

New Hampshire City & Town Clerk's Association
Executive Board Meeting
January 21, 2009

Attendance: Kathy Seaver, Debra Clark, Sue McKinnon, Rita Eigenbrode, Tricia Piecuch, Pat Waterman, Phyllis Thompson Theresa Upton, Debra Cornett, Jean Oleson, Linda Hardy, Lori Holmes, Kimberly Johnson, Jeanette Vinton and Susan Wagoner. Kathleen Valliere arrived shortly after the meeting started. Absent from the meeting were Judith White and Judy Rogers. Guests were Sandy Rowe, MaryEllen Pelletier and Cynthia Torsey.

President Kathy Seaver called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Up first was Denis Parker who stated there was still time for bills to be introduced and that some bills have already had hearings. There are quite a few bills being tracked and some the association will be watching, supporting or opposing and others that have not come out that the Legislative Committee will have to review. Of the bills some will be passed, amended, referred to a committee or even found inexpedient to legislate. Dennis said we are a great client and he enjoys working with us and during the next couple of weeks the bills will be introduced to committees, so there will be a lot of hearings to attend. HB35, which deals with the Vice President being removed from the ballot, the association is supporting. Kathy S. stated she had a letter to give to him from the Association as well as from Paul Bergeron. He stated he would submit the letter to the chair of the committee this morning on behalf of the association. At the next meeting we will be able to see where we stand legislatively on some of the bills that we are tracking. Deb Clark asked if the bill regarding the appointment of town clerk was out and Kathy S. stated it was not as of yesterday, but it could be there today. Denis hoped to see some of us at the hearings as our appearance was very valuable because of our experience and knowledge.

Kathy S. stated that Mary Ellen Pelletier was present and serves on the Legislative Committee and then Kathy S. gave an update of what bills are being watched, supported or opposed as follows:

- CACR 4 – constitutional amendment allowing those under 18 to vote – monitor
- HB35 – eliminate Vice President from ballot – support
- HB53 – definition of a “public body” under right-to-know law - monitor
- HB71 – relative to increasing dollar limit for requiring public hearings on the issuance of local bonds – monitor
- HB72 – relative to requesting a secret ballot at town meeting – monitor
- HB105 – relative to voting machines for the counting of ballots – monitor
- HB112 – relative to addresses on motor vehicle registrations – no decision has been made as the committee felt they did not have enough information so they wanted to get the recommendation of motor vehicles and Commissioner Sweeney who will be here shortly as it deals with people with recreation vehicles and people that are homeless.
- HB114 – relative to meeting in official ballot towns – monitor
- HB135 – relative to remedies for violation of the state right-to-know law – monitor
- HB141 – authorizing towns and cities to accept any form of electronic payment – support
- HB148 – relative to the sale and vaccination of animals – monitor
- HB152 – relative to the storage of architectural blueprints by municipalities – monitor
- HB153 – relative to the processing of absentee ballots – monitor
- HB175 – establishing a committee to study political advertising on public property – monitor
- HB179 – requiring automobile insurance to register a vehicle – monitor but would like to speak to Commissioner Sweeney. Discussion occurred as to how the clerks would enforce this as they

would have to see the proof of insurance for the entire year of the registration which most people probably did not have their insurance as the same term as their registration. Also, whether or not we were looking at the right documentation or whether it had been paid and how it would effect e-reg, mail in renewals or online renewals. It was decided that Kathy S. would draft a letter outlining the issues with the bill.

HB183 – relative to the removing supervisors of the checklist – monitor. The committee discussed and there was discussion amongst the members about the possibility of reducing the number of years in office from six years to three years.

