

MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION

November 13, 2007

35 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
240-313-2050

Present:

Board

Eileen Wiggins, President
John Benchoff, Democratic Member
Clyde Tate, Republican Member
Sharon Washington, Democratic Alternate
Carroll Earp, Republican Alternate
Roger Schlossberg, Attorney

Staff

Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director, I
Sherrie A. Bonebrake, Election Administrative Assistance II

Eileen Wiggins called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of October

Eileen Wiggins asked if the Board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of the October 9, 2007 Board Meeting. Approved as submitted.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda:

Kaye Robucci requested the following addition to the agenda under New Business: Delegate Chris Shank with the Washington County Citizens Information Guide

Correspondence:

- A. E-mail to Board Members
MAEO Minutes, MAEO Agenda, MAEO Conf. Theme,
Matrix on HR811
Biennial Evaluation Form, MD Budget Cuts
- B. E-mail from Mary DePelteau re 4th Circuit Upholds MD's Alphabetical Order of
Candidate Listing – Always done this way
- C. Democratic Delegate Selection Procedures –Two females, Two males and One male
alternate will be elected.

Reports:

- A. Charter Review Committee- Roger Schlossberg reported that he will have a draft letter
for the December meeting.
- B. Biennial Meeting - John Benchoff reported on the following items:

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- Carroll Earp won \$25! He shared his winnings by bringing dessert to the Board meeting.
 - Video on how to assist voters with disabilities at the polls - the do's and don'ts. Kaye Robucci encouraged the Board to read Chapter 3 in the Election Judges' Manual regarding Voters with Disabilities. The Board recommended contacting Linn Hendershot and asking for input from him and an advocacy group on how well we are accommodating voters with disabilities at the polling places. We would like Mr. Hendershot to review the procedures during the primary election and report back to the Board.
 - SBE has published a new 23 page guide for Challengers and Watchers. It will be available soon and each Board member would like a copy.
 - Attorney General, Douglas Gansler, appointed a task force to hold public hearings across Maryland in order to compile a report detailing irregularities in the 2006 elections and to make recommendations. Washington County has offered to host a meeting.
- C. Modification – Electronic Poll book Printer
- November 9, Nathan Robinson, Regional Manager, came and helped the staff do modifications to the printers to prevent frying the cords in the machines and also to pull all batteries and charge them.
- D. Charter Question:
- The County Attorney is working on the wording. The wording is needed by Donna Duncan, SBE, by December 3, 2007.

Old Business:

- A. Review By-Laws – cont'd
The Board continued the process of reviewing the By- Laws.
Tabled at this time; stopped at Section 4.2
- B. League of Women's Voters –Our speaking engagement on November 6, 2007 was cancelled. To be rescheduled at a later time
- C. Christmas Party
Our party will be December 5, 2007 at 6:30 PM at the Fireside Restaurant. John and Theresa Barr have been invited to be our guests and to thank them for their hospitality in letting us have our picnics at their home.

New Business:

Return of Memory cards election night revised
Revised procedures were given to the Board to review and discuss at the December Board meeting.

Question about Washington County Citizens Information Guide, a courtesy of Delegate Chris Shank, Roger Schlossberg said it's all Public information and it's not wrong for him to use the Election Board's materials.

Member Remarks:

John Benchoff will meet about the phones on Nov. 14, 2007 with Bob Foltz at 2:00 at the Board of Education.

We will ask the poll workers to use their cell phones instead of issuing phones on Election Day. A small reimbursement for use will be discussed.

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections will be held December 11, 2007 at 2:00 PM at the Board office.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time. John Benchoff made a motion to adjourn at 3:33 PM; Roger Schlossberg seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Wiggins
Eileen Wiggins, Board President

12/11/07
Date

Sherrie Bonebrake
Sherrie Bonebrake, Elect Admin Assist II

11-20-07
Date