Adams County Association of Township Officials

Stephanie Egger, President
Marcia Weaver, Treasurer

Harry McKean, Vice President
Beverly Shriver, Secretary

Minutes of the November 8, 2017 Meeting

The 100th Convention of the Adams County Association of Township Officials (ACATO) was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at the Southeastern Adams Volunteer Emergency Services Inc. (SAVES) Social Hall in Hanover with registration and viewing of the vendor displays at 4:45pm. President Stephanie Egger welcomed all present. The Presentation of Colors was conducted by the Mason Dixon VFW Memorial Post #6954; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. President Egger announced all veterans should stand and be recognized and thanked for their serving in the Military. Mr. Wilbur Slothour gave the Invocation. Dinner was served at 6:00pm.

President Egger thanked the SAVES Social Hall Staff for the coordination of tonight's dinner and also thanked the Chairperson and members of the Programs Committee for the arrangements on the tables and for handing out the door prizes throughout the evening. President Egger recognized the guests; Chad Reichard, Legislative Director and Field Representative for the Honorable Rich Alloway II, State Senator of the 33rd District; The Honorable Dan Moul, State Representative of the 91st District; The Honorable Will Tallman, State Representative of the 193rd District; Adams County Commissioner Randy Phiel; Adams County Commissioner James Martin; Adams County Commissioner Marty Karstetter-Qually; Executive Director, PSATS, Dave Sanko; The Honorable Scott Wagner, State Senator of the 28th District Chair of the Senate Local Government Committee; Russell "Rusty" Ryan, Adams county Conservation District; Honorary ACATO Member William Chantelau. President Egger gave recognition of the Vendors supporting our Townships.

Several presentations in "Celebration of the 100th Year Anniversary of ACATO" were presented to President Egger from Legislative Director and Field Representative Chad Reichard presenting on behalf of the Honorable Senator Richard Alloway II, Honorable Will Tallman on behalf of the House of Representatives, Commissioner James Martin on behalf of Adams County Commissioners and PSATS Executive Director, Dave Sanko.

Speaker; Mr. William (Bill) Chantelau, Honorary ACATO member gave a brief history of ACATO and the origin of Adams County and its constituent townships; Chantelau acknowledged the references/credits; "A History of Adams County, PA 1700—1990", Robert L. Bloom, Gettysburg PA, Adams County Historical Society, 1992; "History of Cumberland and Adams Counties, Pennsylvania" Chicago, Warner, Beers & Co. 1886; Office of County Commissioners; Gettysburg Times-Archival Services; Adams County Historical Society. Mr. Chantelau's presentation was enlightening. The presentation is available to anyone who might be interested in both paper form and electronic form. Contact Diane Groft.

Speaker; Mr. Dave Sanko, Executive Director, PSATS: Mr. Sanko commends ACATO for helping to preserve local government and spoke on legislation affecting townships of the second glass, issues of major importance to townships and their residents and ideas to better connect township residents and local government leaders.

Speaker; Honorable Scott Wagner, State Senator of the 28th District, Chair of the Senate Local Government Committee spoke on various issues and noted he has an open door policy for problems and issues that need special attention in our municipalities.

Association Business Meeting:
President Stephanie Egger called the November 8, 2017 ACATO Business Meeting to order at 8:35pm followed by giving recognition in memory of those officials who have entered into God's care.

The ACATO Conference Minutes of November 9, 2016, as presented by Beverly Shriver, Oxford Township Secretary were approved as presented in the conference booklet by Coleen Reamer, Hamiltonban Township and Marcia Weaver, Reading Township. Motioned carried.

Treasurer's Report prepared by Ms. Marcia Weaver, Reading Township was approved as presented in the conference booklet pending audit by Carol Bollinger, Union Township and Bob Gordon, Hamiltonban Township. Motion carried.

President Egger reported no resolutions were handed in to pass forward.

Audit Committee Report for 2016 was listed in the conference booklet by Chairman Craig Rockey, Highland Township was accepted as presented by Ben Thomas Jr., Cumberland Township and Diane Groft, Mount Pleasant Township. Motion carried.

President Egger announced she has enjoyed serving but has reached the end of her tenure and thanked everyone for the opportunity in serving.

President Egger read the By-Laws for Election of Officers.

Nominations Committee Chair Ms. Carol Merryman, Cumberland Township, thanked the ACATO officers for serving during 2017 and in accordance with our ACATO By-Laws, presented the following slate of ACATO Officers for the remainder of this year and 2018:
President: John E. Gormont, Mount Joy Township was nominated

Vice-President: No Nominees at this time

In accordance with ACATO By-Laws Article VII.2, the next reverse alphabetical order Township up for this office is Secretary Sheri L. Moyer of Mount Joy Township. Also in accordance with ACATO By-Laws Article VII.2—Ms. Moyer's term of two years will end in November, 2019

Treasurer: Ms. Kimberly Beard, Reading Township

Chair Merryman requested any other nominations from the floor for the offices of President and Vice-President. At this time for President we have John E. Gormont; Chair Merryman asked if there are any other nominees for President. Chair Merryman asked two additional times if there are any other nominees for President; hearing none, the Chair closed the nominations for the office of President.

Vice-President; there are no nominees at this time. Chair Merryman asked if there are any nominations for Vice-President. Chair Merryman asked two additional times if there are any nominations for Vice-President; hearing none, at this time the nominations are closed for the office of Vice-President. With no further nominations, slate of officers as stated will preside as appropriate.

President Stephanie Egger asked for a few words from incoming President John Gormont. Gormont was not present for this portion of the meeting.

Township Door prizes were drawn: Highland Township won a Lowes $100 gift card; Oxford Township won a Lowes $100 gift card; a special 100th Anniversary gift was presented from Land and Sea Services; a $100 dollar bill went to Union Township. Centerpieces were given as door prizes. A $25 gift card from Staples and a centerpiece will be given to the person drawn from the pile of completed 100th Annual Convention Evaluation. The Evaluation Drawing prize went to Sherri Hartman, Tyrone Township.

Ms. Egger, in the absence of the new president asked for nominees for the PSATS Conference Delegates for 2018. A motioned by Russell Raub, Tyrone Township second by Greg Cole, Menallen Township nominated Kenny Wolf, Menallen Township as the 1st Delegate. Motion carried. The vacant 2nd Delegate position will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting and stated in the next newsletter.

Matt Young, Freedom Township second by Ed Steinour, Highland Township motioned to adjourn. Motion carried. Ms. Egger adjourned the meeting at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly A. Shriver, Association Secretary

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