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Deputy Registrar Sub-Committee Minutes October 19, 2009

Tony Leo called the meeting to order at 3:10pm and asked Nancy Crespo to take roll call of the attending members.

Carolyn Williams, Acting Registrar, Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Aldo Filippelli, President, Ohio Deputy Registrars Association; Noreen Saunders, President, Ohio Clerk of Courts Association; Elise Spriggs, Attorney at Law; Senator Tom Patton's aide Tim Lynch, 128th Ohio General Assembly, Ohio Senate, 24th District.

Mr. Leo asked the attending members of the audience to introduce themselves. Susan Grove, Deputy Registrar; Karen Cloud, Deputy Registrar; Bridgette McCall, ODRA; Elizabeth Sammons, Rehabilitation Services Commission, Kim Nelson, State Treasurer Kevin Boyce's Office, Tim Amrine, Deputy Registrar.

Mr. Leo continued by beginning with the chart of recommendations as submitted by the BMV. The chart organized the recommendations of the sub-committee into categories of "Legislative", "Administrative", "Can Already Do", and "Can't Support". This chart represents the BMV's opinion of each recommendation. Mr. Leo first announced the relocation of the recommendation for changing deputy registrar contracts from 3 years to 5 years from the "Can't Support" category into the "Legislative" category.

Mr. Leo then opened the floor for discussion of the recommendations on the list that members did not want to see sent to the main Study Group.

Mr. Filippelli began by asking if the sub-committee would look into moving the automatic increase and cost of living increase recommendations from the "Can't Support" category into the "Legislative" category. He justified this by saying it could be a good idea to have this legislatively in place in case down the road we are looking at future fee increases; this could be used as a trigger mechanism for deputies to get a fee increase also.

Ms. Williams noted that she thought the Bureau's stance would still be they would not be outwardly supporting these recommendations.

Ms. Crespo expounded on Ms. Williams' statement by saying if there were these trigger mechanisms that took a percentage or a fee from current fees, then some entity would be losing money, whether it be the BMV or local municipalities.

Ms. Saunders asked Mr. Filippelli to clarify what his gross percent recommendations are alluding to.

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Mr. Filippelli explained it as being a trigger point on the way they collect their fees. Instead of having a straight deputy registrar fee, as a per transaction, ODRA is recommending taking what they bring in as a gross amount, they would take a percent of that as their way of being compensated. He stressed ODRA is not looking at taking any state funds away. He continued by explaining his cost of living recommendation, by saying if over a 3-4 year period of time, if the cost of living adjustment increased, that would be the trigger for them to go to the General Assembly and ask for a fee increase. ODRA wants to use it as a benchmark for fee increases, instead of using the current process of going in each time to ask for a fee increase. He ended by saying he understands the BMV's point of view.

The Cost of Living recommendation was subsequently moved from the "Can't Support" category to the "Legislative" category.

Mr. Lynch added that the sub-committee had spent some time discussing a number of ways ODRA can increase their business, specifically the temp testing at each agency. He asked what the main hurdle is for providing temp testing at each agency if ODRA shouldered the cost of the programming.

Ms. Williams answered there would be a cost also for the equipment in addition to the programming, for each of the 205 deputy registrar locations.

Mr. Lynch asked about deputies being lottery gaming agents.

Mr. Coleman answered that there are currently deputy registrars that are acting as lottery gaming agents that is a separate part of their business.

This resulted in the lottery gaming agents recommendation being moved from the "Can't Support" category to the "Administrative" category.

Mr. Leo then went down every item on the chart, asking the members to let him know if they have any problems with the recommendations being included in what will be submitted to the Study Group.

This led to a question regarding the separation of transactions relating to the deputy registrar fee. The BMV stated they would look into why this is the case, and will report back to the sub-committee.

A final question was asked regarding self-service kiosks. Mr. Coleman stated this is something that has been on the BMV's table for quite some time. The BMV is looking at a couple of different options, and will choose which one will best serve the customers, and one that fits in the BMV's budget.

The sub-committee agreed on which items will be included in the final document to be reported to the main Study Group. The BMV will prepare the document and send it to the members of the sub-committee for their review prior to the final meeting.

Mr. Leo said the final Study Group meeting will be held on November 2, from 3:00-5:00 in room South B & C on the 31st floor of the Riffe Building. The meeting was adjourned at 3:51.