

## PROCEEDINGS

### WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

April 11, 2000

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

Richard Coss called the meeting to order at 2:00. James Sprecher, Democratic Alternate, was absent.

**MINUTES:** Jim Mobley made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2000 board meeting, Marianne Schneider seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter from Linda Lamone to the Maryland Senators and Representatives regarding the prohibition to use military facilities as polling places. She requested their assistance in having this law rescinded.

Minutes of the State Board Meeting held February 9, 2000 were distributed and the following items discussed: The bills for the reclassification of the election staff were approved by the house and senate. If signed by the Governor, the increases would take effect July 1, 2000. A bill allowing election judges to be recruited from other Maryland counties also passed. There was a problem with the printing of the primary VACs and currently are unable to be scanned for voter history. Also, a bill was submitted that would require the election directors to file financial disclosures.

Emergency Contingency Plans were received from the State Board. They will be added to our procedures manual.

The MAEO Conference will be held June 4 - 6, 2000 at Rocky Gap. We will make reservations.

Roger Schlossberg discussed two Attorney General Reports. He explained the question Senator Mooney asked regarding how many candidates each voter can choose in the primary election for school board. The other report dealt with electioneering in large buildings. Article 33, 16-206 (2) indicates that electioneering may not be allowed within 100' from the entrance and exit of the building that are closest to that part of the building in which voting occurs.

Responses were received from several poll workers regarding their omission of some election duties. They experienced many problems with the padlocks and seals.

Memo from Karen Hoyt-Stewart regarding primary election day problems and future solutions.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jim Mobley reported on his polling place surveys. District 5 and District 23 were fine but there is much construction at District 4. Dorothy spoke with Jeff Harr and he assured her

that the Clear Spring Elementary School would be accessible for the General Election. Jim Mobley will conduct a survey after the renovations are completed.

Dorothy Kaetzel informed the Board that House Bill 1148 failed.

The traffic congestion problem experienced on election night was tabled until the May board meeting. James Sprecher will make a report at that meeting.

Dorothy Kaetzel informed the Board that she could not get a footprint of our new office area. An architect is to meet with us.

Roger Schlossberg updated the Board on Ubence Villata who registered to vote but is not a citizen. The Office of the State Prosecutor felt that Ubence Villata did not possess any criminal intent when he completed the voter registration application. The letter from the State Prosecutors Office will be attached to his voter registration application located in the cutoff file.

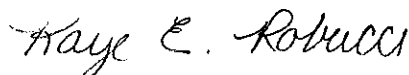
**NEW BUSINESS:** Dorothy Kaetzel reported on the Director's meeting held April 5, 2000. The Maryland Register is currently being printed for distribution to the election offices. She encouraged the board to read Subtitles 1, 6, 7 & 8. Many require procedures to be written. The State would like to have MAEO appoint a committee to work on the procedures. Washington County and Allegany County received an award for using LEMS during the primary election. We received a large list of criminal convictions. Roger Schlossberg will write a letter to Linda Lamone stating the problems with the list. Roger Schlossberg informed the Board that he had researched 9 previous criminal convictions notices and it took him 3 hours and he found much inaccurate information. Dorothy has been conducting interviews for the Election Clerk II position. She has one more interview on Wednesday, April 12, 2000.

Topics for the breakfast meeting at MAEO are needed. If you would like to discuss any particular topic, contact Dorothy.

Next meeting - May 9, 2000.

Jim Mobley made a motion to adjourn at 4:05 PM; Dorothy Waters seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Kaye E. Robucci  
Election Deputy Director I