

public are not considered until later in the meeting. Member Gowen moved to adopt the recommendation and certify the Dominion 8GB USB drive for a 2-year interim approval. Vice Chairman Scholz seconded the motion which passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

The General Counsel began his presentation of Campaign Disclosure matters with a request for \$650 settlement offer from the Committee for Municipal Electricity Choice. The General Counsel recommended acceptance of the offer. Vice Chairman Scholz moved to accept the settlement offer and Member Coffrin seconded the motion which passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

Mr. Sandvoss concurred with the hearing officer to grant an appeal of a fine that had been assessed against the Downers Grove Elementary Education Association. Vice Chairman Scholz so moved and Member Coffrin seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

The General Counsel presented appeals of campaign disclosure fines wherein the hearing officer recommended the appeals be denied. Vice Chairman Scholz moved to deny the appeals of Jackson County Democratic Women; Rock Island Democratic Central Committee; Clinton County Republican Central Committee; and Cass County Republican Central Committee. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Waukegan Township Republican Organization offered a settlement of \$500, payable within 30 days. Member Schneider so moved and Member Gowen seconded a motion to accept the settlement offer. The Motion carried unanimously.

The *SBE v. Democratic Party of the 29th Ward* was continued to September.

Attorney John Fogarty was present for the 43rd Ward Republicans and offered a settlement of \$250. Member McGuffage moved and Vice Chairman Scholz seconded the motion to accept the settlement offer. The motion passed 8-0.

The Education First Party, Illinois Education Association Local 512 CMS, and Committee to Elect Leda Drain were complaints following public hearing wherein the hearing officer recommended the complaints be dismissed and referred to staff for assessment of civil penalties. Mr. Sandvoss concurred with the Hearing Officer and Member Schneider moved to adopt the recommendations. Vice Chairman Scholz seconded the Motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The Citizens to Elect Pat Liston asked to reschedule their hearing to September and the Board granted the request.

Item 6.a.30, *SBE v. Taking Back America*, filed a final report and the committee was referred to staff for the assessment of a late filing penalty.

Regarding items 6.a.14 through 29 and 31 through 40, the hearing officer recommended the complaints be upheld and a Board Order be issued, requiring the delinquent reports be filed within 30 days of the order or face a fine up to \$5,000. These actions were considered in one motion. Vice Chairman Scholz so moved and Member Coffrin seconded the motion which passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

General Counsel Sandvoss presented a Committee that was assessed a penalty and did not appeal, necessitating a Final Board Order, as listed on page 177 of the Board Packet and requested a motion to assess the penalty. Member Byers so moved and Member Coffrin

seconded the motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Payment of civil penalties was provided for informational purposes.

Member McGuffage moved to recess to Executive Session to discuss matters following closed preliminary hearings, litigation and personnel matters at 1:22 p.m. Member Schneider seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 1:52 p.m. with 7 members present. Member Watson left the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and Member McGuffage held her proxy.

Member Schneider summarized the two complaints heard in Executive Session. In 6.a.42, wherein the Hearing Officer recommended that the original complaint was filed on justifiable grounds and the Committee's failure to file acceptable amended reports during the extension granted previously, a Public Hearing should be ordered in this matter. Mr. Sandvoss concurred and Member McGuffage moved to adopt the Hearing Officer and General Counsel's recommendations. Vice Chairman Scholz seconded the motion which passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

As to Item 6.a.43, Josiah A. Groff, attorney for Complainant Corey Johnson, was present and indicated support for the Hearing Officer's Recommendation. Mr. Sandvoss concurred with the Hearing Officer's recommendation that the complaint was filed on justifiable grounds and that the matter be set for public hearing. Vice Chairman Scholz so moved and Member Gowen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Executive Director, Rupert Borgsmiller reluctantly resigned on a date to be mutually agreed. The Board reluctantly accepted his resignation but enthusiastically wished him well. Chairman Smart indicated that an internal notice would be distributed to anyone interested in the position to apply before September 10th as interviews would be conducted at the September 15, 2014 Board Meeting in Springfield.

Executive Director, Rupert Borgsmiller, began his report with preparations for the November 4, 2014 General Election. The Board was advised that they are no longer under a consent decree which had been extended to July 31st, to cover the spring legislative session. Though legislation extending the time period to fill a vacancy in the office of US Congress was not passed, it is hoped that it will be approved in the veto session.

Election judge training schools were presented for informational purposes.

There was no legislative update.

Mr. Borgsmiller asked Kyle Thomas and Kevin Turner to report on the Paperless Online Voting Application (POVA). Mr. Thomas indicated it was working remarkably well and as of August 20th, the numbers were ramping up and 4,350 persons have already applied to register to vote online. Seven percent of that number was invalid (due to non-matching data with the SOS database) and some were rejected as duplicate registrations. It was noted that any problems that occur are quickly rectified and the system recognizes when a mobile device is being used. Staff is still working with the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners to include other languages for users who are not proficient in English, and this should be ready within the next month. Staff met with Sean Vinck, the Governor's Chief Information Officer on August 5th. The Department of Employment Security (DES) is interested in incorporating a data exchange similar to the one we

have with the Secretary of State. Mr. Turner indicated that this exchange would reach more people desiring to vote and a pilot program with DES is a good idea and linking with State of Illinois agencies ensures that the SBE will retain control of the registrations entering the system.

An IVRS update was submitted for information purposes.

Mr. Thomas indicated that the number of registered voters is less than the voting age population in all jurisdictions.

The Executive Director presented for informational purposes the Fiscal Status reports as well as the two year plan of staff activity for August and September.

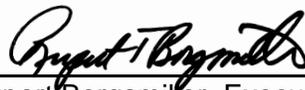
Sunday, November 30th is the last day for certification of Judges for the November General Election Ballot. As the Thompson Center is closed on weekends and the Board meeting must be open to the public, Mr. Borgsmiller indicated that a room had been secured with McCorkle Court Reporter as had been done two years ago but a time needed to be set. The Board chose 5:00 p.m. Chairman Smart suggested that staff check with the Chicago and Cook County Boards to see if they have an available room and equipment the Board could use that would not require a fee.

During comments from the general public, Sharon Meroni presented the Board with two HAVA Complaints and commented on the Board's previous granting of the two year interim approval of the updates to the Dominion Voting System.

There being nothing further before the Board, Member Coffrin moved to adjourn and Member Gowen seconded the motion. The motion passed by 8 voices in unison.

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rupert Borgsmiller, Executive Director



Darlene Gervase, Administrative Assistant III