

**Delaware Coalition for Open Government  
Virtual Board Meeting by Zoom  
Tuesday, September 17, 2024**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** John Kowalko III, Al, John F, Nick, Coralie, Anita, Warren Rosenkranz, Carol DiGiovanni, William Garfinkel, Bill Shields, Alan H, Connie, John K, Amy Roe, Rep Madina, Earl Campbell

**Treasurers Report:** Anita- added \$155.       $\$2698.99 + \$7798.19 = \$10,497.18$

**Committee Reports:**

1. Nick- Sen Sokola responded to Nick's letter saying "we have a path to the IG bill passage"
7. Connie- Annual Meeting- on same date as our regular meeting date. Zoom meeting. Agenda includes Annual Report plus a speaker. Request from Connie- please send ideas for speaker, topic to her email
8. Connie- Elected officials Reception date Monday, December 9 from 5:30-8:30 at Ed Oliver Golf Club. Deposit of \$200 has been processed. Request from Connie- need suggestions for names for possibly three awards-
  - Government for the People Award
  - Distinguished Journalism Award
  - Distinguished Service AwardPlease send ideas to Connie

**Unfinished Business:**

3. Nick- Received a response from Federal OIG regarding DelCOG's letter. FOIA Requests sent to DOL, DOF, Auditor, Governor. Received responses from all but governor. Have not yet sent letter to Department of Justice or PIC yet. Nick will consolidate all this and John will put up on website.
- 4 and 5.- Amy- Two problematic bills. Amy has written up notes/bullet points regarding FOIA problems, asks for input, so they can be put in letter format to send to GA for action in January. Input requested by October 1.
6. CSD Board Issues- Rep Madina reviewed some of the issues surrounding Christina's rogue board members, asked for suggestions on where to go next to correct this problem. Suggestions include -
  - Residency laws updated
  - Petition for revocation of board members
  - Concurrent resolution to ask DOE to vacate the Board, take vote of no confidence
  - Legal pathway

Need- suggested language for complaint, talking points

Connie will write up a letter to submit to AG, media, GA, DOE. Will talk to John F, and Madinah

7. Funding sources- Al- asking retiring legislators for donations of their campaign money, getting money from 501c3s. Al asked for information regarding the process for 501c3s to donate.

**New Business:**

1, 2, 4 moved to October meeting

3. Lobbying Report Card- JohnK, John F, Nick will work on

5 John K made motion to reimburse John K for Zoom Subscription Renewal cost of \$159.90. Second by Al. approved unanimously.

6. John sent the 2023 annual report to board members. Asked them to review it.

7. New item from Nick and Amy- DelCOG priorities list to be sent to governor and Legislators

**Open Forum:** Amy- Sunset review of lead abatement has been accepted by Joint Sunset Committee but Amy was told that it would be a PRIVATE review by Sen Hoffner. Violation of FOIA, Needs a DelCOG response

**Next Meeting:** October 15.