

ROVAC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE DECEMBER 1 2016 MEETING

Attendees: ROVAC Technology Committee Members: Lisbeth Becker, Anne Marie Mastroianni, Lisa Santangelo, Dorothy Mrowka, Stuart Wells, Marla Cowden, Jack Richmond, and Ann Kilby. Guests: Ted Bromley, Heather Augeri, and Shirley Surgeon from Secretary of the State's Office, Camille Mogelnicki and Susan DeCarli from Wethersfield; Mike Wyman, and Lou Battipaglia.

Lisbeth opened the meeting at 10:05 am

The Minutes from the December 1, 2017 Meeting were accepted.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

- Election Management System (EMS) and End of Night Reporting (ENR)
 - SOTS will not be offering ENR for 2017. The issue is that the program is set up from the federal and state office level and not the municipal level. SOTS will look to work with ROVAC to fix system from the municipal level and up so that the system is accessible in a municipal election year.
 - Single district towns and those with at-large candidates may be able to use the system, however, the State will not be contracting with the vendor to provide support during the election period as was done for this past election. In other words, support will be limited since there will not be any dedicated support staff.
 - Items addressed or in process by the Secretary of the State
 - Unknown votes will be calculated and saved automatically
 - The save function has been fixed. The user does not have to refresh or answer pop-up question – Just hit save
 - User is no longer will be timeout
 - Other updates and functionalities discussed at the prior meeting will be addressed based on availability of funding according to Heather Augeri.
- Official voting List
 - There has been some concern regarding the list that the saved list does not have all the names from the official list or else they are removed when a voter has moved out immediately after the election.
 - According to Ted Bromley, there was a change made a while ago which results in a voter falling out of sequence. When a voter is pulled it is done on the Voter ID number and if there are duplicates, it may be that some voters are left behind on the list and others not. We will continue to research and see if there is a common thread in order to seek a solution if there is one to be had.

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- Missing names on Alpha list was also brought up and Ted pointed out that that listed is programmed differently.
- Info on Official Voting List and saving it may fall under best practices.
- Online Voter Registration, DMV Registration, and CVR
 - Ted Bromley suggested that for Best Practice; print out the registration card first. Ask yourself, if the card was received in the mail, how you would process it.
 - Ted indicated that DMV and SOTs were discussing Phase 2 of the integration of voter registration and DMV. Impending changes include:
 - When going for a Driver's License, ask would you like to vote and the voter has the opportunity to see if they are already registered. It would allow the voter to reaffirm party, see if already registered, address verification.
 - The setup is going to be at a Kiosk dedicated for voter registration.
 - In response to question about the DOJ possibly driving automatic registration, Ted's response was maybe but he didn't see that as likely in the near future.
- Duplicate Voters
 - Discussion revolved around how duplicate voters were processed. The SOTS provided a detailed recommendation and that information is also reinforced in the ROVAC handbook.
 - National Voter Registration Act (NRVA) drives a lot of the practices.
 - SOTS may be providing a report that provides a duplicate list by town using First Name and DOB and changed first name and DOB to try and uncover all the incorrectly pulled voters as well as voters who married and changed their last name.
- ERIC Report
 - Birth date may be implied. Federal law does not permit the inclusion of the DOB.
 - Deaths – the ERIC report matches exact SS#. It is updated through 2014.
 - There is no interstate compact to report deaths.
 - ERIC compares data from DMV information, SS database and other databases.
 - CA and FL are not a part of ERIC yet.

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- Electronic Poll books
 - UCONN is looking at four companies that have submitted responses to the RFP. The name of the vendor is not given only there are 4 companies being evaluated.
 - UCONN will be preparing a report on all four systems and SOTS will be making the determination about a system.
 - According to Ted,
 - two proposals utilize the cloud and UCONN has demonstrated that they are easily hackable. In general, anything centrally controlled is easily hacked.
 - They found if a power is interrupted at the server level it can bring down the poll books.
 - SOTS think that they will be having a determination by summer 2017.

- Electronic Audit
 - Initial results are favorable. Would like to roll out and use more extensively.
 - The SOTS has 10 machines and their goal is to place the equipment in each ROVAC county for easily access to the ROV offices.

- SOTs New Registrar Class
 - Overview of the office, the laws, petitions, voter registration and clarity.

- NEW BUSINESS
 - Marla Cowden asked if there was a way to remove birthdates from the lists that are published online.
 - Ann Kilby asked about having a stress test annually. Ted said fine as long as we coordinate.
 - Request that Technology Committee in conjunction with Ted Bromley, conduct a class on best practices with emphasis on how differences in Town sizes drive needs.

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2017 10: 00 am at Riverfront Community Center, 300 Welles Street, Glastonbury. Agenda items to be considered: Best Practices and Duplicates presentation at the ROVAC Conference. We asked everyone to provide their agenda items by March 10, 2017.

Sincerely,

Lisbeth Becker
Chair

Ann M. Kilby
Secretary