

**Help America Vote Act
Idaho State Planning Committee
Minutes, February 6, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Jim Mairs. Those in attendance were:

Chris Rich, Ada County Clerk
Phil McGrane, Ada County
Kristina Glascock, Twin Falls County Clerk (telephone)
Abbie Mace, Fremont County Clerk (telephone)
Patty Weeks, Nez Perce County Clerk
Elinor Chehey, League of Women Voters
Shiloh Blackburn, Self-Advocacy Leadership Network
Asena Decker, Self-Advocacy Leadership Network
David Decker, President Self-Advocacy Leadership Network
Jim Hansen, Coordinator, Self-Advocacy Leadership Network
Jim Mairs, HAVA Coordinator, Secretary of State Office
Lisa Mason, Administrative Assistant, Secretary of State Office

The minutes for September 26, 2013 meeting were approved.

Legislation

HB444 Electronic Poll Book Authorization will authorize the counties to use electronic poll books. There is an emergency clause that would allow the counties to begin using them at the next election.

Certification of Voting Systems 2013

On October 1, 2013, a certification hearing was held for the HART InterCivic 6.2.1 voting system and was certified. This is a software based system for generating ballots, election codes and tabulation of ballots.

New Equipment

Recently Clearwater and Cassia Counties have purchased the ES&S DS200 precinct counters. Kootenai County purchased the DS850 central count tabulator and Lincoln County is purchasing the M100 precinct count system. Bonneville County now has the Hart Central Count System, eScan & eSlate/DAU (Disabled Access Unit). They will also be learning and testing the system with a mock election in March.

Determined to Vote 2014

Shiloh, David and Asena have been involved in the Determined to Vote campaign over the last several years. This year it will be coalition between the Self-Advocacy Leadership Network and Disability Rights Idaho. Their goal will be to attend every major conference in the state for people with disabilities. They will be giving AutoMark demonstrations and teach people with disabilities how to use the device to cast their votes. HAVA grant funds are available to assist with this voter outreach information project.

FVAP Grant Award – UOCAVA and Sample ballot portal.

Idaho has been awarded a five year \$250,000 grant from the Federal Voting Assistance Program to conduct a research project to provide a web based ballot delivery system for overseas voters and a voter specific sample ballot for anyone in the state. It will also provide the on screen marking programming capability that would allow us to move towards developing accessible voting with a consumer grade tablet. The RFP is in progress. The accessible ballot delivery project will not be completed and tested by the Primary Election.

The Democracy Fund (Voting System Replacement)

There is currently \$3.2 million available in the Democracy Fund. Most of the funds are allocated for the voting systems grant program. The statewide voter registration system is costing \$400,000 per year for software support and maintenance. Eventually, when this fund is depleted, the state will have to rely on the legislature for funding for maintenance and enhancements to the voter registration system.

HHS Grants (Improvements for Accessible Voting)

Currently we have \$300,000 in Federal funds available to counties for improvements for accessible options for polling places. The counties are responsible for making sure that their polling places are in compliance. The Secretary of State's Office does not track what polling places are not in compliance, however if there is a complaint, we will follow up.

Presidential Commission on Election Administration

A survey on voting in America was conducted because of the long lines that were suffered in some states and they were trying to identify some of the reasons that happened. None of the recommendations from the report apply to Idaho. We don't have the problem situations that some of the other states have.

The last of the survey addressed certification of voting systems and the future of voting systems in America. We recommend the counties read at least the Executive Summary.

Other business from members of the committee

There was no other business.

Meeting adjourned