

PROCEEDINGS

**BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY
SEPTEMBER 10, 1996**

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

Richard called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Mark Brugh, Attorney, was absent.

MINUTES: Daris motioned and Jim seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on August 13, 1996 be approved as submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Delegate Bennett Bozman to Gene Raynor, SABEL, was distributed. Delegate Bozman opposes proposed legislation requiring uniform pay to poll workers in all counties. The matter has been referred to the Commission to Revise the Election Code.

Memo from Donna Duncan regarding the 1997 Departmental Legislation was distributed. SABEL has submitted three 1997 proposals including: Audit of Campaign Reports, Uncontested Candidates on Ballot and Voter Registration Application Deadline.

Memo from Gene Raynor, SABEL, certifying the 1996 General Election Statewide Ballot Questions was distributed. There will be 6 questions on the November Ballot.

Memo from Helen Koss, Chairman SABEL Board, regarding accommodations for blind and handicapped voters was distributed. We do place the booth for handicapped voters away from the main activity. Joe Torre will be meeting with voting equipment vendors to discuss technologies in regards to handicapped voters.

Memo from Ernestine Blake Green, SABEL, regarding Personnel Reform, House Bill 774, was distributed. Dorothy will be attending a meeting on Friday, September 13.

SABEL Minutes from April - July were distributed.

Letter from Mayor Steve Sager to Gene Raynor regarding the sale of the City Light Plant was distributed. Mayor Sager was asking if a special election could be held in conjunction with the November 5, 1996 Election.

Roger Schlossberg entered the meeting at 2:14 P.M.

Memo from Joan Mobley, SABEL, regarding the new dial service was distributed. A meeting will be held to discuss the new service. Dorothy informed the Board that Ron Whitt, Director of the County Computer Information System, would be interested in providing the computer services needed if we no longer use the Annapolis Data Center. Dorothy will set up a meeting with Ron Whitt to discuss this option.

Jim suggested we contact SABEL and ask if we could use their access number instead of the 1-800 number we have been using since we are on the County Centrex. The 1-800 number has resulted in phone bills of \$175.00 a month.

The 1997 Biennial Meeting will be held October 19 - 21 in Ocean City, MD. Dorothy will inform SABEL that our preference for the 1999 meeting is Ocean City.

The Natural-Law Party is now established in Maryland. Name and address of the party contact was distributed.

Letter from Mary Lunden to Marcia Marshall, Director of Goucher College, was distributed. Mary Lunden was responding to questions that arose when Goucher College held a voter registration drive in which several students registered using their dormitory address.

Copies of the Certificate of Nomination for Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees for the Republican, Libertarian, Reform, Natural-Law and Taxpayers parties were distributed.

Memo from Donna Duncan regarding the political party status was distributed.

Memo from Donna Duncan regarding the ballot order for the New Parties was distributed.

Letter from Gene Raynor to Marie Garber, Chairman of the Commission to Revise the Election Code, was distributed. Mr. Raynor submitted four items that the State Board voted to refer to the Commission and additional notes from SABEL staff. The Commission is requesting suggestions and views on several issues to be discussed on September 18. In lieu of the time frame, Richard suggested that if any Board Member wishes to testify to the issues they may do so as a member of the Washington County Election Board.

Memo from Tom Surock, SABEL, regarding the transmittal of voter registration applications from the MVA was distributed. Richard informed the Board that the MVA now has a large banner and signs at each window reminding the public that voter registration is available.

Copy of letter to Don Allensworth from Rebecca Wicklund was distributed. Because Don changed his party affiliation he must withdraw as a Democrat and re-file as a Republican. He has until September 24 to withdraw.

OLD BUSINESS: Copies of the rules and regulations pertaining to the Washington County Agricultural Center were distributed. The rent will be \$2000.00.

Copy of the Application for Temporary Certificate was distributed. Roger made a motion to place the application on the back of the Temporary Certificate and add a date line; Jim seconded the motion and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Dorothy distributed copies of the BRC schedule for the General Election. Dorothy informed the Board that the Public Test will be at 11:30 am on October 24, 1996.

Dorothy informed the Board that we can have the Agricultural Center on October 7. Dorothy will contact BRC to see if the OPTECH's can be delivered on October 9 or 10. The absentee ballots should arrive by September 16. The rest of the ballots will be delivered directly to the Ag Center around October 10.

The Board decided that the ballots will be locked in the ballot boxes after the L&A Test on October 24.

Richard and Jim discussed picking up the election supplies (if ready) on October 17.

Dorothy informed the Board that we will be following the same procedures for Absentee Ballots as we did for the Primary Election.

Dorothy distributed a Chief Judge Reminder List to the Board for their approval. She will make some revisions and present it to the Board at the October meeting.

Christmas Party will be held Wednesday, December 18, at the Twilight Ristorante. Roger will call for reservations.

Poll worker training will be held Monday, September 16, at 1:00 PM.

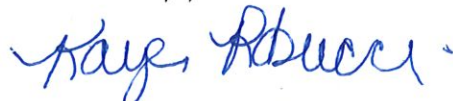
Richard thanked the staff for helping at the Kids Voting fund raiser.

Dorothy asked the Board if we could use the sample ballots supplied by BRC instead of having them printed. BRC supplies them for \$170.00 and to have them printed would be \$495.00. Jim motioned and Daris seconded to use the sample ballots supplied by BRC.

Next meeting will be held October 8, 1996.

Motion made by Jim and seconded by Dot to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Sincerely,



Kaye E. Robucci
Election Deputy Director I