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OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE
ROGER BECKETT, CHAIR
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2013

Chairman Roger Beckett called the join meeting of the Public Education and Information Committee and the Liaison with Public Offices Committee to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present and the committee proceeded as a full committee.

Chairman Beckett explained the purpose of the meeting was for organizational purposes to determine how the committee will proceed in the future. He announced that at the next meeting, the committee will hear two separate testimonies from individuals representing both major political parties to explain their experience and how their work could guide the committee with regard to outreach.

Chairman Beckett proceeded with the discussion of organization and opened it to the committee for comments, questions, and suggestions.

Professor Richard Saphire began by suggesting that members of the commission should be able to submit reports of what they're doing to publicly explain the role of the commission and the latest news. He suggested a place on the commission's website would probably be best.

Dr. Larry Macon suggested the committee prioritizes specific role both the Public Education and Information Committee and the Liaison with Public Offices Committee. Senator Charleta Tavares continued on from Dr. Macon's comment, stating that a clear explanation of both committees could determine whether or not the committees should be merged into one.

Dr. Herb Asher felt that an individual to handle communications would be beneficial to the commission as a whole.

Governor Robert Taft felt that providing assistance to legislators on what the commission is doing and then the legislators can inform their constituents. Senator Michael Skindell mentioned how he is already doing that with his usual outreach efforts throughout his district.

Governor Taft stated that he supported the idea of merging the two committees and to bring it up at the meeting of the full commission. Senator Tavares echoed Governor Taft's suggestion.

Senator Tavares moved to bring the idea of merging the committees to the full commission, Governor Taft seconded the motion, and the motion carried without opposition.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

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ROGER BECKETT – CHAIR

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LARRY MACON – VICE CHAIR

Dennis Murray