COUNCIL OF ELECTION OFFICIALS
APRIL 18, 2007
STATE CAPITOL, LANSING, MICHIGAN


The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by Ann Ulrich.

Ed Weessies moved to approve the agenda as presented, Karen Buie seconded, Motion CARRIED

Terri Lyn Land, Secretary of State, was present and gave a report from her office. She gave details of H.R. 811 and stated that we need to stay in contact with our US Congressmen and Senators to make sure the bill does not get passed in its present form. She said that she supports Early voting/No reason AV. Other states have found that 50% of the people vote early. She also stated that picture ID in the precincts is still in the courts. She congratulated the clerks in the State as the BEST for having implemented the QVF and new voting equipment, required by HAVA.

Chris Thomas, Director of Elections, was present and gave a report from the Secretary of States Office. He talked about H.R. 811, paying people to get petitions signed, same day registrations and early voting.

Bill Zaagman talked about no reason AV and early voting. He stated that the Governors list is: same day registration, electronic registration, increase window to register, drivers licenses/voter registration addresses, permanent 1st time AV list, non-partisan overseeing of elections.

Our list is no reason AV/In person AV voting, and recall/recount change

Terri Hegarty gave a report from the committee regarding permanent AV lists. They are as follows:

1. All clerks who administer elections SHALL maintain PAV.
2. Clerks shall utilize PAV in all elections.
3. PAV lists shall consist of voters who submit written request. Voters who previously submitted written requests to have their name placed on a PAV shall be “grandfathered” in and need not submit an additional request in writing.
4. PAV status moves with the voter in QVF
5. Language providing option for voter to be placed on the PAV added to Voter Registration form, AV applications and Notices of Close of Registration and Election. Example: If you would like your name placed on the Permanent Absentee Voter list to receive an application for an absentee ballot for every
election, please check the following box. Please be advised that you must meet one of the statutory requirements to receive an absentee ballot.

6. Add language that would remove voters from PAV who have not voted in the past two federal General Elections.

Justification:
1. "Shall" created uniformity versus “may”.
2. Insures equality in the administration of all elections.
3. Requiring voters to submit request to be placed on PAV reduces expenses versus mailing to all voters over 60.
4. A voter’s written request to be placed on the PAV should follow them throughout the state.
5. Provide cost effective ways to create and maintain lists by making option available on VR, AF apps and public notices.
6. Prevents PAV from becoming unnecessarily overburdened with non-voters.

Mary Holinrake moved to accept the list of recommendations for PAV, Ed Weessies seconded, Motion CARRIED.

The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2007 at Delta Township.

The meeting was adjourned.

Lou Ann Bluntschly, MCCO Secretary