

Election Boards Association of North Carolina, Inc.
April 21, 2009 - Regular Meeting, Kill Devil Hills, NC

The regular meeting of the Election Boards Association was called to order at 11:05 A.M. by Conrad Pogorzelski, President. Approximately 100 members were in attendance.

After the Call to Order, Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, the minutes of the August 21, 2008 meeting were approved without reading them, because every member present had a copy to review. The motion to approve them without reading was made by Tom Wilson of Henderson County and seconded by Lynda Midgett, Dare County. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports

President's Report: Conrad reported that Gary Bartlett is interested in serving on the History Committee. He also discussed the Celebration of Elections and stated that possibly the information from our printed program booklet could be posted on the State BOE website.

He announced that the State Board of Elections will be meeting on August 24th and 25th and new board members will be on board then.

Treasurer's Report: Patty Proctor submitted a report showing a beginning balance of \$26,445.14 and an ending balance of \$21,701.80. The report was approved.

Committee Reports

By-Laws Committee: Ronald Gregory, chairman of the committee, reported that he thought we should table the discussion on the By-Laws changes and ask for a motion for same. Motion made by Oscar Herring, Lenoir County and 2nd by Lynda Midgett, Dare County. Motion carried.

President Conrad Pogorzelski will send an up to date copy of the by-laws to all county directors and they will copy and give to all county board members. A long discussion followed regarding the by laws and the delays encountered in making the changes to them.

Legislative Committee: No report.

Public Relations and Liaison Committee: No report.

Education Committee: Eric Elliott, Forsyth County, reminded the membership that each district has \$500.00 to spend on education and training programs every two years.

Eric presented the following resolution to the Election Board Association and suggested that it be submitted to the General Assembly to incorporate into the General Statutes governing elections:

Be it resolved that once an election begins, defined as the start of mail-in absentee voting, that the State Board of Elections and its county boards may not, during the course of the election, change its rules, procedures, instructions, voting locations, or hours of voting.

The motion to approve the resolution was made by John Russell Britt, Wilson County, and seconded by Charles White, Perquimans County. By unanimous voice vote, the resolution was approved.

Charles White, Perquimans County made a motion that we send the above motion to the Legislative Committee Chairman. Motion 2nd by John Russell Britt, Wilson County. The motion carried.

History: Historian, Chuck White, Perquimans County, reported that he and Barbara Snowden are working on the History.

Public Relations and Liaison: Lynda Midgett had no report.

District Reports

District 1: Has met twice. Jack Hudson, Transylvania Co., reported that their DET, Karen Brinson presented election statistics at their December meeting. At their March meeting, they had a mock election and learned a lot.

District 2: Jonette Powell, Rowan Co., urged the counties to meet after this meeting so they can discuss how to spend their education money.

District 3: Vacant

District 4: Eric Elliott, Forsyth had no report.

District 5: Absent

District 6: Absent

District 7: Martin Feinberg, Pamlico reported that they had used their \$500 education money and met at a local restaurant and enjoyed the fellowship.

District 8: Chris Hooper, Currituck, reported that the committee had met twice to help plan the conference held this weekend and thanked everyone for coming.

Unfinished Business: Conrad reported that the logo is still not complete but he should have a draft soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted - May 30, 2008

Donna Elms, Acting Secretary