

ILLINOIS BALLOT INTEGRITY PROJECT
November 15, 2006
Goose Island Brew Pub, 1800 N. Clybourn
Draft Minutes

Attendance: L. Quick, D. Larsen, C. Tobin, D. Gerstung, A. SubbaRao, P. Zelchenko, B. Wilson, C. Gibbons, R. Lipscomb, P. O'Hara, S. Pierson, N. Resnikoff, D. Robin, W. Esler, B. Koehler, A. Schultz. M. Cox, P. Goschy, A. Frank, L. Miller, N. Nohmac, J. Murphy E. Tomoko-Morihari

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair, L. Quick 7: 15 p.m. Welcome and attendees introduced themselves.

2. Minutes of 10.11.06 meeting reviewed corrections made as follows per N. Resnikoff:

5."Motion made and approved to authorize bringing film "Eternal Vigilance" and discussion by Film Maker Dave Earnhardt and the amount of roughly \$200, date and location to be determined".

13."L. Quick, M. Urda, B. Wilson to explore applicability of system in our jurisdiction".

14.d. Non Partisan Exit Poll – need 100 students, 1,000 responses for 95% accuracy to +or- 4%. Also trying to organize Poll Watchers in each precinct.

Motion to accept minutes as amended, proposed, seconded and passed with one opposed.

3. Additional agenda items added to agenda – proposed, seconded and approved. Motion to approve videotaping meeting by Ed Morihari for his personal use only to assist his writing an article for a Japanese publication, and not make available until approved by IBIP members, proposed, seconded and approved with two abstentions.

4. Poll Workers Task Force P. Zelchenko reported on Project LEAP (legal elections in all precincts) a League of Women Voters project since 1981. He taught a Poll Watcher Training workshop to 500 in 2005, but only 5 in 2006. He suggested a joint effort with IBIP. LWV has many volunteers and training materials available.

5. Populex Voting Machine Demonstration B. Wilson invited representatives to make presentation on this system which received 2-year interim certification by SBOE, currently used in Illinois Sangamon County and 11 counties in N.Y. Machine produces a digital paper ballot, with votes represented by #s and a bar code. No votes are stored in the machine. Later machine converts into a scanner for counting votes.

6. David Earnhardt Documentary N. Resnikoff reported showing scheduled for Thurs. Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. at Evanston Library. 71 minute film with 40 minute discussion.

7. Kane County Exit Poll. L. Quick described his efforts to enlist community college students at Elgin and Wabansie to volunteer as Exit Poll Takers. Hopes to enlist 100 volunteers Sat. Nov. 18 to conduct surveys.

8. Bank Account Report S. Pierson current balance of \$849.

9. Status of D. Robin as Chair of IBIP Lake Co. Chapter. Dave does not have enough time to devote at this time. D. Robin reported attendance was disappointing – 30 versus 150 at August Mark Crispin Miller event. Recommend having IBIP rep. Stationed at the door to get people to sign in and also pass the hat for donations.

10 Reports from County Chapters

a Cook County B. Wilson summarized his experience Nov. 7 as election judge. Two DRE machines rebooted 27 times. Push to use DREs by providing not enough pens for Op. Scanners. Training sessions for judges, were better. Scanners were rejecting ballots as defective. Cook Co. 972 Precincts unable to

- close. Scanner memory packs transported to 69 W. Washington. B. Wilson was interviewed re hack of registration records on Fox News N.Y, J. McCormick, Tribune, ABC News, Reuters, and BBC.
- b. Chicago W. Esler reported visited 15 precincts visited did not post names of Write-in Candidates as required. C. Tobin reported 10 precincts various problems – 1 DRE replaced, 1 Optical Scanner replaced, 1 Optical Scanner rejecting ballots – not replaced. Replaced DRE not programmed for precinct – card activator defective -eventually CBOE instructed judge to put in 'manual' mode which allows voting multiple times! 2 precincts had Student "Equipment Managers" using their laptops in the polling place – had not been told it should not be allowed. Electioneering in 50th Ward precinct – precinct captain had Aldermanic Petition at sign-in table. Also noted many precincts not checking the list of early voters or absentee voters and crossing them off pollbook.
- c. DuPage M. Urda unable to attend but sent written notes on irregularities in DuPage including 80 memory cards which went missing on election night not transported to Central Tabulating. Other problems included vote-switching on touch-screens, people being herede to use touch-screens. More complete report to follow next month.
- d. Kane Co. L. Quick reported Eastlake DREs used in Kane Co. - problem with tabulation of Absentee Ballots. 62 precincts did not open on time and Court ordered precincts to remain open until 8: 30 p.m. Long lines, Judges cell phones did not work, over 1,200 provisional ballots.
- e. Lake Co. Informal report from D. Robbins – no major problems. Turnout in Waukegan and North Chicago was not sufficient for D. Seals to win.

11. Review of Recent Events

- a. October 24, Stealing America Vote by Vote and Harvey Wasserman in Highland Park. Event turnout was not great – 30-40 people, probably due to being scheduled with not much advance notice. Recommend getting IBIP to staff entrance sign-in table and also solicit donations.

13 Other Agenda Items

- a. FOIA Requests – D. Larson suggests review of initial request from Oct. 11 draft to determine how we would use the information. R. Lipscomb to discuss with D. Larson.
- b. Revote in Sarasota – P. O'Hara suggests people should go to Sarasota to support efforts for a revote, because of 18,000 undervotes in Cong. Race.
- c. Video on Kathy Cummings' Green Party problems with ballot access in her race for IL. State Representative. S. Pierson would like permission to list Illinois Ballot Integrity on the credits.
- d. M. Cox talked about articles she is working on to highlight election problems.

Next meeting will be Wed. December 6, 2006 instead of 2nd Wednesday of the month because of the holidays.

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Submitted by

Clare Tobin