

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

October 18, 2011

MINUTES

PRESENT:

William M. McGuffage, Chairman
Jesse R. Smart, Vice Chairman
Harold D. Byers, Member
Betty J. Coffrin, Member
Ernest L. Gowen, Member
Judith C. Rice, Member
Bryan A. Schneider, Member
Charles Scholz, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Rupert Borgsmiller, Executive Director
James Tenuto, Assistant Executive Director
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel
Darlene Gervase, Administrative Assistant III

Chairman McGuffage called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

All members were present in the Chicago office. Chairman McGuffage held Ms. Rice's proxy until her arrival at 9:35 a.m. The Springfield office was connected via video conferencing.

Vice Chairman Smart moved and Member Coffrin seconded the motion to approve the Minutes from the September 19th meeting. The motion passed unanimously by leave for attendance roll call.

With the Chairman's approval, General Counsel Steve Sandvoss requested removal of *SBE v. Indian Trails Public Library District*, 11 MA040 from the Motion for Reconsideration category.

Mr. Sandvoss continued his report with two Motions for Reconsideration. He recommended the Motions be denied as both respondents did not avail themselves of the 30 days they had in which to appeal. No one appeared for either committee. Vice Chairman Smart moved to deny the Motion to Reconsider on Items 2(a)(1) *SBE v. The Friends of Andre J. Smith, Sr.*, 11MA030 and 2(a)(3) *SBE v. Citizens for Robin Lisboa*, 11MA042. Member Gowen seconded the motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Robert Wegner, Chairman, was present for the respondent in *SBE v. Naperville Township Republican Org.*, 4987, 11AM073. This matter was carried over from the August meeting wherein the hearing officer recommended the appeal be denied. Mr. Wegner addressed the Board and indicated the A-1 was an in-kind contribution for rent for the committee's headquarters and the date reported was their choice, which could have been any day of the month. He added that since this committee has had no previous infractions and since the hearing officer found no willfulness the penalty should be stayed. Mr. Sandvoss stated that he concurred with the recommendation that the appeal be denied. Vice Chairman Smart moved to adopt the hearing officer's and general counsel's recommendations and deny the appeal. Member Coffrin seconded the motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Sandvoss indicated that Mr. Steven Gold, Treasurer, of ActBlue Illinois would like to address the Board, but he is flying in from Boston and his plane is expected to land at 9:20 a.m. It was agreed that the matter would be continued until Mr. Gold arrived.

New appeals of campaign disclosure fines wherein the hearing officer recommended granting the appeals were presented. Ms. Katelyn Hanley Semelbauer, treasurer of Welcome Wal-Mart, was present to answer any questions. Member Coffrin moved to adopt the hearing officer and general counsel's recommendations and grant the appeals. Member Scholz seconded the motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote. Appeals were granted to: *SBE v. Friends of Berrios*, 4758, 11DS335; *SBE v. PAC of the Structural Engineers Assn. of IL (SEA PAC)*, 4943, 11JQ021; *SBE v. Citizens for Suarez*, 6555, 11DS336; *SBE v. Friends of Deborah Seyller*, 11740, 11JQ055; *SBE v. Friends of Michael Howley*, 14040, 11JQ065; *SBE v. Brandon Phelps for State Representative*, 16309, 11AJ007; *SBE v. Friends of George A. Cardenas*, 17290, 11AM090; *SBE v. St. Charles Education Assn. – IPACE*, 17812, 11AM092; *SBE v. Supporters of Jack D. Franks*, 19464, 11MA041; *SBE v. Citizens for Potkonjak for Circuit Judge*, 19534, 11JQ237; *SBE v. Welcome Wal-Mart*, 22729, 11MA050; *SBE v. PAC 34, of the IBEW Local 34*, 22824, 11AJ070; *SBE v. Fiscal Responsibility for New Trier PAC*, 23196, 11AJ073; *SBE v. Friends of Jay Farquhar*, 23421, 11JQ273; *SBE v. Friends of Ramona Thomas*, 23610, 11MQ099; and *SBE v. Citizens to Elect Judge Lorna Propes*, 23627, 11AJ080.

