

CTCA Executive Committee
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
2:00 p.m. ZOOM Meeting

ATTENDANCE

CTCA Executive Committee: Anna Posniak, President; Kate Wall, First Vice President; Patti Spruance, Second Vice President (joined at 2:24 p.m.); Dawn Rees Mooney, Secretary; Katie Sandberg, Assistant Secretary; Betsy Barrett, Treasurer; Antoinette Pancaro, Assistant Treasurer
County Vice Presidents: Debbie Halsted, Fairfield County; James Krupienski, Hartford County; Carol Anderson, Litchfield County; Ryan Curley, Middlesex County; Marc Garofalo, New Haven County; Debra Patrick, New London County; Sherri Mutch, Windham County; Lori Tollmann, Tolland County
Invited Guests: Chick Spinelli, Immediate Past President

CALL TO ORDER

The ZOOM meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by President Posniak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Posniak asked for the group's comments and regarding the minutes of the December 10, 2020 Executive Committee meeting emailed earlier in the day. The only correction noted was to the spelling of Sherri Mutch's name. There were no further comments.

***A motion was made by Sherri Mutch and seconded by Deb Patrick to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 Executive Committee meeting with corrections to the spelling of Sherri Mutch's name; motion passed unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT – REVIEW ANNUAL BUDGET FOR ANNUAL MEETING APPROVAL

Treasurer Betsy Barrett detailed the changes to each line item in the proposed annual budget that President Posniak emailed to the group. The group discussed the high number of new clerks due to clerk retirements, the success of virtual classes and the website budget at length. It was also noted that funding is in place to secure public relations support if incoming president Kate Wall should need it.

***A motion was made by James Krupienski and seconded by Carol Anderson to approve the proposed 2021-2022 budget for presentation to CTCA's general membership for approval at the Annual Meeting; motion passed unanimously.**

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

President Posniak provided the update in Legislative Committee Chair Mark Bernacki's absence, noting he was testifying. She summarized key legislative topics including: early/no excuse absentee voting noting that CTCA supports early voting and no-excuse AB voting when used in conjunction with in-person voting so no single voting method is overwhelmed. She further stated that CTCA suggests creating a taskforce in advance of the 2022 ballot question to review all regulations. Also discussed were extension of the COVID-19 reason for absentee voting, bills #5011 changing FOI-related copy/scanner fees noting a compromise was reached, #6212 regarding confidentiality for victims of violence cards, #6605 regarding uniform application for tradenames allowing amendments and withdrawals and #6604 regarding remote notarizations. Detailed discussion followed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – VOTE ON SLATE OF OFFICERS

Nominating Committee Chairman James Krupienski presented the proposed slate of 2021-2023 CTCA Executive Board slate approved by the Nominating Committee, as follows:

President – Kate Wall, Berlin Town Clerk
1st Vice President – Patricia Spruance, Windham Town Clerk
2nd Vice President – Lisa Dalton, Watertown Town Clerk
Treasurer – Antoinette Pancaro, North Stonington Town Clerk
Assistant Treasurer – JoAnn Doyle, Cromwell Town Clerk
Secretary – Kelly Bilodeau, East Hampton Town Clerk
Assistant Secretary – Katie Sandberg, Montville Town Clerk

James also presented the slate of County Vice Presidents, as follows:

Fairfield County – Lisa Bergh, Bethel Town Clerk
Litchfield County – Carol Anderson, Torrington Town Clerk
New Haven County – Marc Garofalo, Derby Town Clerk
Hartford County – Ericka Butler, Simsbury Town Clerk
Tolland County – Lori Tollman, Coventry Town Clerk
New London County – Gayle Furman, Colchester Town Clerk
Middlesex County – Ryan Curley, Portland Town Clerk
Windham County – Cheryl Grist, Pomfret Town Clerk

***A motion was made by Deb Patrick and seconded by Sherri Mutch to present the Nominating Committee's slate of officers to CTCA's general membership for approval at the 2021 Annual Business Meeting to be held in April; motion passed unanimously.**

SPRING CONFERENCE UPDATE

President Posniak and Conference Committee Chair Carol Anderson explained that the registration forms were sent out to members for the webinar-based Spring Conference, state agencies have been confirmed and vendor sessions will be recorded and distributed to clerks. Marc Garofalo discussed vendor fees and level of sponsorship and Carol shared that 163 clerks have registered for the conference and 67 have registered for the Friday class.

OTHER BUSINESS

President Posniak detailed the progress of the Electronic Death Registry System (EDRS) trials in both the City of New London and New London County. She noted that the county roll-out did not go as smoothly as hoped due to COVID-19 restrictions on in-person training and the fact that not all parties to the process were on the system. She is working with DPH's Beth Frugale to provide New London County clerks with additional training and hopes that the registry process will be streamlined once access to the system is statewide. Access to the system will be expanded to New Haven County next. Town clerks from New London County in attendance shared their personal experiences with the system in detail and the deadline for EDRS statewide rollout was noted.

President Posniak also expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Executive Board for their service to CTCA during her 2-year Presidency noting the county vice presidents handled an unprecedented

number of information requests during the pandemic and election. She also recognized those clerks leaving the board and offered her support and good wishes to incoming President Kate Wall. Kate asked the group for patience as she begins her presidency and thanked Anna for her strong leadership.

***Upon a motion by Marc Garofalo, seconded by James Krupienski and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourn at 3:17 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Rees Mooney
CTCA Secretary