

MINUTES

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION March 8, 2011

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

Present:

Board

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

Staff

Kaye Robucci, Election Director, I
Sharon Mackereth, Acting Deputy Director, I

Eileen Wiggins called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Roger Schlossberg, Board Attorney, was absent. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of February 8, 2011:

Eileen Wiggins asked if the Board had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of the February 8, 2011 Board Meeting. Eileen Wiggins and Carroll Earp found an error on page 2, under "**Old Business: B.**" - the word "**upset**" should be "**setup**"; and Kaye Robucci made a modification on page 4, under "**New Business: A.**" Change sentence to "**Senator Christopher Shank has requested pay information and duties regarding the Board.**" Approved as amended.

Addition/Changes to the Agenda:

Kaye Robucci requested additions under **Correspondence**: Mid-Session Update Information and MAEO Miscellaneous Information and under **New Business**: MAEO Reservations and Doris James Retirement Party.

Correspondence:

- A. MAEO Legislative Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2011 – E-Mailed to Board
- B. Hearing Schedule – E-Mailed to Board
- C. Bills introduced since February 7, 2011 – E-Mailed to Board
- D. MAEO Legislative Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2011 – E-Mailed to Board
- E. Legislation regarding "Voting by Mail" – E-Mailed to Board

F. HB954 – E-Mailed to Board

G. SB896 & SB913 – E-Mailed to Board

H. Testimony from MAEO regarding HB436 – E-Mailed to Board

I. MAEO/Biennial Draft Agenda – E-Mailed to Board

We need to come up with two items for door-prizes, something unique to Washington County. In the past, we have taken an arrangement of apples. Suggestions were made such as – Wine, from a winery here in Washington County or maybe something from the Flower and Garden Show coming up this weekend.

J. MAEO Reservation Information – E-Mailed to Board

K. Biennial, requirement to attend – E-Mailed to Board

L. MAEO Regarding Changes to MAEO Bi-Laws – E-Mailed to Board

M. General Election Absentee & Provisional Statistical Reports – E-Mailed to Board

N. Legislative Hearing Schedule and Tracking Charts, 2/25/11 & 3/4/11 – E-Mailed to Board

O. LBE Board Attorney Pay Survey – E-Mailed to Board

P. Letter from Victoria Hastings, Chief Judge 27-1 no longer available to work.

John Benchoff commented that Victoria Hastings was a great Election Worker and will be missed.

Q. Mid-Session Legislation Update from Stuart Harvey, Election Director, Frederick County –

Listing of the Bills and where they stand in both the Senate and the House and showing which ones are considered favorable or unfavorable and where MAEO stands on them.

R. MAEO Miscellaneous Information –

The MAEO Recognition Committee is asking for names of anyone you would like to have recognized at this conference for outstanding service as well as any retirees. Kaye Robucci will submit Doris James, who recently retired.

- B. Clyde Tate informed the Board that he will be out of town March 25th through 29th. He is going to Fort Benning, GA for a military reunion. Mr. Tate also stated that he has a medical procedure coming up for a knee replacement. The date has not been set, as of yet.
- C. Carroll Earp inquired as to the procedures in choosing the Board Attorney. Eileen Wiggins stated that the Board Attorney is appointed at the Organizational Meeting, June 7, 2011 - first monthly meeting after the new appointments are in place.

Scheduling of Next Meeting:

The next Washington County Election Board meeting will be held on April 12, 2011 at 2:00 PM.

Distributed Information:

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, a motion was made to adjourn by John Benchoff at 2:52 PM; Sharon Washington seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Compiled by Sharon C. Mackereth
Acting Deputy Director, I

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Wiggins
Eileen Wiggins, Board President

4/19/11
Date

Carroll Earp
Carroll Earp, Board Secretary

4/19/11
Date