New Appeals of Campaign Disclosure fines wherein the hearing officers recommended the appeals be denied were considered. General Counsel Sandvoss recommended denying the appeals as a whole as to Items 22 through 27, 28, 31 through 38, 40 through 43, 45-49; but he disagreed with the hearing officer and recommended granting the appeal in Item 2.a.28. Vice Chairman Smart moved to adopt the General Counsel's recommendations in the aforementioned appeals. Member Scholz seconded the motion which passed 8-0 by roll call vote. Appeals were denied in *SBE v. Friends of John Phelan*, 23434, 11JQ274; *SBE v. Citizens for Joseph E. Watrach*, 21778, 11JQ253; *SBE v. Citizens to Elect Robert Eastern III*, 20519, 11JQ243; *SBE v. Citizens for Andy Lam*, 22872, 11MQ079; *SBE v. Friends of Mayor Kerry Durkin*, 22849, 11AJ071; *SBE v. Friends of Jim Moody*, 22175, 11AJ066; *SBE v. Mary Beth Welch Collins Campaign Fund*, 20735, 11MA063; *SBE v. Friends of Carol Johnson*, 23347, 11DS361; *SBE v. Committee to Elect Brad Shields*, 20408, 11JQ242; *SBE v. Citizens to Elect Richard Wooten*, 23114, 11MA078; *SBE v. Citizens for Dennis M. Fleming*, 18007, 11JQ227; *SBE v. Egan Forward 43*, 22805, 11AM123; *SBE v. Citizens for Jim Langfelder*, 12048, 11AJ038; *SBE v. Friends of Artis Yancey*, 23706, 11JQ201; *SBE v. Jessica O'Brien for Judge Committee*, 22487, 11JQ146; *SBE v. Friends of John Pope*, 14501, 11AM026; *SBE v. Citizens for Snyder*, 21489, 11JQ136; *SBE v. Basic Crafts Council of Mid-Central Illinois*, 18976, 11AJ056; *SBE v. Coles County Democrat Boosters*, 5233, 11JQ024; *SBE v. Independent Accountants PAC*, 1032, 11JQ014; *SBE v. Citizens for Steve Kim*, 13184, 11AG089; and granted as to *SBE v. Citizens to Re-Elect Kathy Svoboda*, 21438, 11JQ247.

Ms. Elaine Shaw, Treasurer, appeared for the respondent in *SBE v. Patricia Horton for City Clerk*, 23214, 11AM137. She indicated that she was not aware of the in-kind contribution as it was a very busy time and no one brought that information to her attention. Vice Chairman Smart stated that the new laws had to be followed and the Board couldn't be as lenient as the Treasurer would like. He therefore moved to deny the appeal and Member Gowen seconded the motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Ms. Laverne Backstrom was present in Springfield and represented the next item, *SBE v. Citizens for Officer*, 17239, 11JQ224. She indicated she was recently elected treasurer and it was only the second report she filed for the committee. The Chairman replied that the mistake was not willful, but the law was enacted in the spring of 2010 and several seminars and notifications were available to committee officers to inform them of their responsibilities. Vice Chairman Smart moved and Member Gowen seconded a motion to deny the appeal. The motion passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

