

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS & RECORDERS  
BUSINESS MEETING JANUARY 23, 2012

The Illinois Association of County Clerks and Recorders held their business meeting January 23, 2012, in Springfield, Illinois. The meeting was called to order by Past President Tom Lyons. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Due to lack of quorum, the 2012 officers were not elected or installed. At this time Larry Reinhardt made a motion to approve the presented slate of officers: President-Sally Litterly, Vice-President-Josh Langfelder, Second Vice-Brian Woessner, Secretary-Alice Mullinax, Treasurer-Kevin Kern, Sergeant at Arms-Andrea Mahoney-Platt, Historian-Robin Harper-Whitehead. The second to this motion was made by Jack Cunningham, and then passed with a unanimous voice vote. Tom Lyons passed the gavel to Sally Litterly.

President Litterly thanked all those involved with the conference. Liberty Systems was thanked for the President's Reception. Fidlar was thanked for the break-out session and the Introduction to Lincoln presentation. Sally noted two clerks to remember due to illness: Kerry Hirtzel and Randy Reitz. We also want to keep the family of Jay Bennett in mind due to his passing.

At this time Kathy Schultz conducted the swearing-in of the new officers.

A motion to approve the minutes from previous meetings was made by Bill Downey, seconded by Patty Lycan, and passed.

President Litterly then appointed Bill Blessman as Parliamentarian. A motion to concur with the appointment was made by Tom Lyons, seconded by Lori Gadbois then passed.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by JoAnn Carretto, seconded by Dave Dobill and passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There have been requests for mass amounts of documents. This will be discussed later in the conference.

Special Action Committee Chair, Georgia England, announced the new treasurer for the fund is Teri Braun. Georgia further explained the purpose and activities of the Special Action Committee. This is for contributions to members running for office, flowers and memorials, support for legislative needs, or any functions approved by the committee. She plans a detailed report during the September conference.

The group discussed the September conference. The Executive Committee had discussed perhaps meeting in Peoria, with the various election commissions. This would be September 9 - 11. A motion to proceed with the plans was made by Bill Blessman, seconded by Jim Ingram, then passed.

There is no scholarship committee appointed at this time due to the fact there are no scholarships available. President Litterly will gladly accept any ideas or thoughts.

As we have a historian, it was requested and past minutes or pictures can be given to Robin Harper-Whitehead. A permanent collection is to be established.

## LEGISLATIVE & STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Rupert Borgsmiller, Executive Director SBE, addressed the group. He stated to call anytime for help. They are moving to a new location on the SW side of town at 2329 South MacArthur Boulevard. A special board meeting is being held the next day for most candidate objections and withdrawals. By our September meeting the ballot should already be certified to the clerks.

Mike Hoffman, association lobbyist, reviewed various presented bills for house and senate approval. The stipends for this year have been approved. Next year-who knows. A recording bill will authorize recorders to store documents electronically without county board approval. It was suggested the recorder's fund can be used for this purpose. He noted that county clerks were not subject to the open meetings act training as are the other elected and appointed officials. The clerks of each entity will file the certificates of completion. A \$2 vital record fee may be raised after a cost study. There was discussion about the county registrars. Perhaps only a county clerk or election authority should be registrar. Many clerks are having to pay the registrar for records they are to house anyway. After discussion it was decided to make counties exempt from paying the registrar fee. This will be discussed with Dan Pippin (with vital records) later in the meeting.

JoAnn Carretto discussed her county being sued by a former county board member. He is wanting the districts to be re-drawn. There is new legislation asking that board districts be "substantially" equal as opposed to equal. A motion to approve the microfilm and county administration legislation was made by Lori Addis. Second by Jack Cunningham, and passed.

Cris Cray, with the State board of Elections, addressed the members. Jayme Simms and Jeff Barry were also in attendance. Legislative items that will affect the elections are (1) raising voter count to 1200 per precinct, (2) eliminate one hour of voting on election day and one hour of pay for election judges, and (3) changing the mail-out day for absentee ballots to seven days prior to the election instead of five days. We discussed combining absentee and early votes. We always get hung up on what would be the last day. Cris gave us a military/overseas training handout. There is also a 55 day (prior to election) handout to be completed. Cris reinforced the need to get the military and overseas ballots out. Mike Hoffman reviewed other election proposals that could be brought up in legislature.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 12, Noon, President Litterly entertained a motion from Auggie Griffin to adjourn the meeting. Second by Steve Bean. The meeting adjourned. President Litterly reminded all members to meet at the Lincoln Museum at 1:15 p.m.

Alice Mullinax, Secretary