

ROVAC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE DECEMBER 6, 2018 MEETING

Attendees: Lou Battipaglia, Marla Cowden, Ann Kilby, Anne-Marie Mastroianni, Kevin McCarthy, Dorothy Mrowka, Jack Richmond, Elizabeth Santangelo, Julie Watson Jones, and Stuart Wells. Guests: Sue Larson, ROV President; SOTS – Peggy Reeves, Ted Bromley, Thomas Miano, and Shirley Surgeon; Chris Prue, ROV Vernon, Douglas Lary Election Moderator Windham County; Mike Wyman, ROV-Tolland.

Ann opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Accept Minutes from prior meeting:

ANY UNUSUAL INSTANCES ON ELECTION DAY

- **Election Night Reporting (ENR) as part of the Election Management System (EMS) will be discussed later in the meeting.**
- Stuart Wells, ROV Norwalk, had a blue cabinet which could not be unlocked Election Day morning. Stuart drilled out the ribbets to unlock the cabinet. Both SOTS and meeting attendees stated that an item addressing problem and resolution would be appropriate in the Moderator handbook and the Town's Election Emergency Contingency Plan.
- Wet Ballot – Encourage the use of Privacy Folders
- This is not an issue on Election Day. Ted Bromley would like assistance from the ROVAC organization to view the CT laws relating to elections including Election due dates, wet signature requirements on documents such as the Ballot order, absentee ballot certification, and canvass completion certification.

TABULATORS AND THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE

- Marla Cowden is concerned about the age of the tabulators and asked the status of research into new technology for replacing the tabulators.
- Peggy Reeves stated the following:
 - SOTS are aware of this issue.
 - According to UCONN, the motherboard is solid technology and it is a simple design. The breakdowns on the tabulators would be the motor reader heads and its printer.
 - SOTS have purchased 169 tabulators for spare parts for the current inventory of tabulators.
 - Looking at the next generation, Massachusetts and Rhode Island have security issues relating to the new generation tabulators. The next generation tabulators have different issues including slowdowns due to the ballot image maintained in the tabulator's storage area. With the additional features in the new technology, more breakdowns may occur.

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Thinking about what we should do next is a balancing act; simple versus more features.

- Stuart Wells mentioned the possibility of using the Ranked Choice System for our elections.

ELECTION NIGHT REPORTING (ENR)

- SOTS stated that 17 towns did not submit their ENR numbers perhaps due to failure to hit submit button. SOTS encourage the use of other parties to enter the data.
- Short time frame to determine need for a recount drives the need to file timely. SOTS would like to have this issue addressed at the next ROVAC conference.
- SOTS are considering updates to the ENR program. SOTS would like to implement Stuart Wells' proposal to enter all figures on the tabulator tape to provide a total to which a column can balance.
- Lisbeth Becker and others would like a summary total used the midnight Election Day results and then enter the individual precinct totals the next day.

CVRS

- Virtual Connection – Tom Miano stated the vendor still testing. Pilot to start in January. Tom is looking for Towns to volunteer for pilot.
- October 30, 2018 stress test went well.
- 90 Day Password change –
 - All passwords have to change every 90 days including the Super User ID. If the Super User ID is not changed, Steve Mason is the only person able to unlock the account.
 - The 90 day password change also affects the EMS IDs. The ROVS manage the Moderator's EMS IDs' and passwords.

DMV – Next release

- Implementation date is 12/2019. DMV is developing in-house.
 - Storing DMV IDs in CVRS – SOTS has permission to store the DMV ID in the system.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2019 at 10 am at the Riverfront Community Center, 300 Welles Street, Glastonbury. Please supply your agenda items to Lisbeth Becker by 01/14/2019.

Adjournment: Dorothy Mrowka made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Ann Marie Mastroianni seconded this motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:26 pm.

Sincerely, Ann M Kilby, Secretary