



GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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BOARD MEETING – April 2, 2019

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

ABSENT: None

5:00 PM-Meeting was called to order and quorum determined by Board President Lois Martin. Steve introduced Amanda Mattingly, the new Board Attorney, to the Board of Directors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes for the March 5th, 2019 meeting was approved on a motion made by Chuck Nolan, seconded by Paul Kolb and made unanimous by Lois Martin.

ELECTION DIRECTOR REPORT:

There were 60 new registrations and 126 removals in March. Of the 126 removals 85 were due to the confirmation mailing process.

In March Steve attended two Lessons Learned Meetings from the previous elections cycle. Some interesting issues were discussed throughout the State.

On March 21st Steve attended an in-person Directors Meeting. The information discussed at that meeting is as follows:

1. Legislative Update

- Same Day Registration on Election Day-will be new voters only (No address changes will be processed).
 - To be determined if it will apply to Primary and/or General Election.
 - Will the State or Local Boards notify the public.
 - The actual process will need finalized.
- Absentee Ballot return postage – will the Local Boards or State pay the costs, or a combination of the two.
- The Local Board offices will now be open until 5:00 pm instead of 9:00 pm on the last day of registration and candidacy filing deadlines.

- HB 569 is introduced to remove the requirement of Maryland residency to be employed as an election employee.
- 2. Automatic Registration will be implemented on July 1st, 2019. All Designated Agencies will be required to comply with Automatic Voter Registration unless the individual opts-out.
- 3. Maryland will be using the current pollbooks for the 2020 Elections.
- 4. The Electronic Pollbook battery testing will begin the middle of April.
- 5. The 2019 BIENNIAL is proposed to be held in September or October.

On March 26th, Steve, Chrissy and Diana visited the Chamber of Commerce and picked up a few items to put in the MAEO bags.

On March 27th Steve attended the mandatory Sexual Harassment Awareness training in Glen Burnie. Chrissy and Diana will attend the training in Frederick on April 10th.

On April 1st Steve appeared before the commissioners to explain his proposed FY2020 budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The Green & Libertarian parties has failed to maintain their recognition in Maryland. The Bread & Roses party has satisfied the requirements and is now a recognized party joining the Democratic and Republican parties.

Steve spoke with the Board about the itinerary and breakout sessions for MAEO.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6th at 5:00 PM.

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


Lois A. Martin, Board President