HB206 – relative to retention of governmental records under the right-to-know law – monitor

HB210 – relative to public access to minutes of local land use boards – monitor

HB220 – relative to civil procedures for forfeitures for animals – monitor

HB257 – relative to warrant articles at official ballot meetings – monitor

HB258 – relative to undeclared voters at primary elections – monitor

HB265 – relative to proving qualifications to vote – monitor

HB266 – relative to right –to-know exemptions for voter records – monitor

HB267 – relative to the definition of “election” – monitor

HB276 – relative to challenge of voters – monitor

HB323 – changing the name of ballot law commission to the elections and ballot law commission, increasing the membership and requiring the commission to propose redistricting plans – monitor

HB337 – permitting the issue of temporary licenses for certain sellers of animals – oppose

HB340 – relative to polling places – monitor

HB341 – relative to the date selected for presidential primary election – monitor

SB21 – enabling certain persons to vote in primaries prior to turning 18 years of age – monitor

SB38 – relative to placing vote tallies on town and school district ballots – monitor

Kathy S. stated there was one more we were going to oppose and Deb Clark stated it was HB427 relative to equine licenses and licensing of horses, which would fall to the clerks to license. Tricia stated she was concerned with HB36, relative to the purchase of information technology by state agencies and wasn't sure what current policy was, but anything over \$500 had to go through OIT and her concern was with vital records as they use OIT. Kathy S. stated this would flow into another discussion later on. Deb Clark stated if you go on to Keene's website, Patty has put all the bills relative to clerks right on her front page.

Kathy S. stated Patty had also given her the Legislative Policies of what we support and oppose which was adopted January 23, 2007 and has been voted on yearly, but she would like to make a proposed amendment stating “in order to preserve the accountability of elected town clerks to the citizens of New Hampshire and to foster an environment where the town clerk can carry out the responsibilities of the office pursuant to State Laws and regulations without undue influence on the part of other appointed and elected positions, oppose any measure which would provide for the appointment of town clerks”. Motion by Jeanette to accept the proposed legislative policies with the amendment. Duly seconded by Terry. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Kathy S. stated Jim Kennedy, Assistant Attorney General was here to discuss appointments and swearing in of officers for elections. Jim stated he would like to thank all of you for the wonderful job you did this past November as there were very few issues that could not be resolved on election day and we were not finding any evidence of voter fraud, so from our office we would like a big thank you to the town clerks who were really made New Hampshire stand out. RSA 42-3, Oath of Town Officers, addresses situations in close races and not so close races as to when officials can be sworn into office and was amended in August 2008. The first sentence “Any person elected to an office where no other

person was a candidate on the ballot for that office and no write-in candidate received 5 percent or more of the votes cast for that office, may be sworn in after the results are declared from the election and the annual business meeting has ended....” So this means any person who was running that was elected that wasn’t running against anyone else or any write-in candidate received more than 5 percent of the vote, then you can swear in that person after you declare the results of the election and the business meeting has ended, so that was new. Kathy S. stated the business portion of that meeting may not end until five days later, so it was a continuation of the election. Jim asked if it would be helpful if it said “or” instead of “and” and Kathy S. said her thought process was the business portion is part of the election, so it was all one of the same, but they choose to have the business portion the next night whereas others may not have theirs until Saturday. Jim stated this is what the law currently provides and did the board want to look at changing it to “or”. Kathy S. and the board felt that it should be kept the way it was and that we needed to educate people, that the town meeting portion is part of the election, so you do not swear in anyone until that time. Jim stated the second part is “If no recount of the office is requested, any person elected to an office that was contested or for which a write-in candidate received 5 percent or more of the votes cast may be sworn in upon the expiration of the period requesting a recount provided in RSA 669:30”, so there is no real changed there, if you have a contested race and no recount has been requested by the deadline, usually that Friday at 5 PM, then you can swear them in. Kathy S. stated this is where she finds the contrast from the first part as if it was contested the person can get sworn in after 5 on Friday, but the one that was not contested has to wait until the business meeting is over which may not be until Saturday. Jim stated that the RSA has to be looked at as a whole and that he construes the second section with the first and that they need to still wait until the business meeting has been completed as it was still part of the election. Kathy S. stated that she sees nothing in the retention schedule that addresses appointments, but swearing of officers has an retention, so she takes the appointment form, swears them in and that retention is not permanent, but she is hearing some people saying that appointments are permanent. Jim stated he would construe it because they are taking an oath with the appointment and that it follows the same retention schedule. Kathy S. stated that retention is term of office plus three years. Discussion occurred about those that do not come in to take the oath of office and Jim stated that RSA 42:6 requires that they take an oath of office within 30 days of being elected and you could construe appointed to be the same, but he did not have the RSA in front of him, so asked that we call his office with any questions. Jim stated his office would be sending out letters directed to the moderator, but were also providing it to the town clerks, thanking everyone but also pointing out some areas that a polling place may need some type of improvement.

