

Election Boards Association of North Carolina

July 29, 2019

Officers present: President John Shallcross, 1st Vice President Tommy Pharo, Secretary Courtney Patterson, Treasurer Kevin Lewis, Parliamentarian and District 2 Director Allen Langley, Cleveland County, District 7 Angela Mainor, District 8 James Sears Gates County.

Roll: Nash, Wake, Henderson, Vance, Stokes, Pitt, Johnston, Warren, Forsythe, Columbus, Hertfort, Edgecombe, Watauga, Camden, Gaston, Duplin, Randolph, Washington, Cleveland, Cabarrus, Brunswick, Polk, Harnett, Scotland, Granville, Durham, Lenoir, North Hampton, Person, Rockingham.

The following counties were present also and were checking on status: Craven, Lincoln, Guilford, Montgomery, Wilson

The Election Boards Association of North Carolina (EBANC) met on the above date and the meeting was called to order by President John Shallcross Jr.

The President reported that the person that he had previously appointed as Parliamentarian was not reappointed to the BOE and he was appointing Allen Langley, Cleveland County, as the Parliamentarian.

The President asked 1st Vice President Tommy Pharo to call the roll. The President established that a there was a quorum.

Allen Langley of Cleveland County, made a motion to adopt the agenda, the motion was seconded by Royce Richardson of Rockingham County. **Motion passed.**

Allen Langley made a motion to adopt the minutes with the necessary changes and the motion was seconded by Floyd Johnson Cumberland County. **Motion Passed.**

Treasurer Kevin Lewis gave the Treasurers report. The President announced we were able to save some money by consolidating the bank accounts into one account at the State Employees Credit Union. William Sawyer, Camden County, made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; the motion was seconded by Courtney Patterson, Lenoir County. **Motion passed.**

Old Business

- **Scholarship.** Previous discussion regarding a scholarship has yet to get off the ground. The President suggested the discussion be tabled; Allen Langley, Cleveland County, made a motion to table the motion and was seconded by Dorothy Yarborough, Alamance County. Angela Mainor suggested that we should not continue to table because we have tabled this several times before and if we continue to table, May would be here before we know it and we still would not have done anything and maybe we should have a conference call or something and get this taken care of. The motion to table the discussion on scholarships was passed by a vote of 42 for and 38 against.
- **Dues Structure.** Kevin Lewis, Treasurer, was asked to explained the new structure. The President explained that according to article 4 of the By-laws the Executive Committee is well within its rights to make a change in the dues structure subject to being overturn by the full body. For this reason, he is bringing it before this body.

Kevin explained that in the past when there was a 3-member board, the dues were \$30 which worked out to \$90 per county. Then the board went to a 4-member board, and now it's a 5-member board. The Executive Board proposal is to have a per county dues of \$125 rather than per person dues. Kevin reported that over 70

counties have already paid. A motion was made by Larry Townsend, Robeson County, to confirm the changes to the dues structure as proposed by the Executive Board. Ronnie Love, Craven County, seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

- **Polling Hours.** The President explained that the Director's Association sent a letter to the General Assembly asking them to reconsider the section in the law requiring all counties have to open polling locations from 7AM to 7PM and instead allow each county to choose the best hours for their county. The President announced that the Executive Committee had voted unanimously to recommend we send a similar letter. _____ Pitt County, made a motion that we approve the Executive Committee request to send a letter requesting more flexibility in setting hours in the one-stop plan. The motion was seconded by Alan Langley, Cleveland County. **The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

New Business

The President encouraged each district to have their district meeting and the Association would reimburse up to \$500 of the meeting expenses. In order to receive reimbursement, District Representatives need to provide the following: an agenda, an Educational Concept, and a list of attendees.

Although a vote had passed to table the Scholarship discussion, the President shared that he felt that it was necessary to move forward with some discussion on the scholarship committee. A motion was made by Alan Langley to appoint Mary Accor as the Chair of the Scholarship Committee. The motion was seconded by Larry Townsend, Robeson County. **Motion passed unanimously.** Dorothy Yarborough, Alamance County, Virginia Cox-Daughtry, Lenoir County, and Shirley Bossbach, Union County.

A slate of candidates for the Association's Officers (See Appendix) was passed out and the President asked if there were nominations from the floor. Alan Langley of Cleveland County made a motion that the nominations be closed and these officers be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Jack Moody, Robeson County. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The President called out the names of the counties by district and requested that members from each District stand and checked for volunteers or nomination from each district. T. Anthony Spearman nominated Carolyn Bunker from Guilford as the District Representative for District 4, the nomination was seconded by Tiffany Wilson from Union County. Carolyn Bunker was elected to be the District Representative for District 4 without objection. Floyd Johnson of Cumberland County nominated Irene Grimes of Cumberland County as the District Representative for District 5. Greg Flynn of Wake County volunteered to serve as District Representative for District 6. Carter Jewell of New Hanover made a motion to approve all of the candidates for District Representative except for District 5, the motion was seconded by Ronnie Lovick of Craven County, the motion passed with no opposition. In District 5, Larry Townsend withdrew his name and a vote was taken and Irene Grimes of Cumberland was elected to be the District Representative for District 5 without objection.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the association will be February 3, 2020.

Robert Durrah of Forsythe County made a motion to authorize the Executive Committee to appoint members to fill the unfilled District Representatives and Larry Townsend of Robeson County seconded the motion. **Motion passed without objection.**

A motion and second to adjourn passed without objection.