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Meeting Minutes - Draft MADISON ELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 103A (City-County Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 -

Paul R. Malischke; Sybil R. Better; Rosa J. Garner; Maribeth Witzel-Behl and Andrea R. Kaminski

Excused: 2 -

Marlena G. Deutsch and Christian L. Odom

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Kaminski, seconded by Better, to Approve the Minutes . The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [18089](#) Debriefing on the April 6 Spring Election.

Witzel-Behl reported that the City of Madison had 14 percent voter turnout, and that the Clerk's Office is still compiling statistics on the Spring Election. A full written report will be distributed in the near future.

2. [18090](#) Providing voters with education on the election process.

Committee members suggested the following:

- Develop a list of the 5 biggest reasons your absentee ballot might be rejected.
- Educate political campaigns regarding the risks associated with absentees.
- Publicize where to find a sample ballot.
- Provide a comparisson of time waiting in line for an absentee vs. time spent waiting in line at the polls.
- List frequently asked questions on the city's election website.
- Develop materials for voters that are similar to the new Election Official Guide.

3. [18091](#) Improving our recruitment of Election Officials.

Committee members suggested recruiting election officials through neighborhood associations, service clubs, Communities United, Centro Hispano, and Oscar Mayer. Kaminski said she would ask the Urban League to give the Clerk's Office 5 to 10 minutes to talk about working at the polls at their

annual meeting in the fall.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

4. [17219](#) Update on recent legislative activity related to elections.

Malischke provided the following update:

Assembly Bill 330 has been reported out of committee. This bill would allow overseas voters to have their signature witnessed by someone who is not a United States citizen, and would allow the Government Accountability Board to redesign the absentee envelope.

Assembly Bill 892 (online voter registration) has been incorporated into the comprehensive election reform bill.

Assembly Bill 895 and its companion, Senate Bill 640, would bring the State of Wisconsin into compliance with the federal MOVE act, allow online voter registration, allow anyone to request absentee ballots on a permanent basis, reimburse municipalities for permanent absentee postage, allow alternate absentee voting sites, restrict voter challenges to county residents, and allow municipalities to use poll workers who reside anywhere in the county.

5. [17795](#) Online Voter Registration Bill (LRB 2824-3).

Malischke reported that this was incorporated into the comprehensive election reform bill.

NEXT MEETING

6. [04353](#) Suggestions for future agenda items.

Committee members agreed to focus on voter education at the next meeting.

7. [05160](#) Confirmation of next MEAC meeting.

The next meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.