

## ROVAC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MAY 25, 2017 MEETING

Attendees: Lisbeth Becker, Kevin McCarthy, Marla Cowden, Lisa Santangelo, Dorothy Mrowka, Stuart Wells, Anne-Marie Mastroianni, Jack Richmond and Ann Kilby. Guests: Sue DeCarli and Camille Mogelnicki Wethersfield; Mike Wyman, Tolland; Steve Watkins, East Hartford; Lou Battipaglia, Durham, , Douglas Lary Election Moderator Windham County; Sue Larson, South Windsor and ROVAC President; Ted Bromley and, Shirley Surgeon, SOTS.

Lisbeth opened the meeting at 10:00 am

### **First Agenda Item was report provided by Ted Bromley, SOTS on the status of updates and changes in process at the DMV as they relate to NVRA provisions.**

**PARTY AFFILIATION:** The ongoing debate about the carry forward of a person's party affiliation when moving from one town to another if the voter leaves the party choice section blank has been resolved. There are two types of DMV transactions; change of Address and new voter registration. SOTS discovered that Party Affiliation information for a DMV Tumbleweed transaction was being transferred incorrectly from the DMV to the SOTS DMV Tumbleweed queue. Majority of these transactions were cross town changes. SOTS did run statistics on the how many transactions were affected – for cross-town it was 1%. SOTS fixed this problem in April.

### **DMV – PHASE 2 Implementation of requirements mandated under NVRA**

Phase 2 is in its initial stages, the focus being the DMV delivery system.

What is the scope of Phase 2:

- Focusing on the DMV process, not CVRS.
- The current DMV process is as follows: The applicant fills out an application by hand. The DMV employee then inputs the data and prints out a receipt. The applicant is supposed to review for errors.
- One of the goals of the DMV is to NOT interact with the voter and their registration.
- The proposed changes envision a KIOSK workstation will be used by the DMV customer to ask if they want to register to vote. If the individual is existing CT voter, their voter registration information will be displayed for the individual. There will be no live access to CVRS. The DMV would update a static database nightly with information processed each day. This would be structured to meet the second goal – to have the voter only have to input information once even if moving into a new town as a new voter.
- Build a User Group To Work With DMV and Vendor (Developer(s))
  - o Ted Bromley is requesting a group of Registrar of Voters to work with DMV and the developer to address existing problems with the DMV voter registration data and DMV voter registration process to be fixed in this Phase 2 Project. For example, data quality problems such as unit, street name, towns with boroughs, etc.

## ROVAC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MAY 25, 2017 MEETING

- The Technology Group suggested that there be a Questionnaire developed soliciting Registrars on their interest in participating and on their skill set and then match the skill set to the needs of the group. All Registrars will be encouraged to consider participating.

### CAPABILITY TO PRINT VOTER REGISTRATION CARD WITH THE TOP PART (5 BY 8)

SOTS are working on this capability. Mike Wyman provided a detailed description as developed by the Southington Registrar of Voters office to print on half cards.

### **Other Agenda Discussion Items:**

#### **Individual Change of Address – Voter Registration Application Form**

DMV is sending out completed Individual Change of Address – Voter Registration Application Form with the applicant not signing these forms. Ted is not aware of these types of forms. We are following up with the DMV to understand their process. See sample attached.

#### **CVRS Enhancements and Discussion Items**

- Enhances the Search Process.
  - Broaden Last Name
  - Street Search to include Street Number- (not a priority)
- Placing Voters In Inactive Status for Canvass Process
  - ROV would have the capability to kick off a batch process to place voters in “Inactive” Status on Voter Who Has Been Canvassed and Have Not Reply.
- Leave the SOTS Online Process Opened After The 7<sup>th</sup> Day Before An Election. But change CVR to not provide the capability to process these new or changed voter registrations. On Election Day, CVR would provide the capability to process voter registration through the SOTS online process.

#### **Researching New Technology to Replace Tabulators (Planning For The Future)**

The Registrars and the SOTS entered into a 20 year contract on the Tabulators used for Elections. We are now at the 10 year of utilization. With antidotal evidence suggesting that the machines are requiring more maintenance, the Committee would like to pursue discussion about the next generation tabulators. The question the Committee will be posing to the Board is should we create a task force in looking at new technology. Ted will recommend looking at new technology to replace the tabulator to Denise Merrill.

#### **ENR Reporting for the November Election**

ENR reporting has made 52 changes to the reporting system. Stuart Wells will test the system. It will be ready to be used for the November Election on a volunteer basis. There will be a refresher course for ENR Reporting. Not positive whether it be available in various locations.

ROVAC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MAY 25, 2017 MEETING

**Canvass Process During The Presidential Primary Year**

Recommend a legislature change to have the ability to create and mail CVR Letters earlier (such as January). The only concern is that ROV cannot place voters in inactive status until after the Presidential Primary.

**Next Meeting:**

Next Meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2017 10: 00 am at Riverfront Community Center, 300 Welles Street, Glastonbury. Please supply your agenda items to Lisbeth Becker by July 13, 2017.

Sincerely,

Lisbeth Becker, Chair

Ann M. Kilby, Secretary