

# ILLINOIS BALLOT INTEGRITY PROJECT

February 8, 2006

Goose Island Brew Pub, 1800 N. Clybourn

Attendance: L. Quick, B. Wilson, M. Urda, C. Tobin, R. Lipscomb, B. Walter, S. Pierson, N. Reznikoff, P.OHara.

Guests: J. Riley, G. Schoenlardur, W. Horton, J. Black, T. Papas, S. Valavants, N. Bruski, D. Larson. S. Blank.

1. Meeting called to order by L. Quick. People in attendance introduced themselves.
2. Additional items were added to the agenda. Agenda approved.
3. B. Wilson passed out proposed By-Laws for IBIP as a 501©3. Discussion on pros and cons for 501©3 vs. Not-for-profit. Determined that Not-for-profit would best accommodate IBIP's various activities particularly involving advocacy for legislation etc. B. Wilson to prepare documents for signature at March meeting. IBIP is already filed as a Bonafide Civic Organization(CO), but needs to be effective 120 days before an election, so IBIP would be qualified after March Primary. CO may sponsor training for Deputy Registrars, Observe the vote count and also 5% post election audit of DREs.

#### 3 a. Suburban Cook Co. Chapter Report

B. Wilson urged people to sign up as Technical Election Judges. Open and close polls, run zero tapes and poll tapes.– training in mid-February. Call David Orr's office Nikki (312) 603-0963. Also reported 1/28 showing of Invisible Ballots, in Skokie, 37 people attended. Feb. 3 in Evanston Coffee House – 11 people attended. Also attended by Ruth Salomon , Pioneer Press Editor. Upcoming presentations: March 9, Open U. of the Left, 1741 N. Western. April 1, Jewish Reconstruction Synagogue, Dodge Ave. Evanston.

- b. Chicago: C. Tobin distributed FOIA request to be sent to Board of Elections and Cook County?
- c. Dupage: M. Urda reported ISBOE certified, Hart Intercivic Ballot Now tabulator, Hart Intercivic Eastlake scanner DREs with only 2 hours notice of meeting on 1/27. These machines will be used in Kane and Peoria counties.
- d. Kane: L. Quick reported Diebold TSX also certified 1/27. This despite claims from Fidar that the problems in California July 2005 test of 96 machines, where 34 failed, that the problem was fixed. Kane County Democrats are organizing 700 poll watchers in 350 precincts. They will receive copies of poll tapes and independently tabulate the results. They would also like to commission a Non-partisan Exit Poll. Questions raised about the legality of ISBOE meeting notices where notices were posted on the web-site for meetings scheduled and later changed to comply with the 48 hour notice requirements.

#### 4. Recent Events:

L. Quick met 2/6 with Democratic State Rep. Mike Boland re proposed legislation for 5% random manual audit on election night. Amendment to IL24©15. Estimated to take 4 hours. 5% in jurisdictions with more than 100 precincts, Less than 100 precincts would require 10% audit, and less than 50 precincts 15%. The IL House 7 member Election Committee includes Jeff Schoenberg and Julie Hamos. M. Boland will get back to L.Quick on draft legislation by end of February.. Recommend sending packets of info, Votergate, and GAO Report to all members of House and Senate to support legislation. Try to get constituents to target their representatives. S. Pierson suggested that we try to schedule demonstrations to legislators of VotePAD as an alternative to DREs for the disabled. Vote-PAD was recently approved in Wisconsin.

#### 5. Action Items:

- a. Survey of Election Equipment in each jurisdiction – B. Walter/R. Lipscomb volunteers.
- b. FOIA requests – C. Tobin
- c. May 6, Social Forum at Roosevelt U. proposed participation by N. Reznikoff. Proposal deadline

by March 20. Committee to plan include N. Reznikoff, B. Walter, P. O'Hara, M. Urda, R. Lipscomb before next meeting March 8. Motion to approve participation, proposed, seconded and passed.

- d. October 5-6 Oakton Comm. College IBIP presentation by B. Wilson. Needs \$ to participate and sign contract. Motion to approve participation, proposed, seconded and passed.
- e. April 1, Champaign-Urbana IL Coalition for Peace and Justice proposed by B. Walter. Motion to approve IBIP participation with a table (\$15) proposed, seconded and passed.
- f. Suggestions for bumper stickers – to be emailed to S. Pierson.
- g. Recommend IBIP members participate in March 21 Primary as poll watchers or judges.
- h. Suggest letter writing campaign to media, and legislators, when legislation is drafted.

Submitted by:

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