

Ohio Association of Election Officials –May 29, 2020 Trustees Meeting was held by conference call.

The meeting was **called to order** at 9:20 AM by President Michelle Wilcox.

Upon **roll call** the following 2020 officers and members were present: President; Michelle Wilcox, First Vice President; Lisa Welch, Second Vice President; Brian Sleeth, Past President; Rob Frost, Treasurer; Jody O'Brien, , Executive Director; Aaron Ockerman, Trustees; Paul Adams, Meredith Bodey, Cheryl Browning, Larry Cray, , Ranae Lentz, Phil Long, Brian Mead, Lynn Mintchell, Anthony Perlatti, Sherry Poland, Ann Reno, Bill Rich, Ed Ryder, Lavera Scott, Julie Leathers Stahl, and Brandon Wobler. Those absent were: Frank Correll, Kathy Meyer and Shawn Stevens.

16 of 20 trustees present.

Old business: *None at this time.*

New business:

- a. **REO classes:** *Brian Sleeth discussed a call with The Ohio State University on the status of the REO program for August. While it may be possible to do virtual classes, interaction would be limited in that format. The trustees agree to postpone classes until January 2021. Aaron will notify OSU of this decision.*
- b. **Discussion of HB 680:** *Aaron gave an overview of the bill and its status. The trustees discussed several amendments to the legislation.*
 - a. **Lavera Scott** moved that HB 680 eliminate the mailing of a postcard, reinsert the mailing of an absentee ballot application for November 2020 and appropriate money for the return postage for ballots. **Lynn Mintchell** seconded. **Bill Rich** moved to amend the motion to include return postage for absentee ballot applications if possible. **Paul Adams** seconded the amendment. The amendment was accepted without objection. A voice vote was taken on the amended motion and passed unanimously.
 - b. **Bill Rich** moved that HB 680 be amended to reinstate early in-person absentee voting on the Saturday and Sunday before the election. **Cheryl Browning** seconded. A roll call vote was taken and all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.
 - c. **Paul Adams** moved that HB 680 be amended to reinstate early in-person voting on the Monday before the election. **Anthony Perlatti** seconded the motion. Those voting in support of the motion were: Paul Adams, Meredith Bodey, Anthony Perlatti, Bill Rich, Julie Leathers and Brandon Wobler. Those voting against the motion were: Cheryl Browning, Larry Cray, Phil Long, Brian Mead, Lynn Mintchell, Sherry Poland, Ann Reno, Ed Ryder, and LaVera Scott. By a vote of 6-10 the motion failed.
 - d. **Bill Rich** moved that HB 680 be amended to allow for the mailing of provisional ballots to absentee voters and allow the use of the 11-S form to correct mistakes on the provisional ballot identification envelope. **Meredith Bodey** seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.
 - e. **Bill Rich** led a discussion on the merits of the “fail safe” voting provisions of HB 680. After some discussion, it was decided that OAEO would not weigh in on this issue.

f. **LaVera Scott** moved that HB 680 be amended to allow a voter to request an absentee ballot online. **Cheryl Browning** seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Aaron was tasked with writing a letter to the sponsor of HB 680 conveying these amendment requests and that testimony be drafted and offered to the House State and Local Government Committee outlining these suggestions.

With no further business, the meeting was **adjourned at 11:02 AM** on motion by Bill Rich and Ed Ryder. All yes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted by,
Aaron Ockerman, Executive Director

Approved: _____