Kathy S. stated up next Kevin O’Brien was here on behalf of Commissioner Sweeney who wanted to speak about the bill dealing with registering at dealerships. Mr. O’Brien stated it wasn’t a bill yet and what it would do was to authorize dealers to become an agent. It was not perfect but it was a trend nationwide, so the bill being proposed needs a lot of work and there are a lot of technical things, but he wanted to talk with us as it could not be done without our support. It sounds different because it’s a foreign concept to do, but if you think about it if you are the customer its actually simple. We do not know if it will work, other states have done it and do not seem to have many problems with it, but with us the biggest thing was how does the money show up from point a to point b, how would fees be collected and for places that have particular fees for communities. It is not perfect and he can think of a lot of reasons why it might not work, but can also think of some reasons it would. There is a company that would be used as an intermediary and the cost right now is kind of high as we are currently over subscribed for our line usage so for us to have an additional agent online it would take an infrastructure change. Kathy S. commented that the legislature probably would not look favorably on the fiscal note. Mr. O’Brien replied the question is who would bare the costs. Discussion amongst the clerks ensued about current problems with dealers now and how this would affect them doing registrations, what if it was a transfer and how the towns should not lose any revenue. Mr. O’Brien stated that they could limit dealers by looking at their qualifications as there were some that probably should not be doing it and it

was not perfect, but they would like the opportunity to look at it. Currently Massachusetts has this program and they even license New Hampshire dealers to do it and have not had problems. Deb Clark stated that New Hampshire does it different and that we have no sales or income tax, so that is how we get our money, so all the other states the money goes to the state and it does not go to the towns. Mr. O'Brien stated in Massachusetts you can register your car for two years with the state but can not do it until all excise taxes are paid to the locals and they can register at the dealership or even register with your insurance company. Tricia stated that you are not just looking at linking up the state system, but you would also have to link up local systems too, as they can not register their vehicle unless all their parking fines have been paid, so administratively how would you do that? Mr. O'Brien stated those are the issues that would have to be discussed and before there is any work done you would have to be a part of that. Deb Clark stated you were asking for information from us and I am not comfortable as I don't have enough information coming from you to know what the pros and cons are, so we need more interaction. Mr. O'Brien stated he came here today to see if we can get this to a study committee and know there are issues with it, but we wanted to tell you it was out there. Kathy S. asked so would you be recommending that it go to a study committee and Mr. O'Brien stated that they don't really know as they have to way out the pros and cons and they have issues they have to deal with on privacy, money, infrastructure and how will all these things be set up and it has to work for all of those involved. Kathy S. asked if he was aware of HB112 which deals with the addresses on motor vehicle and Mr. O'Brien stated he was not and Kathy S. stated it dealt with domicile. Mr. O'Brien stated he knows that Concord has a lot of homeless people and the law says as long as they were domiciled in the state they were entitled to it and it doesn't mean they need a fixed address as domicile means they are physically in this state, so it may not even need legislation to do that. Deb Clark stated there was another bill, HB179 which requires automobile insurance to register a vehicle and Kathy S. said that it was for the registration period and that could be difficult as her insurance goes from a different period and Mr. O'Brien stated we have not taken a position on that and we would probably watch it.

