

PROCEEDINGS

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

May 8, 2001

Present: Richard L. Coss, Board President
Marianne Schneider, Democratic Member
Charles Mobley, Republican Member
Eileen Wiggins, Democratic Alternate
Dorothy M. Waters, Republican Alternate
Roger Schlossberg, Attorney
Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director II
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director I

Richard Coss called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

MINUTES: Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2001 Board meeting; Marianne Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Memo from the Office of the Attorney General regarding minor parties. A minor political party with at least 1% of the State's registered voters affiliated with that party may nominate its candidate by convention.

Memo from Robert Antonetti regarding an Amendment to Article IX dealing with the replacement of Board Members. This will be voted on at the MAEO meeting in June.

State Board Meeting minutes of March 14, 2001 and Election Directors meeting minutes of March 19, 2001; were distributed.

Memo from Kitty Davis, representing Western Maryland, regarding the requirements in a new voting system. She will send the information to Barbara Fisher.

Report from Marvin Cheatham on the Federal Election Commission panel meeting held May 4 & 5, 2001. We will request a full report be E-mailed to us.

OLD BUSINESS: Charles Mobley will meet with Pete Loewenheim, Director of Communications, to discuss our communication problems on election day. The Board discussed the various needs for election day:

- Communications from office to polling places
- Communications from office to SBE and other counties
- Communications from office to Board Members
- Communications from polling places to office
- Communications from public to office

The Board discussed the Revised Voting System Extension Agreement. The State is recommending that the counties sign the extension agreements. The annual fee would be \$62,400.00. The City of Hagerstown is not included in the Extension Agreement but their portion would be \$7,500.00 annually. Roger Schlossberg will write a letter to John Martirano, Assistant County Attorney, stating that the Board wants the extension and indicating that the extension agreement does not include the City of Hagerstown. Roger Schlossberg will inform John Martirano that the annual cost to the city would be \$7,500.00. Dorothy Kaetzel will send a copy of the letter to Anna Pennesi.

Travel plans for MAEO were finalized. Dorothy Kaetzel will drive the office staff and they will leave at 2:00 PM on June 10, 2001. Richard Coss will drive and take Dot and Marianne. Everyone else is on their own. The next board meeting will be held at MAEO.

Continuing Education Classes will be held at Anne Arundel County Community College from July 21 - 28, 2001. Dorothy Kaetzel thinks she has enough money in her budget to pay for the tuition. She has requested money from the State for room and board.

Dorothy Kaetzel informed the Board that she sent letters to 20 of the best qualified individuals on the list for the Election Clerk II position. No one wants the job. Dorothy will ask Ernestine Blake-Green to schedule a test.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board discussed their working relationship with the City of Hagerstown. The City is considering changing the dates of their election to coincide with the county elections. Roger Schlossberg will inquire if other counties have local contests with their state elections. Roger will also check if these changes have to go through the legislature. The City Charter would need to be rewritten. Roger Schlossberg suggested scheduling a meeting with the City of Hagerstown to discuss these matters. He recommended the following be involved in the meeting: Bruce Zimmerman, Bill Nairn, Rod Shoop, Roger Schlossberg, Anna Pennesi, Dorothy Kaetzel and several board members.

Charles Mobley reported on the voting system vendors show held May 1, 2001. He documented his comments and sent them to Helen Koss.

A Director's meeting will be held May 9, 2001.

Charles Mobley made a motion to adjourn at 3:41 PM; Marianne Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye E. Robucci
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Election Deputy Director I