

Ohio Association of Election Officials – March 14, 2019 Trustees Meeting was held by conference call. President Frost called the meeting **to order** at 1:30 PM.

Upon **roll call** the following 2019 officers and members were present: President; Rob Frost, First Vice President; Michelle Wilcox, Second Vice President; Lisa Welch, Secretary; Beth Ann Snyder, Executive Director; Aaron Ockerman, Trustees; Paul Adams, Meredith Bodey, Penny Brooks, Frank Correll, Larry Cray, Paul Johnson, Phil Long, Brian Mead, Lynn Mintchell, Brian Sleeth, Julie Leathers-Stahl and Lisa Welch. Those absent were: Past President; Joyce Kale-Pesta, Treasurer; Jody O'Brien, Mike Sexton. & Shawn Stevens. Those excused: Curt Braden, Cheryl Browning, Kathy Meyer, Sherry Poland (Dave Heimbech sitting in) & Ann Reno. 12 trustees present. Tom Gerrity position is vacant. Bronwen Evener, Conference committee Chair was also in attendance.

President, Rob Frost asked for a motion to “approve the **January 10 & 11, 2019 minutes** as distributed?” Paul Adams made the motion. Julie Leather-Stahl seconded. All yes. Motion passed.

Old business: None at this time.

New business:

- **No Financial Update** was given as Treasurer Jody O'Brien was not on the call.
- Rob started the conversation on the **Trustees retreat**. Discussion on purpose of retreat, agenda and possible dates followed. After a voice vote on availability of the trustees for both June 21-22 and June 28-29. It was decided to pencil in the retreat for **June 28-29, 2019**. Aaron will get with Bronwen to check on quotes and availability of 3 possible locations.
- Brian Sleeth, co-chair gave an **update on the REO classes**. He and Aaron met with OSU and they have come up with our new classes for the summer conference. Brian is also applying for CLE credits for these classes. He has also been working on cleaning up our class list. The 2019 graduate class had 29 students; class 102 had 98 students with class 103 having 96 students. When asked by Paul Johnson “Are we still on goal with our financial status and if not, is there something we should plan for?” Brian and Aaron felt we were still on course. We will need to get with Jody for all of the particulars. Aaron hopes to have an answer soon from the OEC on if it is ok to pay a stipend to OAEO course instructors.
- On a request from Robin Roy our web master, Larry Cray’s motion “**to enhance the OAEO website security at a cost of \$79.99 per year**” was seconded by Penny Brooks. All yes. Motion passed.

Legislative positions:

- **HB 49 (CCL as ID)** Discussion proceeded Paul Adams motion “to support this bill with the amendment that would allow any county issued identification that meets all the requirements be added.” Julie Leather-Stahl seconded. All yes. Motion passed.
- **HB 76 (Ballot language)** Penny Brooks’ motion “to support legislative committee’s recommendation to remain neutral on this bill” was seconded by Larry Cray. All yes. Motion passed.
- **HB 101 (Move presidential primary to May)** Paul Adams moved “we support this bill.” Frank Correll seconded. All yes. Motion passed.
- **HB 15 (Jury list)** Penny Brooks moved “we stay neutral on this bill.” Phil Long seconded. All yes. Motion passed.
- **SB 22 (PEO bill)** Julie Leathers-Stahl and Penny Brooks made the motion “we affirm the legislative committee’s recommendation to support this bill.” All yes. Motion passed.
- **SB 42 (Uncontested races would be moved to the end of the ballot)** This topic was tabled by the legislative committee so no vote was needed at this time.
- **SB 52 (Cybersecurity)** to require the boards of elections to audit election results. There are 2 amendments to this bill that have to do with: 1) Audit in even number years and 2) county-wide recounts. The legislative committee voted “we would be supportive of the amendments as they stand with the general election added for odd years to the audit.” Paul Adams made a motion “to support the recommendation of the legislative committee” Discussion followed. The trustees decided we need more clarification on the process for odd year general elections. Motion tabled.

Legislative Agenda 2019-2020:

- 1) Overlap/HB 237 (Call for SOS to procure software to communicate to other counties)
- 2) SB 44/local campaign finance (*allows* local candidates to file electronically)
- 3) Fix pay raise issue for small counties
- 4) Change address on absentee application to “home address”
- 5) SB10/unnecessary primaries
- 6) On line absentee request
- 7) Statewide absentee mailing every year (General)
- 8) Cuyahoga Co. ballot printing suggestions (allow out-of-state printing, reduce bonding requirements & allow performance bond to cover largest election during contract)

Julie Leather-Stahl made the motion “to accept the 8 items as recommended by the legislative committee.” Paul Adams seconded. All yes. Motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting was **adjourned** on motion by Penny Brooks and Lynn Mintchell.

Respectively submitted by,
Beth Ann Snyder, Secretary

Approved: _____