

Ohio Association of Election Officials – September 24, 2019 Trustees Meeting was held at the Franklin County Board of Elections and by conference call at 1 PM.

Upon **roll call** by the Secretary the following 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, Past President; Joyce Kale-Pesta, Trustees; Penny Brooks, Larry Cray, Paul Johnson, Ranae Lentz, Phil Long, Brian Mead, Kathy Meyer, Lynn Mintchell, Sherry Poland, Ann Reno, Brian Sleeth, Julie Leathers Stahl and Lisa Welch. Those absent were: Meredith Bodey, Cheryl Browning, Frank Correll, Ed Ryder, Mike Sexton and Shawn Stevens. Those Excused: Treasurer; Jody O'Brien and Paul Adams. 13 of 20 Trustees present. Also in attendance: Meryl Madrid, Amanda Grandjean and Chris Olivette from the SOS also in attendance.

President, Rob Frost asked for a motion to approve the **minutes** from the March 14, 2019 meeting and the OAEO Trustee Retreat held June 28 & 29, 2019. **Phil Long** made the motion to "approved the minutes as submitted". The motion was seconded by **Larry Cray**. All yes. Motion passed.

Rob Frost introduced Meryl Madrid, representative from the Secretary of State who spoke on our current voter registration system.

Brian Mead moved "to take a neutral stand and send back any supplemental SB to our Legislative Committee to review." Penny **Brooks** seconded the motion. All yes. Motion passed.

Amanda Grandjean then spoke and informed the Trustees that CLE credit will be offered for PEO training.

Lori Overmyer from Goettler Associates Inc. gave a presentation on mission statement.

Ranae Lentz moved that the mission statement for OAEO be "The Ohio Association of Election Officials is a bipartisan organization representing Ohio's 88 county boards of elections and their staff members. It's mission is to promote fair, accurate and reliable elections through the education of its members, advocating for sound election policies, and communicating accurate information regarding the administration of elections."

Joyce Kale-Pesta seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously and the mission statement will be voted on by the full membership in January 2020.

Lori Overmyer continued her presentation with a discussion about vision statements.

Julie Leathers Stahl moved that the vision statement for OAEO be "Ensuring Ohio's Democracy." **Penny Brooks** seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously and the vision statement will be voted on by the full membership in January 2020.

Lori Overmyer concluded her presentation with a discussion on committee charters. Several charters were reviewed including the board of trustees, legislative committee and nominating committee. Future charters will include the education committee and finance and audit committee. Committee charters will be finalized at the next trustees meeting.

Bill Rich presented **recommendations from the bylaws committee**. Major changes include updates to:

- membership and quorums
- notice of meetings
- disciplinary actions by the trustees
- designation of Robert's Rules as the parliamentary authority for the body

There are other minor grammatical and form changes that are included in the recommendations. A discussion ensued around who should be considered voting members at the annual meetings. It was agreed that Directors, Deputy Directors and Board Members should have voting privileges at the annual meetings, but clerks and staff should retain full membership status otherwise. It was also agreed that the Education Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee should be included in the bylaws. **Bill Rich** will redraft the bylaws per these instructions and the trustees will vote to send the revised bylaws to the full association at their next meeting.

Larry Cray and Brian Mead provided an update on the budget and audit committee. The committee met and is in the process of procuring software to assist the Treasurer in her duties. Larry believes that he can get this software for free.

Lisa Welch moved to adjourn. **Lynn Mintchell** seconded the motion. The trustees adjourned at 3:54 pm.

Respectively submitted by:
Beth Ann Snyder, Secretary
And
Aaron Ockerman, Executive Director

Approved: _____