

## PROCEEDINGS

### WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

April 9, 2002

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

Richard Coss called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Richard Coss thanked Eileen Wiggins for picking up the MVA work in his absence. He also thanked Marianne Schneider for presiding over the Board meetings in his absence.

**MINUTES:** Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2002 Board Meeting; Marianne Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Minutes of the State Board Meeting held February 13, 2002 were distributed.

MAEO Absentee Voting Regulations were distributed. This is the first year that absentee voting will be allowed.

The MAEO Legislative Committee took positions on 2 bills; SB 265 and HB 1046. No position was taken on SB 265 and a favorable report was given to HB 1046.

John Reynolds passed away on March 20, 2002. A memorial donation will be sent to Holy Family Catholic School.

The Board and Attorney discussed Article 27, Section 452 regarding political signs. Section 452 is being deleted in the code revision this session. We are unclear of our responsibility to candidates and the public in view of the deletion of Section 452. Roger Schlossberg will bring this topic up at the Attorneys Roundtable during the MAEO meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Communication problems on Election Day – Charles Mobley had nothing new to report.

The Board briefly discussed the traffic patterns at the office on election night. With the new two-way alleys we will be able to develop a workable plan. Roger Schlossberg will work on a proposal for the June Board meeting. The new layout will be given to the poll workers during training in August.

Charles Mobley reported that Terry Brewer has been experiencing health problems and probably will be unavailable to assist at election time. Mark Brugh will be asked if he would like to assist with distributing poll worker supplies the Saturday before the election and also helping election night.

We received the signed return receipt from the confidential voter indicating that the letter has been received and the voter is aware that the record is no longer confidential.

Statutory changes for AB – high-risk professions will be discussed at the Attorneys Roundtable at the Maeo meeting.

Memo from Linda Lamone, Administrator, authorizing the local boards to change precinct lines and create new precincts to implement the federal, state and local redistricting plans. Resolutions must be written, adopted by the local board and filed at SBE within 5 days after the resolution is adopted.

The Board discussed the following areas affected by redistricting:

1. Election Districts 26-1 and 26-2

Both were in Leg 2A. Now 26-1 is in Leg 2A and all except a small part of 26-2 is in Leg 2B. The small part is in Leg 2A.

Recommendation: Change precinct line of 26-1 to include small part of 26-2. Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the recommendation; Marianne Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

2. Election District 22-0

Part of annexed area of City of Hagerstown was in Leg 2B (Morningside, Security Rd, Sunbrooke and Lynnehaven). Now these annexed areas are Leg 2C.

Recommendation: Change precinct line of 22-0 to include these annexed areas. Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the recommendation; Marianne Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

3. Election District 10-4

This would be a new election district made up of part of District 10-1. District 10-1 is now in Leg 2B and part of it (South Pointe) is in Leg 2C.

Recommendation: Create new election district 10-4. Send voters to South High. Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the recommendation; Marianne Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

4. Election District 10-3

All of District 10-3 except for southern portion of 10-3 is now in Leg 2C. Southern portion of 10-3 is now 2B. Part of District 10-1 (Brightwood) is now in Leg 2C.

Recommendation: Change precinct line of 10-3 to include the Brightwood area and all vote at Eastern Elementary School.

Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the recommendation; Marianne Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

5. Election District 10-1

Southern portion of District 10-3 is Leg 2B and District 10-1 is Leg 2B.

Recommendation: Change precinct line of District 10-1 to include the southern portion of 10-3 and make all District 10-1.

Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the recommendation; Marianne Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

6. Election District 3-3

Part of annexed area of City of Hagerstown was in Leg 2A (Jay Drive & Doub Way). Now these annexed areas are Leg 2C.

Recommendation: Change precinct line of District 3-3 to include these annexed areas.

Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the recommendation; Marianne Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

7. Election District 3-4

Part of annexed area of City of Hagerstown was in District 26-1 and Leg 2A. Now this area is Leg 2C.

Recommendation: Change precinct line of District 3-4 to include this annexed area.

Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the recommendation; Marianne Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

8. Election District 24-0

District 24-0 was all in Leg 2A. Now part of District 24 is in Leg 2A and part in Leg 2C.

Recommendation: To create Districts 24-1 and 24-2. Send both districts to Horst Fencing to vote. The 23 voters in 24-2 will receive a different ballot style. Precinct register and Vacs will be attached to the 2C ballots for these voters.

Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the recommendation and the accompanying maps; Marianne Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

9. Election District 25-4

Part of annexed area of City of Hagerstown was in District 13-0 and Leg 3. Now this annexed area is in Leg 2C.

Recommendation: Change precinct line of 25-4 to include this annexed area.

Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the recommendation; Marianne Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

10. Election District 13-0

Part of District 13-0 was made Leg 2C (#9 above). Precinct lines need to be redrawn to exclude this area.

Recommendation: Change precinct line of 13-0 to exclude this annexed area taken into District 25-4.

Charles Mobley made a motion to approve the recommendation; Marianne Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Distributed copies of the 2002 Supplemental Election Calendar. Due to legal challenges to the legislative redistricting plan, several deadlines have been extended. The new deadlines apply only to General Assembly Candidates and Central Committee Candidates who run by legislative district.

A 4<sup>th</sup> poll worker training class has been scheduled for August 19, 2002.

Our Open House has been changed to Thursday, May 2, 2002 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Roger Schlossberg informed the Board that he had spoken with Bertrand Iseminger regarding changing the election dates for the City of Hagerstown to correspond with either the Gubernatorial or Presidential Election Dates. The suggestion was well received by Mr. Iseminger. The Board will continue to discuss this at future meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Reservations have been made for the MAEO meeting in Ocean City, MD, May 5 – 8, 2002.

The Board will adopt the Resolutions for redistricting on Monday, April 22, 2002.

The next Board meeting will be May 14, 2002 at 2:00 PM.

Charles Mobley made a motion to adjourn at 3:52 PM; Marianne Schneider seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kaye E. Robucci*

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