Ms. Carol Johnson appeared on item 2.a.32. Chairman McGuffage moved to reconsider the vote and Member Scholz seconded the motion which passed unanimously by leave for attendance roll call with no objections. Hearing none the motion was reconsidered. Ms. Johnson testified to her inexperience with the reports and that she received no help from her treasurer. She further stated that she owed \$77.48 and a final report was filed. Vice Chairman Smart moved to deny the appeal for the same reasons as stated in previous matters as the law does not allow exceptions. Member Coffrin seconded the motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Sandvoss asked for the Board's reconsideration on number 36, *SBE v. Egan Forward 43*, 22805, 11AM123 as he recommends that appeal be granted. Member Scholz so moved to vacate the original order and adopt the recommendation of the General Counsel and grant the appeal. Member Gowen seconded the motion which passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Peter Scordato in the matter of *SBE v. Citizens for Scordato*, 21595, 11DS299. He spoke to the problems he had with the IDIS program and indicated that he closed his bank account in November of 2010 and is considering running again in two years. Mr. Sandvoss indicated that any penalty assessed would technically be there for two years unless the committee reactivates. If they did not reactivate the penalty would abate in two years. Mr. Scordato offered a settlement of 50% or \$1550. Vice Chairman Smart moved to accept the settlement offer of \$1550 and if the committee does not reactivate within two years from the date of the order the penalty will be abated. Member Rice seconded the motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Attorney John Fogarty was present for the respondent in *SBE v. Citizens for Jeffrey L. Junkas*, 22127, 10AG081. He indicated that the A-1 was a wire transfer and a Pay Pal contribution that did not clear the bank until the day before the election. Mr. Fogarty offered a settlement of 50% or \$1125, payable within 30 days. Vice Chairman Smart moved to accept the offer and Member Coffrin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The Chairman called the three other cases Mr. Fogarty was representing, *SBE v. Joe Messer for Barrington Hills Village Trustee*, 23598, 11MA 039; *SBE v. Karen Selman for Barrington Hills Village Trustee*, 23547 11MA037; and *SBE v. Patty Meroni for Barrington Hills Village Trustee*, 23548, 11MA038. He said there was an allegation made against a political action committee that was formed to support all three candidates and confusion with the filings with regard to this committee. The candidates formed their own individual committee to reflect the donations. These committees have closed and filed final reports. Vice Chairman Smart moved to accept the hearing officer and general counsel's recommendations to deny the appeal and noted that the fine will be abated if the committees do not reopen within two years. Member Scholz seconded the motion which passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

The next matter, *SBE v. United Party of Elmwood Park*, 23129, 11AJ013, was represented by Mr. Fogarty who made a settlement offer of 50% or \$600 payable within 30 days. Member Schneider so moved and Member Byers seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

New Appeals wherein the hearing officer recommended appeals be granted and denied were considered. The chairman called *SBE v. Save 5 Acres for Barrington Hills Trustees*, 23119, 11MA036. Attorney John Fogarty appeared for the respondent and indicated that the committee reported one contribution using the date of the check rather than the date of deposit and the other was 1 day late. Vice Chairman Smart moved to accept the hearing officer and General Counsel's recommendations. Member Coffrin seconded the motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The Chairman noted the arrival of Mr. Steven Gold, Treasurer of ActBlue Illinois, who wished to offer a statement regarding *SBE v. ActBlue Illinois* 11 AM 045. He explained that ActBlue accepts contributions from individuals who select candidates or committees they want to support and in turn, ActBlue makes their contribution which it collects from individuals. Committees who receive Contributions through ActBlue report the receipt of those contributions from the person who made the donation in the first place. General Counsel Sandvoss remarked that disclosure has been achieved and did not see any reason in assessing a fine and recommended the Board waive the fine entirely. Discussion was had among the board regarding the role of ActBlue. Vice Chairman Smart moved to accept the recommendation of the General Counsel to deny the appeal but waive the fine. Member Scholz seconded the motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

New appeals of campaign disclosure fines wherein the hearing officer recommended the appeals be granted and denied were considered. Member Byers moved to approve Item 54, *SBE v. Mason County Democratic Central Committee*, 309, 11MA060; and Item 57, *SBE v. Naperville Unit PAC for Education District 203 (NUPACE 203)9774*, 11AM073. Vice Chairman Smart seconded the motion which passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

The Board acknowledged the representation of Richard Means for the respondent in *SBE v. Personal PAC Inc.*, 497, 10AG063 who agreed with the hearing officer and General Counsel's recommendations. Vice Chairman Smart moved to adopt the hearing officer's, General Counsel's, and Mr. Means' recommendations. Member Scholz seconded the motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Chairman McGuffage called *SBE v. Boone County Republican Club*, 5001, 11MA049 and acknowledged the appearance of Mr. Pat Mattison, treasurer of the committee. Mr. Mattison asked for clarification of the ruling and was advised that as this was a first violation the fine is stayed, but if there is another violation that fine would be due and owing. Mr. Mattison agreed with the recommendations. Vice Chairman Smart moved to adopt the hearing officer's, General Counsel's recommendations and noted Mr. Mattison's agreement with same, and Member Coffrin seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