Up next was Dennis Roffman, Office of Information Technology. On the user agreements there are 52 town or cities that still have not been returned. Discussion occurred with the board members on how best to reach these individuals and it was decided to allow the regional chairs to contact the towns either by email or phone and if they didn't respond then it would go in the minutes. There are three more towns to go online, Nashua, Freedom and Bethlehem, which is going online today, so they would have 222 out of 234 towns on. They have put in a lot of work on the DMV side in getting the Ezpass changes and DOT will be working with us, so around April 1st they will be doing a test with them and have a target day in May to implement the Ezpass process. He is working with Lexmark in trying to increase the page count for the registrations, as the life is not as long as they hoped on the cartridges. If the cartridge shows low, you can take the cartridge out to shake it so you can get some more use out of it.

Up next was Karen Patterson, Department of Safety, Division of Safety. On Compass she had three or four outstanding requests but with IT they have not had time due to limited resources, but are working with them to get it done as quickly as possible. She received an email from a clerk who had done a new registration for a customer and in a couple of months they came back in and transferred to a higher price vehicle and received the transfer credit and then a couple of months later came back and transferred back to a lower price vehicle. The clerk had some questions regarding the credits that were being offered and she has not had the chance to zero in on the calculations. Once you have done the transfer on the first they get that certain amount of credit and that is what they have remaining to transfer back and will only get the amount of credit. Kathy S. stated the way she understood it was they only got back the \$5 transfer fee from the town because that was what they paid as opposed to getting credit for what was left, which they should have received about \$104, so it did not calculate the credits. Karen stated she had done it in the test system, but have not yet had time to analyze the results and once they were done she would email them to Kathy. For the one-check there is finally a process in place for

whoever requests it and there are some detriments to the system as you are still responsible for the bounced checks and any fees associated with a credit card. Also, if you receive renewal mailers from us at this time you can not continue with them, so we would suspend any renewal mailers for towns. After discussion with Kathy S., we are also working on sending out mass emails maybe over a couple of weeks or as something happens. The email going out this month will also cover the one-check and for those towns that do not have email they will be called to see if they want it faxed. One big thing she needed to cover was the creation of owners in the system as it is becoming a very big issue with individuals being created more than once in the system. She sent out an email in early October with some guidelines on creating new owners and the situation is getting worse, so in the email going out a cheat sheet will be sent and they are also tracking those worse offenders and will be contacting them individually. On the Belmont sub station just a reminder that they can only do renewals and boat registrations as they are still having people come there with things they can't do. If you see a credit in the MAAP system for over \$10, please do not use it and call them and warning light permits are not required any longer. The last thing was to please plan ahead if you are trying to find coverage for your office or if you know you are hiring a new clerk as we really need a two week lead time to add anyone to your location, to increase or decrease anyone's privileges. Deb Cornett asked where they were with the 30-day extension forms. Karen stated she worked with Kelly on this and they had to order additional quantities as they did not have enough and according to the warehouse the rest should be in this week, so once she receives word then she would be able to get them out to everyone. Also, if there is anything that you want to do that you are not currently doing to please contact us so we know.

Virginia Beecher, Department of Safety, Director of Motor Vehicles stated there are four sub stations that probably would close and they are Claremont, Belmont, North Haverhill and Rochester. Claremont was one of our most expensive sub stations to operate as they pay rent to administrative services and there is no parking there, so they are looking at these four and the date would probably be by the new fiscal year, so July 1st.

Phyllis stated that the decals for 2010 were really bad and other clerks agreed. Ginny stated they are aware of it and the equipment they use at the prison industries is very old and very costly so they were going to have to look at something else. In two weeks they are having a follow-up meeting and by the next meeting she will provide us with an update.

Deb Clark stated she heard that Gabriella's mother passed away and where could we send cards and Karen replied that they could be sent to the MA desk. The last thing to touch on was that Stammy was on the MA desk and had been assigned from registration so she currently was in training and getting up to speed on everything.

