

## **Election Boards Association of North Carolina, Inc.**

August 21, 2008--Regular Meeting, Durham, NC

The regular meeting of the Election Boards Association was called to order at 4:30 P.M., August 21, 2008. There were approximately 85 members in attendance.

After Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes from the March 19, 2008 meeting were read and approved.

On a motion by Eric Elliot and a second by Jim Turner the association approved the requirement to email all meeting minutes to members of EBA and/or post minutes to EBA-NC website. Motion carried.

Introduction by President; Conrad Pogorzelski reaffirmed association goals which were approved at the Executive Meeting, August 20, 2008.

Update website

Consider logo

Approve by-law changes and grammatical edits

Approve the Celebration of Elections to be held in conjunction with the required voter registration drive mandated by the NCSBE and which is conducted by all 100 counties. 163-82.25

**Treasurer's Report:** Patty Proctor submitted a report showing a beginning balance March 19, 2008 of \$26448.64 and an ending balance of \$26-445.14. \$5,000 of those funds will be restricted for the use of the NCADE and the EBA-NC for the event to be held in Dare County in April, 2009.

Jack Hudson was appointed temporary Parliamentarian.

**Historian:** Chuck White reported that Barbara Snowden (Currituck) has agreed to help with collection of historical data. Don Wright and Bob Joyce have been helpful in obtaining required information.

William Sawyer, Camden County asked for clarification in by-laws of the number of consecutive terms that could be held by the president. Eric Elliot, Forsyth County, moved to table the discussion for a later time.

Lynda Midgett suggested a correction to the Bylaws district lists and the EBA-NC web site district list. Scotland, Wayne and Perquimans should be added to their respective districts.

## **Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee:** Conrad Pogorzelski reported on the meeting held the previous evening. Some items: the celebration of elections sponsored by NC-EBA to be held biennially starting in 2010 in the month selected by NCSBE and edits and changes in the language of EBA Bylaws.

**Legislative Committee:** John Gilbert (Wake), Chairman, reported that no new issues had been addressed since the March meeting. He encouraged all board members to consider their counties as pilot counties in 2009-2011 for IRV. Gilbert asked for volunteers for the Legislative Committee. Jim Turner asked for a point of order regarding whether anyone who volunteered to such committee could receive compensation for travel and food expenses. James Turner (Guilford), moved to pay for those expenses; second by Martin Feinberg, Pamlico County. Motion carried.

**Education Committee:** Eric Elliot reminded the membership that each district is permitted \$500 for education and training programs every two years.

**Public Relations and Liaison Committee:** Lynda Midgett, Directors' Liaison, gave detailed information regarding the event to be jointly sponsored by EBA and NCADE in the spring of 2009. Details will be sent to all directors early in September. Details will not be enumerated here.

## **District Reports:**

District 1: Jack Hudson, (Transylvania) No meetings to report. There was one entertainment activity when the DET for Dist. 1 provided free baseball tickets for the group.

District 2: Jonette Powell (Rowan)—No activity, but a meeting will be planned.

District 3: No report

District 4: Eric Elliot (Forsyth)—No meetings but reminded attendees that each district is entitled to receive \$500 biennially to for education and training meetings.

District 5: Ansol Graham (Moore)—No activity.

District 6: Sharon Everett (Wake)--No activity.

District 7: Martin Feinberg (Pamlico)--No activity since March, but District 7 will have a meeting September 19, 2008.

District 8: Chris Hooper (Currituck)--No activity since March but District 8 will host a joint NCADE and NCEBA meeting in the spring of 2009.

A question from William Sawyer, (Camden) elicited a discussion regarding the number of times the Association president can succeed himself. His contention is that the by-laws should clearly state the number of terms a president can serve.

Eric Elliott (Forsyth) moved to accept the By-Laws as changed by the Executive Committee. Second by James Turner, (Guilford). Motion carried.

Discussion initiated by Sandra Woodland (Franklin) regarding the By-Laws. She objected to the removal of the Voting Machine Committee. She argued that there is a need to know what machines are being used and what changes may be required by purchases of new equipment, problems with old equipment, and changes in election law. John Gilbert also spoke in agreement with retention of the committee. Les Young (Stanly) also spoke for retaining the committee. Lastly, Tommy Ware (New Hanover) supported the elimination of the committee which could be reactivated as needed.

Sandra Woodland moved that the association retain the Voting Equipment Committee as a standing committee. Second by John Gilbert. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Chris Hooper (Currituck) to limit terms of the President of the association to no more than two consecutive terms of two years each; second by Eric Elliot (Forsyth). Motion carried.

Matt Wall (Alamance) cautioned that we should be careful with numbers in the By-Laws. For example, if there are six standing committees, the by-laws should show that number of committees. (This entails only an editorial change in the By-Laws).

Betsy Meades (Pasquotank) moved to amend the By-Laws to show that the president will be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee for no more than two years following his second or last term; second to motion by William Sawyer (Camden). Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted August 22, 2008

Sharon Everett

Secretary