The Board acknowledged the representation of Michael Kasper for the respondent in *SBE v. Neighbors for Harry Osterman*, 22976, 11MA025. Mr. Kasper concurred with the recommendations offered. Vice Chairman Smart moved to adopt the recommendations of the hearing officer, General Counsel with the concurrence of Mr. Kasper. Member Scholz seconded the motion which passed unanimously. There was a misunderstanding by Mr. Kasper as to the final disposition, as he had received the General Counsel's recommendation that erroneously contained an additional paragraph that stated that the appeal was granted in its entirety. Mr. Sandvoss confirmed his recommendation as to the first allegation that he recommended be granted; and the seventh and eighth allegations that should be denied but with no penalty assessment, considering the nature of the defense. After the confusion was resolved, Mr. Kasper offered to settle the assessments from the remaining allegations for 50%, which amounted to a \$325 settlement offer, payable within 30 days. The Board accepted this settlement.

Continuing with Item 60 of the General Counsel's report, Mr. Sandvoss noted that the committees on the list were to be issued final orders assessing penalties for various violations, since such committees did not appeal. He further noted the following committees should be removed from the list: on Page 341, under June 2011 quarterly report, Committee Number 128, Massac County Republican Women's Club and 287, Knox County Democratic Central Committee; on Page 342, Number 9379, Citizens for Sig; on Page 344, Number 19460, the Polish American Congress PAC; on Page 345, 21848, Ryan Higgins and 21893, Ten McKenna; on Page 346, 23136, Bryan Lynch. All have paid their fines and should be excluded from the list. Vice Chairman Smart moved to issue final orders on all committees that have fines due and owing on Pages 340-348, excluding the aforementioned committees. Member Scholz seconded the motion which passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

Mr. Sandvoss continued with an informational list of candidate committees that owe fines and face Potential Ballot Forfeiture for 2012. He noted that Citizens for Sig; Bryan P. Lynch; and Kimberly A. Lightford's names should not be on this list. No action was required.

Complaints following closed preliminary hearing wherein the hearing officer recommended the matter proceed to public hearing were considered and parties present were asked if they wanted to continue in open or executive session.

All parties involved in *Sherman v. Indian Trails Public Library District, Friends of Indian Trails Library District and Citizens for Indiana Trails Library to Support the April 5th Referendum*, 11CD023 agreed to continue in open session. Richard Means, attorney for the Complainant agreed with the recommendation of the hearing officer and General Counsel. Ken Florey on behalf of the Indian Trails Public Library District and Roger Ritzman for the Friends of the Library District and Citizens for the Library District spoke as to the recommendation. Mr. Florey indicated that they have stipulated to every fact in the complaints, and the only disagreement is regarding the questions of law. Because of their stipulations, the Board need only make a decision on whether there was a violation and if so, enter the fine and they would continue from there. Mr. Florey expressed his concern regarding the use of public money to defend the complaint so far, and argued that going to public hearing was not necessary and would only give Mr. Sherman an opportunity to grand stand. Mr. Sandvoss clarified that the recommendation found justifiable grounds and it should proceed to public hearing as there is no distinction in the statute as to questions of law or questions of fact or both. After lengthy discussion, including a discussion of the appropriateness of hearing a violation of 5/9-25.1 (a criminal provision) Member Byers moved to go to a public hearing on Allegations 2, 3 and 8. Member Rice seconded the motion which passed 7-1 with Vice Chairman Smart voting in the negative. Mr. Schneider added "with the understanding Mr. Sandvoss and his team are empowered to appropriately control the proceeding, I vote yes." Chairman McGuffage added that he would like to see a list of witnesses and what they're going to testify to. Member Schneider moved to consolidate the Indian Trails Library District cases. Member Gowen seconded the motion which passed 8-0 by roll call vote. Member Byers moved to accept the recommendation of the hearing officer on everything but 2, 3 and 8 as modified by the General Counsel. Member Gowen seconded the motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Juan Thomas, candidate and respondent in *SBE v. Thomas for Illinois*, 11CD079 also requested continuing in open session. He apologized for not closing this committee before he moved out of state. Upon moving back to Illinois and reopening this committee, he discovered that he missed several different reporting periods. Mr. Sandvoss said the first step would be to adopt the recommendation, issue the penalty and Mr. Thomas would then have an opportunity to appeal the penalty before a hearing officer. The leniency he is requesting would be presented first to the hearing officer and next to the Board. Vice Chairman Smart moved to accept the recommendation of the hearing officer and general counsel. Member Coffrin seconded the motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Vice Chairman Smart moved to recess to Executive Session to hear complaints following closed preliminary hearings, personnel and pending litigation. Member Schneider seconded the motion which passed 8-0 by roll call vote. The Board recessed into Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:15 p.m. Roll call was taken to ensure a quorum, resulting in all 8 members present.