Kathy S. stated up next was Anthony Stevens and one thing he would like from us is an appointment to the Elections Standards Board. Anthony stated thanks again for the last election and all the hard work you did. HAVA Section 213 requires we have two appointments from the State of New Hampshire to the Federal Election Commission Standards Board. One is from the Secretary of the State and other is an election official. In 2003 we had a Moderator and then we had a Clerk so the next position we are looking at again is another Moderator, so Secretary of State Gardner would like to recommend Bob Dezmelyk from Newton, but it is up to us to select who we wish. Mr. Dezmelyk served as an Assistant Moderator before serving as Moderator, has served on the HAVA Accessibility Committee and is President of his own computer/software company, so he has extensive background and would be strong in representing the State. Kathy S. stated she felt that the Secretary of State Office would know who was better qualified for Moderator's, but it was our decision and if anyone has questions please do so. Mr. Dezmelyk stated that one of the things he wants to take to the committee at the national level was the practical nature that you actually have to make these things happen. He has worked on industry

standards committees and knows a lot of the dynamics of negotiations of complicated documents, but in representing those of us who are local election officials we actually have to make the election happen no matter what and have to deal with all the voters and problems they may encounter on that day, so he hopes to bring that perspective and the practical nature of it of how it happens in the real world along with the perspective from the science field and the technology field in making computer systems. Motion by Tricia to appoint Bob Dezmelyk to the Federal Elections Commission Standards Board. Duly seconded by Deb Cornett. There being none opposed the motion carried.

Anthony stated the next item was to pick the letter to be used for elections this year for the rotation on the ballot. Kathy V. picked the letter "C". Kathy S. asked Anthony to please get this out as she knows she will be doing ballots next week and the clerks need to know what letter was chosen and if he could please do it by email as well as a letter and Anthony agreed. Kathy S. stated she had a question that came from another clerk, on whether we had permission to send our memory cards back to LHS as LHS has been sending them back to people. This clerk called LHS and asked why they refused the shipment and was advised they were given orders by the Secretary of State's Office not to accept any memory cards until they were notified they could, so has permission been given to LHS and Anthony replied yes. Anthony stated they were working on legislation and looking at introducing a bill dealing with the retention schedule and it was our call on how to handle the legislation, if you want to do it this year or you can study it further. They were continuing to work on it and have also discovered some other issues that they were working on as well. Kathy S. asked do you want a committee or do you want some of us to work with you and Anthony replied it would be good if you could appoint somebody to go on this committee. Kathy S. asked if anyone was interested in serving on this committee. Pat stated that Marsha Shackford from Madison was interested in serving on any committee dealing with retention schedules, so Kathy S. stated she would get in touch with her. Kathy S. asked if there was anyone else as said she would be willing to serve on it and also thinks that one of the legislative two co-chairs might want to be involved in as well. Anthony stated his next thing was the history of the absentee ballots and how the Feds are requiring them to supply data on overseas and military absentee voters. In a few days they will be submitting a report and still have quite a few towns, over 60, that have only entered parts of the data or not completed it at all. They have also found there were 61 cities and towns that did not have any military voters in the town, which was high as some were big towns, but some may be going through channels where they are in the military, but you won't know that if they are not using the federal post card application. Tricia asked how long we keep entering information into the database as she just received ballots back returned to sender that we were sent out in October that were military. Anthony replied up till February 4th as after that they would be pulling all the information together. Kathy S. asked if he could tell us who the 61 towns were and Anthony replied he had a list available. Deb Clark asked if there was something we could do and Anthony replied that they will probably send out another letter telling them the needed it and hope they respond. Kathy S. stated for another issue for motor vehicle what we were doing was all the regional chairs were calling the people in their region and letting them know that something needs to be done and do you want us to do that for this as well and if they have questions, we can tell them to call you. Anthony stated whatever you think will help, then go ahead.

