

Technology Committee Meeting Notes From August 4, 2016

Introduction of Temporary Chair and Membership on the Committee: Meeting opened by Lisbeth Becker as Temporary Chair at 10:00 am on August 4, 2016. Lisbeth asked each person to introduce themselves. The following members introduced themselves: Lisbeth Becker (Glastonbury), Elizabeth Santangelo (Middletown), Anne-Marie Mastroianni (Bethlehem), Jack Richmond (Hebron), Marla Cowden (Westport), Stuart Wells (Norwalk), Dorothy Mrowka (Colchester) and Ann Kilby (Marlborough).

Nomination and Approval of Temporary Secretary: Anne-Marie Mastroianni made the motion to nominate Ann Kilby as temporary secretary. Second by Dorothy Mrowka. All attendee voted in favor of this motion.

Nomination of Permanent Chair and Permanent Secretary: Dorothy Mrowka made the motion to nominate Lisbeth Becker as Permanent Chair. Anne-Marie Mastroianni and Stuart Wells seconded the motion. All attendee voted in favor of this motion. Dorothy Mrowka made the motion to nominate Ann Kilby as Permanent Vice-Chair/Secretary. Stuart Wells seconded the motion. All attendee voted in favor of this motion.

Review of By-Laws as they pertain to the Technology Committee: Lisbeth distributed: the bylaws as they pertain to the technology committee; Technology Committee Notes from 6/23/2016 and 3/17/2016 Meetings.

Lisbeth asked each attendee what are the current technology items the committee should address:

EMIS – Discussion: training has improved; Practice session is available; status of current defects; having a session at the 2016 Fall Conference; create a list of future enhancements. Heather Augeri was identified as SOTS lead for training on EMIS. Lisbeth asked Marla and Stuart to lead this topic for the committee and be the point of contact with SOTS.

Performance impact on CVRS as it relates to the increased voter registration volume: Marla stated she has concerned on the performance impact due to on-line voter registration and the new DMV on-line voter registration. Discussion:

- On the existing on-line voter registration application, Marla has voters who have concerned their registration is lost and these voters are re-registering every month. Marla recommended adding a step on the on-line voter registration application where the user can verify their existing voter registration as the first step. This should be not difficult to

implement since we can utilize the SOTS “Voter Lookup Tool”. This tool would need to be enhanced to add the voter last name, first name, middle name, suffix, address, party. This will be an agenda item when meeting with Ted Bromley within the next couple of weeks.

New Accessible Ballot Marking Device: SOTS has awarded a contract to IVS. Stuart has been working with IVS. According to Stuart, the new IVS has

- It will consist of a tablet, printer, and a thumb drive. It will print a “real” ballot which the tabulator can process. Each town would receive: one thumb drive, a system (tablet and printer) for each polling place including EDR location.
- Thumb drive will have all the election codes (i.e. – each of your election information – state election, municipal election and referendum). This method would allow the Registrar of Voter change the candidate’s information (i.e. If a candidate dies). An access code will be used to select the appropriate election.
- The printer must have the capability to print an 18” ballot. Existing printers cannot print an 18” ballot. IVS has worked with a printer vendor to provide this capability. The printer can print a double-sided ballot.
- IVS is working on a training location for ROVs and training manual. Training is a 4-hours session.
- This equipment can also be utilized to create ballots on demand; since IVS had to create a test deck to test this new equipment, IVS has created software and it is implemented in the tablet which means we can create our test decks for future elections.
- Outstanding issues that Stuart is concerned about: how to inform a voter that their ballot has an error (i.e. blind person)
- Lisbeth asked Stuart continue as point of contact on this IVS equipment. Can we have a session at the Fall 2016 Conference on the new IVS equipment?
- Could IVS create an “utube” application for training?

Discussion of DMV Change – DMV on-line voter registration and electronic Tumbleweed.

- Lisbeth is concerned based on the information in the recent Hartford Courant articles. We need more information on how the entire process will work. Discussion was held:
 - o How does DMV distribute DMV moved out and moved in based on Town Name or Town Tax Code?
 - o How will DMV send the paper-copy of the registration form to the ROV

Poll Books: Discussion: Need to inquiry with Ted Bromley on the status of the Poll Books; is SOTS re-writing the RFP?

Future Meetings:

- The team would like to meet with Ted Bromley in the near future (this month). Lisbeth will contact Ted.
- It was decided to hold meetings in Glastonbury. Most of us, it is easy to drive to.
- Next meeting – December 1st 10 am. in Glastonbury Senior Center.

Communicating Minutes to the ROVAC County Groups - Once the Technology Committee approves the minutes of the meetings, the minutes will be placed on the ROVAC web site.