Member Schneider moved with respect to Items 63 through 83 and with the exception of 76 were ordered to proceed to public hearing and Member Gowen seconded the motion. In addition, Member Schneider moved with respect to 86 through 94, that the Board found no public hearing is necessary and he asked that the record reflect their action. Member Scholz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Member Schneider announced that Ms. Jane Gasperin will be appointed Acting Director of Election Information Division for a period of six months beginning November 1st. Further, Pat Freeman will be contracted with to assist Ms. Gasperin for the next six months. Member Coffrin seconded the motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The Executive Director's Report began with preparations for the March 2012 primary. Executive Director, Rupert Borgsmiller, indicated that the appointment of Jane Gasperin is definitely kicking off these preparations. He added that all petitions will be scanned from the original document. Copies would cost 25 cents per page, and a CD would be \$5. The E.D. stated that the SBE encourages people to purchase the CD as they can take it to a commercial center such as Federal Express or Kinko's and have hard copies made for 8 cents, rather than the 25 cents that the SBE charges. Also, it would be much faster as the SBE is limited as to its use of the printers and copiers. Deputy General Counsel Ken Menzel was then asked to comment, and he indicated that production of paper copies is very time consuming and expensive for the agency and noted that it does not keep the money received for petition copying as it goes directly to the General Treasury. He stated that CDs are very inexpensive and they can be burned in a fraction of the time. Furthermore, once a petition is in the 30-page range, it is cheaper to buy the CD and get it commercially printed than to pay 25 cents a page. Vice Chairman Smart moved to adopt the page fee schedule and Member Rice seconded the motion. Mr. Menzel was questioned about the costs associated with a FOIA request. He responded that the cost is less than what the SBE charges, as the first 50 pages are free and it's 15 cents per page after that, but a FOIA request allows a 5 day response time. With everyone in agreement, the motion passed by leave for the attendance roll call.

Mr. Menzel was asked to report on his memo regarding the status of the Green Party. Mr. Andrew Finko was present for the Green Party. The Green Party received more than 5 per cent of the votes statewide in the prior gubernatorial election which established the Green Party as an established party at every level. However, in the immediately preceding gubernatorial election, the Green Party did not get 5 percent and ceased that distinction at each level of the state. The Green Party asks the Board to recognize the Green Party as established in those territories where at some lower level a Green Party candidate did receive 5 percent of the vote and that recognition would be in the Candidate's Guide and other publications. Mr. Finko referred to certain Court cases for authority. Mr. Finko stated that in the *Preuter* decision, the State Officers Electoral Board struck the candidate's name from the ballot and the trial court reversed that decision. *Preuter* affirmed the trial court stating the Libertarian Party in that situation did have ballot access in the redistricted jurisdiction. While acknowledging that *Vestrup* ruled against the new party in its challenge to being stricken, he asked the Board to take a pro-ballot access position and adopt the stated policy of the Election Code to promote greater ballot access. Mr. Sandvoss concurred fully with the position articulated by Mr. Menzel, his memo and comments. The Board decided to do nothing that this time.

Director Borgsmiller submitted a list of election judges' schools which are provided as a service to the election authorities. The list will be much longer as the March primary date approaches.