Rita stated she noticed a discrepancy on the records retention dealing with an application of title for motor vehicle as it says until audited plus one year and now we have information that is backed up by what you just handed out that says title applications current year plus six years. Deb Cornett stated she found out when she was audited that motor vehicle has their own retention schedule that was different from what she had. Kathy S. stated that was correct that the law reads one thing and motor vehicle has told us another so she will talk to the title bureau.

Kathy S. stated up next was Steve Wurtz. Steve stated he had a few items. In 2008 we made a commitment to update the state's reporting of vital records so as of February we are 100% with KB, so all cities and towns are receiving an invoice for the monies owed for vital records. Currently it is working about 90% as there are still a few issues that are in NHVRIN that is populating the information in KB incorrectly and this is being worked on. The next VRIF meeting will be held on February 19th and everyone is wondering what will be happening and at this time he has no idea. For the division of vital records it is pretty difficult as it is not our mission to take sides, but he would be happy to provide input. Kathy S. stated she would like to see a committee meet between now and the 19th with Bill Gardner, Patty Little and Joe Gray. The LSR has been pulled but there needs to be discussion on some of the issues and how we should go forward. Deb Clark stated she was in on the phone call and is on the committee, so she would not mind being part of it, but did not have a lot of background of how it started and why it started and Kathy S. stated that Patty can provide that. Tricia stated she asked Paul after the last meeting, as he was on the committee from the beginning, if the VRIF had to come back to this board and he said that they did not, that they were an advisory committee that reports to the Secretary of State's Office. Kathy S. stated they came and asked us and that was why she asked the questions the last time. Steve stated at that time he thinks it was important for the subcommittee and the committee to have the endorsement of all the clerks. If there is not a meeting before the next VRIF then they will have to revisit all of the decisions they made or they could choose to say no and go forward with what was voted on, but then Bill Gardner has the final decision. Kathy S. stated we need somebody else to be on this committee and Tricia stated that she would ask Paul as he served on the committee and also had met with Patty and Bill in the beginning. Kathy stated she felt that was a good perspective to have somebody that has been involved from the beginning. Steve stated the last thing he had was legislative as there were three bills that were affecting vital records and he does not have the numbers, but one was for a same sex marriage, another to convert civil unions to marriages and there was a third he just heard rumors of civil unions between a man and a woman. Kathy S. stated we have not taken any position or even a watch on any of these, but we do know they are out there. Steve stated he put fiscal notes on converting the civil unions to marriage and the same sex as there would be a definite cost associated with software changes as it effects all documents, especially the birth certificate which took a whole year to get corrected because of civil unions.

Kathy S. asked Pat if she had anything on the 2009 Conference and Pat replied everything was all set and will be setting up a conference meeting sometime in April and will email Kathy the menus so that she can start deciding what you want and the agenda.

Kathy S. stated she was going to hold off on the approval of minutes she has communicated with Tricia and she is paring them down. Tricia stated she was used to doing minutes verbatim and there is a lot of information that she wanted to make sure was not cut out, so once they are pared down she would forward them to Kathy S., Deb Clark and Sue. Also, do we want to approve the October minutes as those had gone out awhile go and it was the consensus of the board to approve them all next month.

Kathy S. asked if everyone looked at the Treasurer's report. Rita stated she received the money from Associated Press and it was \$3,100 for each election and then advised the board she moved money into the ING account and the dues monies is coming in pretty good. Kathy S. received another bill for the pins and sent another email to the company, so that bill is still on hold as they are not returning any phone calls or responding to the emails. Motion by Sue to accept the Treasurer's Report. Duly seconded by Kathy V. There being none opposed the motion carried.

Kathy S. stated she received a thank you from Bill Bolton for the gift the Association gave him and he greatly appreciated it. Kathy S. then asked Jeanette if she was willing to serve again for the LOGIN appointment and Jeanette stated she would but has not heard of any meetings. Kathy S. asked when the

New Clerk's Workshop was going to be and Sue stated the dates were April 6th and April 13th at the LGC and she needs some help with registrations and the Secretary of State was doing elections and Tricia was going to do dogs.

