



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING—August 1, 2017

ATTENDING: Lois A. Martin, Board President
Charles Nolan, Board Member
Randy Glotfelty, Substitute Board Member
Connie Meyers, Substitute Board Member
Steven D. Fratz, Election Director

ABSENT: Paul Kolb, Board Member

5:00 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Board President Lois Martin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the August 1, 2017 meeting was approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Randy Glotfelty and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

There was no new business to be discussed in June and July, therefore the meeting for those months was canceled.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

There were 152 new registrations and 317 removals in June and July combined. Confirmation notices was the reason for many of the 317 removals. Registered Voters are as follows: Democrat – 4302, Republican – 12,677, Green – 39, Libertarian – 95, Unaffiliated – 2,390 and Others – 140 for a total of 19,643 Registered Voters.

The Candidacy Filings to date are as follows: Paul Edwards, Jim Hinebaugh, and S. Larry Tichnell, Incumbent Commissioners; Rita Watson, Register of Wills; Dave Beard, Judge of Orphans Court and Rob Corley for Sheriff. The candidacy filing deadline is February 27, 2018.

The Biennial Conference is scheduled for October 23rd in Annapolis. The rooms for the conference have been booked for Sunday October 22nd. Travel and dinner arrangements will be discussed at the next meeting.

There was a survey sent to all MAEO members pertaining to the 2017 conference in Ocean City. 77% of attendees voted to return to the Clarion Fontainebleau for the next MAEO Conference. Dates for next year that are being considered are March 13-16 or

March 20-23, 2018. It was also suggested from the survey that we have a 1 day conference on election years and a 2 day conference on off-election years.

Under consideration is having a "Ballot Bucket" ... Sending provisional ballots with regular ballots during Early Voting and Election Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The Department of Budget and Management has implemented a state requirement that each counties Director, Attorney and one Board Member take a two hour training on implementing the Open Meeting Act.

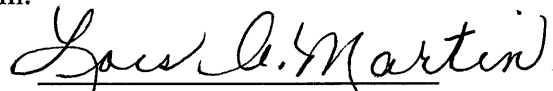
Legislation has passed called "Changes to Administrative Rights". This states that proper notification must be provided before and after a meeting when considering a change to an administrative policy affecting voting rights, for example provisional voting, polling place change, voter registration and etc.

Linda Lamone received a letter from The Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity from President Trump to request a Maryland voter registration list. On July 3rd Linda responded with a denial letter stating the request is prohibited under 3-506 of the Election Law Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, which governs access to Maryland voter registration lists.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 5th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM on a motion by Randy Glotfelty, seconded by Chuck Nolan, and made unanimous by Lois Martin.


Lois A. Martin, Board President