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SPRINGFIELD, IL., December 16, 1999 - The Illinois State Board of Elections today announced that it will kick off the millennium with a campaign disclosure workshop to be broadcast via satellite link-up.

On Saturday, January 8, 2000, the board will broadcast simultaneously a campaign disclosure seminar to 30 locations across the state.

Initiated two years ago, the simultaneous broadcast was a tremendous success and this year expanded to 30 locations from 26.

Board Director Ron Michaelson urged candidates, campaign committee treasurers and fund raisers to attend a session in their locale.

"Two years ago we held the first ever satellite downlink seminar for political committees." Michaelson said. "It was so well received that we are updating the program and expanding the number of locations to thirty."

"On January 8, campaign groups and candidates all across the state will have the opportunity to see the same presentation by board campaign disclosure experts broadcast from a central location."

Michaelson said that this year's program is particularly important for political committees that have an excess of \$25,000.

"Due to recent changes in the law, all political committees that have \$25,000 or more in fund balances, receipts or expenditures during the period of July 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999 must file their report for the period electronically," he said.

The Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures is due January 31, 2000.

In addition, Michaelson said that board staff will outline other recent changes in the Campaign Financing Act, review reporting forms and be available to respond to specific questions.

The seminars which begin at 10 a.m., are free to all participants and should last about two hours.

For more information visit the board's web site at <http://www.elections.state.il.us> or contact the State Board of Elections at 217-782-4141 in Springfield or 312-814-6440 in

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