Tricia asked Kathy S. if she found out anything about the swearing in of Past President, and she replied we need to do something about it but it did not have to be done today. We should either look at changing the by-laws to make it just a member of the Executive Board or to just swear them in, so this was something we can think about and take up at our next meeting.

Kathy S. asked if anyone set their regional meeting date. Tricia stated she would like to address the regional checking accounts as she had discussed it with Kathy S. At one point in time we had to turn back money to the association if we had more than \$500 and her account currently had almost \$1,500 in the account so before changing it over to the new co-chairs she wanted to make sure we still did this. Kathy S. stated that Monadnock brought a check for their region, Tricia stated she would bring it to the next meeting and Jean stated that White Mountain has about \$800. Phyllis was not sure what their balance was and Deb Cornett would check with Pat to see what their balance was. The only regional meeting date set was for the Monadnock Region which would be on May 6th at the Mile Away Restaurant in Milford. Kathy S stated if you pick a date, please get that date to me and to Tricia as she was going to put out a list of important dates which was very helpful.

Rita stated the Town Clerk of Shelburne, Constance P. Ledger, passed away after being with her town for 31 years and did we want to send a donation in her memory to the Lawrence E. Philbrook Family Scholarship at the University of Maine Foundation in Orono, Maine. Motion by Kathy V. to send a donation to the Lawrence E. Philbrook Family Scholarship in memory of Constance Ledger. Duly seconded by Jean. There being none opposed the motion carried.

Rita stated the new rates for mileage went down to .55 from 58.5 cents.

Kathy stated that Deirdre Geer, Town Clerk of Swanzey, has resigned as of December 26th and Lori Belletete was replacing her and her email is Lbelletete@town.swanzey.nh.us.

Deb Clark asked if anyone heard about how Judy White's deputy was doing after her accident and Jean said she was supposedly going to rehab this week. Kathy S. said she heard it could be a year before she returns and Jean said she had heard six months to a year. Deb Clark asked if anyone knew if Pat's deputy was back and Sue stated she heard that she would be out until at least September.

Linda Hardy stated she had a question. The Tax Collector's have a buyback for service, but what happens with the Town Clerks. Kathy S. stated with Town Clerks there was no buyback as we were automatic because of the way the by-laws are written as opposed to the Tax Collector's by-laws. The Town Clerk deputy is automatically considered a "member" for the town.

Kathy S. asked if everyone saw the preparation of minutes from LGC? She stated the DRA does not agree with it and she thinks they are making it more difficult on the person looking it up and on us then they need to. If you change the minutes in the next session and it is noted there and redo them, then you have it all in the regular minutes and that draft is exactly that until approved. They want you to keep the draft, the ones you fixed with the notations and then the final minutes. Do we want to take a stand on this or let it go as it would not really affect the towns as much as it could affect some of the cities. The Board agreed with her and the consensus was to just let it go.

Kathy S. stated the only other thing she had was convention related and she found that there were lots of colors for cancer, but there was one color for all survivors and it was lavender. There were going to be sections to the quilt, for people to have the ability to write names on it and some of the blocks will be ready for the regional meetings. The blocks were going to be lavender, pink, white, teal and maybe one other color, maybe yellow, so people can sign, not only cancer survivors, but also in memory of. Kathy S. asked if anyone had any other issues.

Kathy V. stated she would like to go back the Past President thing. If the by-laws state the position is an officer then I should be sworn in. Kathy S. stated you should be sworn in and would you like someone to swear her in? Kathy V. stated there should not be any decision till the next annual meeting and Kathy S. agreed and that this committee needs to make a decision as to whether they want to change the by-laws or not. If you do not want to change the by-laws from now on we will swear in the immediate Past President, which most members were in agreement. Sue then gave the oath of office to Kathy V.

Motion by Rita to Adjourn. Duly seconded by Jeannette. There being none opposed the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Piecuch
Secretary