

**Washington State Election Administration
And Certification Board
Minutes
Regular Meeting of Board
February 15, 2007**

Attendance

Members:

Karen Flynn, Chairman, Kitsap County Auditor
Sam Reed, Secretary of State
Nick Handy, State Director of Elections
Mike Garvison, Skamania County Auditor
Mike Armstrong, State Representative, Republican Party
Tom Crowson, State Republican Party
Mike Snyder, State Democratic Party

By conference call:

Kris Swanson, Cowlitz County Auditor
Corky Mattingly, Yakima County Auditor
Vicky Dalton, Spokane County Auditor

Nonmembers:

Ruth Bennett, State Libertarian Party
Katie Blinn, Office of the Secretary of State
Sheryl Moss, Certification and Training Program Manager, OSOS
Libby Nieland, Certification and Training Program Specialist, OSOS
Kay Ramsay, Certification and Training Program Specialist, OSOS

Opening Remarks and Introductions:

Board members and nonmembers in attendance introduced themselves. A guest, Ruth Bennett of the Libertarian Party was introduced.

NASAD Conference

Sam Reed, Secretary of State, started the meeting by announcing that Washington's Certification & Training Program is highly regarded by other states. At the recent National Association of State Directors, meeting in Washington DC, Sheryl Moss gave a presentation on the various duties and programs that the Certification & Training Program provides to our state's election community.

The Certification & Training program was also mentioned in a presentation given by Sam the same week at the recent , National Association of Secretaries of State, conference. Karen Flynn noted the importance of the Certification & Training program to our state's election process.

Sam Reed and Sheryl Moss reported on several bills at the Federal level related to Elections. Requiring a paper trail for DRE's/DAU's and term limits being two of those.

Action Item:

Motion: Can a certified Election Administrator maintain their certification if they become temporary staff?

Motion denied with the option of reviewing the subject again in the future if necessary.

Motion: Will the EACB permit follow up reviews visits to be done remotely when travel to the county is not practical due to severe weather.

Motion approved with the understanding that visits would be made in-person whenever possible.

Motion; Will the EACB approve a reduction of the current 12 hour Orientation Training requirement to allow more flexibility in structuring the course? The requirement of attending the Orientation Training remains.

Motion approved, changing the requirement to a “minimum of 8 hours”

Current Legislation – Auditor’s:

Karen Flynn outlined the legislation being proposed by the Auditor’s Association this year;

- Modification of requirements of when ballots will be counted in RCW 29A.60.160 to every three days. Reference to counting on holidays and weekends will be removed
- A change in the manual count of ballots prescribed in, in RCW 29A.60.160 and in WAC 434-261.060 will replace counting of precincts with counting of batches.
- Legislation has been submitted that would remove the Date of Birth from the list of information that is public. This is being addressed as it could potentially present an identity issue for voters.

Current Legislation - Secretary of State:

The Secretary of State’s Office has six bills to present this session regarding the following subjects:

- 1) Pick a party box change
- 2) Electronic voter registration
- 3) Require OSOS to provide a Primary Voter’s Pamphlet in even year primary’s
- 4) Voter registration technical cleanup
- 5) Cleanup of vote by mail
- 6) Filing of candidates, PCO, minor party, filing location

Certification & Training

Sheryl Moss reported that not as many counties were reviewed this past fall as scheduled. This was partially because of new staff being trained.

The number of reviews was also affected by King County being reviewed in the General Election. Two or more staff are needed to review King County, thus reducing the availability of staff for other reviews. Sheryl stated that many counties being reviewed have common issues with lack of staff and inadequate facilities. Certification & Training will conduct trainings in March, April, May, and July. The Elections conference will be in June this year.

The Election Administration and Certification Board meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kay Ramsay

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