

Ohio Association of Election Officials -January 11, 2019 Trustees Meeting was held at the Hilton Downtown, Columbus, OH in the Bellows Ballroom.

The meeting was **called to order** at 10:30 AM.

Upon **roll call** the following 2019 officers and members were present: First Vice President; Michelle Wilcox, Second Vice President; Lisa Welch, Past President; Joyce Kale-Pesta, Treasurer; Jody O'Brien, Secretary; Beth Ann Snyder, Executive Director; Aaron Ockerman, Trustees; Paul Adams, Meredith Bodey, Curt Braden, Penny Brooks, Cheryl Browning, Larry Cray, Tom Gerrity, Paul Johnson, Phil Long, Brian Mead, Kathy Meyer, Lynn Mintchell, Sherry Poland, Brian Sleeth, Julie Leathers-Stahl and Lisa Welch. Those absent were: Mike Sexton. Those excused: President; Rob Frost, Frank Correll, Ann Reno & Shawn Stevens. 16 trustees present.

First Vice President, Michelle Wilcox asked for a motion to "approve the **December 5, 2018 minutes** as distributed?" Tom Gerrity made the motion. Brian Sleeth seconded. All yes. Motion passed.

Old business: None at this time.

New business:

- Treasurer Jody O'Brien presented the **Treasurer's report**. Jody informed the group of the following deposits: dues-\$114,000, conference fees- \$75,000, vendors-\$43,000, REO classes-\$25,300 and interest \$10.61. Currently in the bank as of December 15, 2018 we have \$236,000. Projecting conference to cost between \$110,000 and \$150,000.
 - It was discussed that we were to reevaluate the OSU cost to income to see if we were still on track. The cost for the OSU classes last years was \$36,000. We will table this until after we receive this year's bill and Aaron and Brian meet with OSU.
 - Aaron also reminded the trustees that due to the board member raises the association will receive an increase in dues. Jody will recalculate. Discussion followed after which Cheryl and Penny made the motion" to help everyone we should round the dues up to the nearest dollar". Michelle called for a voice vote. All yes. Motion carried.
 - Jody asked for a policy to reimburse counties if they cannot attend the conference. Discussion followed. Tom Gerrity made the motion "we will only refund under extreme circumstances at the discretion of the officers" The motion was amended to "in extreme circumstances we will credit towards the next conference at the discretion of the officers". Phil Long seconded. Michelle called for a vote. All yes. Motion carried. Aaron suggested we should have a 3 week cutoff date. He will send the information out to all members.
- Aaron said Rob wanted to get the **2020 OAEO conference dates** out to the whole association. It is scheduled for **January 14-17, 2020**. Please mark your calendars.
- Brian Sleeth, REO co-chair suggested a possible **stipend for OAEO REO instructors**. Discuss followed. Brian Sleeth made the motion and Cheryl Browning seconded. "to pay OAEO REO instructors a stipend of \$250.00 per class, retroactive to the start of the Ohio State program." Discussion. Brian amended his motion to include "pending review of ethics" Cheryl seconded. Michelle Wilcox read the amended motion and called for a voice vote. All yes. None opposed. Motion passed. Aaron thanked Brian and Kay for all of their hard work. Brian informed the group that the upcoming classes will include: Pre Election Day voting and absentee voting, verification of signatures, ballot and petition language, poll worker recruiting, maintaining, training and managing. One of these will be a graduate class. (1 every 3 years). Brian said he is going to set up REO credits and rolls on website. Paul Johnson suggested we work on better instructions (more content) to get a better turnout. Discussion. Aaron will approach our new SOS and let him know that we would like to be involved more in the curriculum development of any board member and new director training. This will make sure it's fresh and more meaningful.
- Aaron asked the trustees if there was any interest in a **possible Trustees annual retreat**. All thought it was a good idea. A day and a half and possibly June seemed like the best time frame. He will get together with Bronwen and get ideas back to everyone.

With no further business, the meeting was **adjourned** at 11:45 AM.

Respectively submitted by,
Beth Ann Snyder, Secretary

Approved: _____