

PROCEEDINGS

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

March 20, 2001

Present: Marianne Schneider, Democratic Member
Charles Mobley, Republican Member
Eileen Wiggins, Democratic Alternate
Dorothy M. Waters, Republican Alternate
Dorothy M. Kaetzel, Election Director II
Kaye E. Robucci, Election Deputy Director I

In Richard Coss's absence, Marianne Schneider assumed the chair and called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Roger Schlossberg, Attorney, was also absent.

MINUTES: Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2001, Board meeting; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion and all were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Report from the National Association of State Election Directors held February 2 - 4, 2001. PSI Net, an independent testing authority, will replace Nichols Laboratory.

MAEO supports HB 746 which provides a salary increase for our poll workers.

Dorothy Kaetzel informed the Board that Roscoe Swiger, Board Member Garrett County, passed away on February 22, 2001. A card was sent to his family.

Legislative Committee Meeting minutes of February 26, 2001 were distributed.

MAEO meeting will be held June 10 - 13, 2001 at the Holiday Inn Select in Timonium, MD.

Response from Tim Augustine, Deputy Administrator, to Baltimore City and the Local Boards regarding the letter from Baltimore City about the statewide voter registration system.

State Board meeting minutes from December 13, 2000 were distributed.

The 2001 Biennial Meeting will be held October 14 - 17, 2001 at Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center. They are requesting suggestions for a theme and topics.

COMAR Title 33 has been distributed to all Board Members, the Attorney and Election Director. Supplements will be received each September for a cost of \$10.00 each. List of Voting System Vendors who have submitted applications or letters of intent to the State for certification was discussed.

The Special Committee that was reviewing voting systems and election procedures released their report. The Committee is recommending the use of direct recording electronic voting system for use at the polls and optical scan system for absentee voting. The committee also recommended the use of provisional ballots. There are 2 bills in the General Assembly pertaining to this report.

OLD BUSINESS: Dorothy Kaetzel distributed copies of the Keystone NT Voice Information System to the Board. She requested that they review the information and Jim Mobley will be in contact with Pete Loewenheim.

The Board reviewed the Extension Agreement received from ES&S. Dorothy sent a copy to Karen Luther, Purchasing Director, and to Richard Douglas, County Attorney. The Board decided to table the subject until the April Board Meeting to allow time for the General Assembly to move on the 2 bills regarding a statewide voting system.

NEW BUSINESS: Kaye Robucci will make reservations for the upcoming MAEO meeting.

City of Hagerstown Primary was held March 13, 2001. There was 11.7% turnout.

Jim Mobley discussed the recent census figures. Washington County has 70% of the voting age population registered to vote.

Jim Mobley made a motion to adjourn at 2:47 PM; Eileen Wiggins seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Next meeting will be April 10, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,



Kaye E. Robucci
Election Deputy Director I