it's going to on hold over to next meeting so we can put disclaimer together.

MACo Summer Conference

Mr David Garreis nominated Ms. Ruie Lavoie to represent MAEO. The motion was seconded by Ms. Danna Archie Williams. It going to be held on August 14th the 17th and Ocean City. Mr. David Garreis also nominated Mr. John Michael Gudger to go since he is the Legislative committee head. The board unanimously approved it.

OPEN SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made by Ms. Tae Frere and second by Ms. Danna Archie Williams. The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 am.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be July 10, 2024, at 10 AM at Anne Arundel County.

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail Goldman
Secretary

Passed with corrections at the July 10, 2024 Board Meeting