



Maryland Association of Election Officials

Representing the Local Election Boards of the State of Maryland

2024 Annual Meeting of the Membership

Event Information

August 20, 2024

Registration Deadline: August 9, 2024

The Maryland Association of Election Officials (MAEO) Annual Meeting of the Membership will be held on August 20, 2024 at the Baltimore County Board of Elections located at 5 Crossing Way in Owings Mills, Maryland. Following the primary election, as we prepare for the 2024 Presidential General Election, MAEO members from every Maryland jurisdiction will join together for election specific training, collaborative, innovative best practices, support and inspiration.

In line with our event theme, ***Transparent Elections, Trusted Results***, and the MAEO mission, sessions will benefit every election official. The event will provide an opportunity for MAEO members to learn, share and connect. Industry experts, stakeholders and partners will be in attendance, providing support of our mission to conduct free and fair elections in Maryland. The agenda includes the “behind the scenes” community of support election officials enjoy. Each session will explore a roadmap and tools to assist in our success. We have also added a little fun to the day of learning. There will be fabulous door prizes including Ravens’ tickets, OC hotel stays, a flatscreen TV and more given away throughout the day!

Registration

There is no fee for MAEO members; however, there is a \$40.00 registration fee for non-members. A light breakfast, coffee breaks, lunch, and an afternoon break will be provided. The savings realized last year will cover the food and beverage cost for members.

Due to space limitations, there is a cap on the number of attendees. **Each jurisdiction is asked to submit one registration form with all attendees from that local board listed.** Please list *everyone* that would like to attend in person on one registration form, with the top 5 first. We will do everything in our power to accommodate all MAEO members that wish to attend in person. Special arrangements will need to be made if more than 5 MAEO members from a jurisdiction want to attend. The event will be livestreamed in view/listen only mode. Unfortunately, attendees who join virtually will not be able to participate by chat or voice. The registration deadline is COB on August 9, 2024. One registration form from each jurisdiction should be sent to Abigail at Abigail.goldman@baltimorecity.gov. All attendee (in person and virtual) must be listed. Please be sure to include the RSVP for the reception. Abigail is available should you have any questions.

Reception and Networking

After the close of the Annual Meeting, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. there will be a networking reception at a nearby locally owned restaurant, Don Tigre, 9433 Common Brook Rd, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Wear purple, black or orange to show your pride in our Baltimore sports teams! There may be some very special surprise guests! Join us in a positive, supportive environment, with food and fun included! Hold on to your raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the door prizes! Please include the RSVP for the reception when submitting the registration form.

Speakers, Presentations and Sessions

Election officials play a vital role in our democracy and are appreciated and supported by so many. Our goal is for each attendee to leave feeling inspired, supported and ready to conduct the general election.

- ***The Power of Collaboration***

MAEO is honored to have Jen Easterly, Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) as our Special Guest Speaker. Maryland election officials have a community of agencies working in concert, behind-the-scenes to support us and to ensure our safety and success. Having this incredible network fosters an atmosphere of communication and trust, leading to innovation, empowerment, collaboration, education and security. We are not alone.

- ***#Protect2024 Election Security***

Join the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Baltimore for an interactive session where election security experts will be on a moderated panel to have a conversation on safeguarding elections leading up to the challenging general election.

- ***Legislation, What Lies Ahead***

The Department of Legislation, the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo), the State Board and the MAEO Legislative Committee will share information about new and proposed legislation that affects how Maryland elections are conducted.

- ***We Can Do This! Preparing for a Challenging Election***

Presented by the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL). Preparing for and administering an election is hard work. Outside pressures, day-of issues, and post-election day work is just the tip of all that Maryland election officials manage when administering safe and secure elections; however, hard work does not have to be done alone. Join us as we share out regional resources, highlight important local relationships, and walk through how to navigate false election day narratives.

- ***Sh%t Happens, How We Manage Makes a Difference***

Presentation from The Election Group and ideas42. Election administration is under more scrutiny than ever before and expectations are high, but despite all the care and contingency planning, sometimes sh%t happens. In this session, we will equip election officials with a playbook for crisis management and dispel the notion that mistakes are not permissible. Mistakes happen. It's how we manage them that can make the difference between a drizzle and a sh%tstorm.

- ***Taking Care of Yourself and Others***

Presented by the Partnership for Large Election Jurisdictions (PLEJ). In the challenging world of conducting elections, resilience, or the capacity to withstand or to recover quickly is a valuable skill or characteristic that helps us thrive in the face of adversity. Building a unique resilience starts with taking care of yourself and others. Join this session to learn how to support your own well-being and the well-being is your election family and team.

- ***Primary Pain Points***

LBE and SBE partner for success. This roundtable discussion will highlight areas of concern and obstacles that Maryland election officials faced during the 2024 Primary election. Ideas, suggestions and recommendations to minimize or eliminate the obstacles will be discussed.

- ***US Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Field Services Program***

Presentation by the US Election Assistance Commission. An outline of the benefits and of the new Field Service Program including the scope of services and products. This new program is designed to support and assist us through every election cycle.

MAEO Election

The MAEO Election will be held with in-person voting. MAEO members may also choose to vote by mail. Election information, a sample ballot, voting options and candidate information can be found at maeo.net. Please direct questions regarding the MAEO election to the Election Committee Chair, Richard Jerscheid by email to richard.jerscheid@maryland.gov.

Event Security

The health and safety of our election family remains our number one priority. Security will be onsite during the event and the reception.

Hotel Information

Arrangements for reduced room rates (before and after the day of the event) have been made with a nearby hotel, in close proximity to the Baltimore County election office and *Don Tigre* where the reception will be held.

To reserve lodging:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/bwiomqi-bbe-41ff9f55-43f7-48fc-aab7-e2ee2cdaf333/>

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Questions

Please contact our Event Planner, Ruie, by email to rlavoie@baltimorecountymd.gov with questions or if you need assistance. We look forward to seeing you!



***Transparent Elections,
Trusted Results***