

#### OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

#### REVISED MINUTES OF THE

# JOINT MEETING OF THE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE AND LIAISONS WITH PUBLIC OFFICES COMMITTEE

# FOR THE MEETING HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013

#### Call to Order:

Herb Asher, Chair of the Liaisons with Public Offices Committee, called the joint meeting of the Public Education and Information Committee and the Liaisons with Public Offices Committee to order at 3:19 p.m.

#### **Members Present:**

A quorum was not present with Chair Asher, Vice-chair Taft and committee members Amstutz and Bell of the Liaisons with Public Offices Committee, and members of the Public Education and Information Committee in attendance.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes were not approved at this joint meeting of the two committees.

#### **Presentations and Discussion:**

Chair Asher recognized Catherine Turcer, policy analyst with Common Cause Ohio, to provide her perspective on the issue of public outreach.

Chair Asher inquired whether staff would be needed to accomplish the outreach goals of the committees and Ms. Turcer responded, saying staff would be needed, but there are things that can be done now without a staff.

Committee member Karla Bell asked about the difficulties of maintaining the outreach goals. Ms. Turcer answered that implementation is the biggest struggle and maintenance is not too difficult, especially if there is staff to provide assistance.

Chair Asher then called forward Michael Dittoe, director of communications for the Ohio House of Representatives, to testify on public outreach.

Representative Ron Amstutz mentioned that the staff capacity seems to be a large and reoccurring issue. Mr. Dittoe responded by encouraging the Commission to use the legislators' voice, especially at the state level, while staff is not present.

Chair Asher recognized John McClelland, director of communications for the Ohio Senate, who also provided testimony on the subject of public outreach.

### **Adjournment:**

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

# Approval:

The minutes of the October 10, 2013 joint meeting of the Public Education and Information Committee and the Liaisons with Public Offices Committee were approved at the December 12, 2013 joint meeting of the committees.

Public Education and Information Committee	Liaisons with Public Offices Committee
/s/ Roger L. Beckett Roger L. Beckett, Chair	
Larry L. Macon, Vice-chair	/s/ Robert A. Taft Robert A. Taft, Vice-chair