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ADAMS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Coleen Reamer, President **Vacant, Vice-President**
Keith Whittaker, Treasurer **Marcia Weaver, Secretary**

The 97th Convention of the Adams County Association of Township Officials was held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at the SAVES Social Hall with registration and viewing of the vendor displays at 4:45 pm. President Coleen Reamer welcomed all present at 5:50 pm. Presentation of the Colors was conducted by the McSherrystown Boy Scout Troop #107. Following the invocation led by Mr. Wilbur Slothour, and the pledge of allegiance to the flag, dinner was served. Following dinner, the vendors, advertisers and guests were introduced and recognized as well as our serving Military. Door Prizes were awarded throughout the evening.

Ms. Melissa Morgan – PSATS Legislative Analyst

Ms. Reamer introduced Ms. Melissa Morgan, Legislative Analyst from PSATS, who presented the PSATS Youth Award. A check in the amount of $500 was presented to the Fairfield Area High School Collaboration for Youth Program. Present were participants from Hamiltonban and Liberty Townships to receive the award.

Ms. Morgan informed Members of the many services offered by PSATS, which included Member Services, the new PSATS Portal, the Lobbying Network, Municipal Government Academy, Training Opportunities, The Annual Education Conference and the new Lodging System. She also presented several key legislative issues currently affecting Townships:

- Townships are to receive a 9% increase in their Liquid Fuels Allocation for 2015.
- Tax Collectors will be required to appoint a Deputy Tax Collector.
- Proposed requirements for mowing operations.
- Proposed Federal "Waters of the US" rule.

Mr. Ron Sanders – Mr. Lincoln, Keynote Speaker

Ms. Reamer presented Mr. Ron Sanders as the Keynote Speaker. Mr. Sander's presentation was a portrayal of Abraham Lincoln.

Association Business:

- The minutes of ACATO's November 14, 2013 Conference were approved as presented in the Conference Booklet by Diane Groft, previous Secretary, on a motion by Ms. Brogan, Hamilton Township and seconded by Ms. Underwood, Cumberland Township; motion carried unanimously.

- The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented in the Conference Booklet by Donna Dixon, previous Treasurer from Tyrone Township and the current Treasurer, Keith Whittaker, on a motion by Ms. Groft, Mount Pleasant Township and seconded by Mr. Matt Young, Freedom Township; motion carried unanimously.

- Ms. Reamer thanked everyone serving on the various association committees.

- No Resolutions by the Association were submitted to PSATS this year.

- Debby Brogan, Hamilton Township, and ACATO Resolutions Committee Chairperson, presented and read aloud the following two Resolutions:
    1. Resolution 2014-01: Second Class Township Code, Article 14, Section 101. A Resolution to change the procedure to amend the Association By-Laws by eliminating the need for two consecutive votes at two separate conferences; To having one vote at one conference followed by adoption of member townships at their board meetings to present back to the Association for changes to the By-Laws, was adopted on a motion by Mr. Russell Raub, Tyrone Township and seconded by Ms. Barbara Finfrock, Highland Township; motion carried unanimously.
    2. Resolution 2014-02: Second Class Township Code, Article 12, Section 4(d) & 4(e). A Resolution to combine the Conference and Programs Committees into one committee, was adopted on a motion by Mr. Ben Thomas, Cumberland Township and seconded by Mr. Dan Golliday, Freedom Township; motion carried unanimously.

- Carol Merryman, Cumberland Township and Nominations Committee Chairperson, presided over the election of new officers. Nominations were opened from September 1st through November 10, 2014, however no nominations were received for the slate of officers during this time.
    1. Ms. Merryman opened the nominations from the floor for President. Ms. Stephanie Egger, Hamilton Township, was nominated on a motion by Ms. Debby Brogan, Hamilton Township; seconded by Ms. Carol Bollinger; Union Township; motion carried unanimously. Ms. Egger accepted the nomination for President.
    2. Ms. Merryman opened the nominations from the floor for Vice-President. Ms. Coleen Reamer, Hamiltonban Township, was nominated on a motion by Ms. Diane Groft, Mount Pleasant Township; seconded by Ms. Pat Davis, Huntington Township; motion carried unanimously. Ms. Reamer accepted the nomination for Vice-President.
    3. Mr. Keith Whittaker, Conewago Township, agreed to serve a second term as Treasurer and was nominated on a motion by Mr. Russell Raub, Tyrone Township; seconded by J. R. Crushong, Franklin Township; motion carried unanimously.
    4. Marcia Weaver, Reading Township, will serve her seconded year in keeping with the Association By-Laws. A new Secretary will be appointed in November, 2015.

- Ms. Coleen Reamer will serve as the Association's voting delegate to the PSATS Annual Education Conference to be held April 19 – April 22, 2015, on a motion by Mr. Ben Thomas, Cumberland Township; and seconded by Mr. Dan Golliday, Freedom Township; motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ben Thomas, Cumberland Township, was appointed as second delegate on a motion by Ms. Coleen Reamer, Hamiltonban Township; and seconded by Mr. J. R. Crushong, Franklin Township; motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Reamer reminded everyone of the Mid-Year Conference to be held May 27, 2015 and the next Fall Conference to be held November 11, 2015.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia V. Weaver

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Association Secretary