

PROCEEDINGS

BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

August 11, 1998

Present: Richard L. Coss, President
Daris Phillips, Democrat Member
Charles Mobley, Jr., Republican Member
Dorothy M. Waters, Republican Alternate
Mark P. Brugh, Attorney
Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director II
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director I

Richard called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roger Schlossberg, Democratic Alternate, was absent.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Board Meeting held July 14, 1998, were revised. The last paragraph on page 2 was revised to read "Due to an incomplete filing his name will not appear on the ballot." Correction on page 3, Janet Buchanan will be in our office on July 23 (not August 23) to help with programing the ballot. Jim made a motion to revise the minutes, Daris seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Memo from Kathleen Hoke Dachille regarding the Ethics Questions was discussed. Richard may participate in all election activity except for a challenge to the Democratic Central Committee. If this occurs, Roger will sit in. Roger may also participate in all election activity. A challenge to the Republican Central Committee will not affect Roger because the Board will render a decision. If there is a challenge to the Republican Central Committee and advice is needed from Mark; the question will be asked in a general fashion that does not identify the race or we will call Kathleen Hoke Dachille.

Advice from Kathleen Hoke Dachille, Assistant Attorney General, regarding the use of cellular phones within the polling place. She advised the local boards to adopt a policy. Jim made a motion that the use of communication devices (ie: cellphones, beepers etc.) within the polling place is prohibited with the exception of election officials. Challenger and watchers are not considered election officials. Daris seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Agenda for the State Board Meeting was distributed.

Memo from Kathleen Hoke Dachille regarding the 1998 filings by Reform Party Candidates. The Reform Party did not file the Declaration of Intent by July 6 and did not file the petitions required by August 3, 1998; therefore the filings were rejected.

SABEL has devised a policy on public information requests from state inmates. This policy will be condensed and placed in our policy and procedures book.

The Voting Integrity Project (VIP) will be monitoring the 1998 elections in Maryland. They must follow the regulations for Challengers and Watchers. Challengers and Watchers must be registered voters in Maryland.

Memo from Kathleen Hoke Dachele regarding the request from an organization to set up a table within the one hundred foot limit to allow election fraud to be reported. Because they would not be electioneering or canvassing, they would be allowed within the 100' limit.

Bertrand Iseminger, Jr. is eligible to appear on the General Election Ballot. A total of 1914 valid signatures were required.

OLD BUSINESS: Jim made a motion to accept the discussed punctuation and clarifying language changes pertaining to the Grievance Procedures. Daris seconded the motion and all were in favor. Jim made a motion that the revised Grievance Procedures be adopted; Daris seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jim made a motion to adopt The Challenger to Voter Identity Procedures; Daris seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Dorothy informed the Board that Copy Quik had given us a quote of \$13,000.00 to mail sample ballots. Money has not been budgeted for the mailing. The Board decided to defer the mailing of sample ballots until the year 2000. Dorothy will budget for it.

Dorothy updated the Board on the use of beepers at the polling places. Five cellular phones are needed for (3-1,14-1,15,20 & 26-3). Nine beepers are needed, (7 for polling places and one each for Richard and Jim). Each beeper will cost \$20.88 for the 3 month period.

The Logic & Accuracy test is September 1, 1998.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim will contact Mr. Patterson to ask for help from the scouts on election night.

The Chief Judges of 26-3 will transport the election materials to the polling place.

We hope to have our election material picked up either August 21 or August 24. Jim and Richard will pick up our material. Dorothy will contact the county to see if a vehicle is available.

Friday, August 14 is the deadline to order a list from SABEL.

The deadline to register to August 17, 1998 at 9:00 PM.

Daris will not be at poll workers school on Thursday, August 13, 1998. Mark will not be at school on Thursday, August 20, 1998.

Next meeting September 8, 1998.

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 3:48 PM; Richard seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye E. Robucci

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Election Deputy Director I