

## Minutes of the meeting of August 11, 2004

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary at 10:00am. Present were: Kevin Linehan, Chairman; T. Q. Hutchinson, Secretary; John Harold, General Registrar. (G.R.) The Secretary presided.

A discussion of voter needs took place. There are problems presented by several categories of overseas absentee voters. The Board agreed to continue to supply all absentee voters with all ballots.

The Board agreed to order 700 ballots of each kind for the November election.

The Board agreed to request a closed hearing with Mayor and Council with a view to increasing the GR's salary above the level set by the Commonwealth. The Board will meet on August 26, 2004 to develop a relevant white paper.

The Board agreed to: conduct the test election on October 19, 2004 at 10:00am; hold training for Chief Officers of Election and Deputies on October 14, 2004 and train Officers of Election on October 15, 2004.

The Board agreed to the following policy regarding display of campaign materials at polling places: No campaign materials will be displayed in polling places or within the restricted area. Voters wishing to display such material will be instructed that the Commonwealth code prohibit such displays. Chief Officers of Election or Deputies will ask such voters to remove or cover the offending materials. Voters who refuse to remove or cover campaign materials will be offered the option of curbside voting. Any continuing disagreements will be promptly referred to the Board of Elections.

The Board agreed to explore Touring Co's (3900 Sandlewood Ct., Fairfax, VA 22031) willingness to offer free transportation to the polls on November 4, 2004. City staff has agreed to provide publicity if the company is agreeable. The GR is directed to explore the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am

T. Q. Hutchinson  
Secretary