The Chairman left at 12:30 p.m. and Vice Chairman Smart took control of the remainder of the meeting. Member Rice held the Chairman's proxy.

Director of Campaign Disclosure Sharon Steward presented a Memo on the need for external audits for political committees, and noted that it is a new process that must be undertaken per an amendment to the disclosure law of last year. Ms. Steward, recommended randomly selecting .5 percent of all active political committees before the first business day in February, 2012 via a program created by the Board's IT department. Member Coffrin moved to approve this which was seconded by Member Rice. The Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Dianne Felts, Director of Voting Systems and Standards, requested a firmware modification to the Dominion Edge2 Plus to 1.2.74 which is used by Chicago and Cook County. Chicago requested the very minimal upgrade which allows the system to run more efficiently. Mr. Edwin Smith of Dominion was present, and echoed Dianne's comments. Ms. Felts ran tests on over 3,000 predetermined manually inserted ballots and recommended approval of the modification. Member Schneider moved to grant interim approval as recommended. Member Coffrin seconded the motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Cris Cray, Director of Legislative Affairs reported that the Senate Executive Committee was scheduled to meet this morning, but was cancelled. The Committee has two pieces of legislation that deal with elections; one dealing with audits done election night and the other one dealing with combining the Peoria City Board of Elections and the Peoria County Board of Elections into one Board. Both will be considered at the next committee hearing. The Board is on the list to receive a supplemental appropriation, but no final draft is available yet. Ms. Cray next reported that the Campaign Finance Reform Task Force voted on two pieces of legislation to be presented to the General Assembly at their spring session. The Task Force will meet again on November 17 and December 15 and will vote on a proposal to establish a system of public financing of campaigns. Their report is due by December 31.

Kyle Thomas gave an update on the number of duplicate voter registrations and noted the jurisdictions' focus on redistricting. He reported that E. St. Louis has dropped below 100 percent in term of its registered voters versus its voting age population, and he expects more to drop as the jurisdictions purge their files. He concluded by reporting on the joint bid for a statewide election management system.

The Electronic Canvass will have at least one jurisdiction reporting electronically. Brent Davis continues to work with Dominion Voting Systems in Chicago and Cook and the SBE should soon have a final data sample. Mr. Davis added that progress continues with the development, both internally with our IT department and with Catalyst. Catalyst is working on integration into the IVRS portal. Work on ES&S continues, but we do not have a final data sample with them.

Mike Roate, Director of Administrative Services spoke to the contract and lease for the new building. He indicated that the lessor has made a few changes and CMS is evaluating it now. Their legal department will review it and we should see the changes within a few days. Things are moving well, but the facility does need modifications. The Illinois Correctional Industries installed some of the cubicles units in the current office and is available to help move those units for an extremely reduced price. Also the shredding of old documents and archiving of old files will ensure a streamline move at the end of January. Acting Chairman Smart asked if the Board could get a tour of the new site in November and Mr. Roate said he will arrange it.

Mr. Borgsmiller encouraged everyone to either get a retention order in place or shred unnecessary document so they do not have to be moved.

The Director reported on the Fiscal Reports and indicated we are right on target and constantly evaluate the budgets themselves. The two-year plan is in the packet and there are no follow-up items.

Acting Chairman Smart introduced Doreen Nelson, who is retiring from DuPage County. She introduced Joe Sobecki who will become the Assistant Executive Director. Mr. Smart voiced his appreciation for her many years of help.

Comment from members of the public was next and attorney Andrew Finko requested a chance to speak and began by stating that he was present as a voter of the state and not as an affiliate with the Green Party. He addressed the integrity of the voter database and integrity of the voting machines specifically the database used by Chicago for the objection review process. He stated that he has documentation that the official access system and the Voter View System had a discrepancy of over 800 voters. The second problem was the comingling of voters' addresses in Chicago and suburban Cook County. He claimed that one database is used for official voter registration and the second is used for the objection review process. He asked the Board to address these issues and ensure this software is consistent with the official voter database for the review process. He added another concern that the City of Chicago is not keeping track of the numbered security tags on their machines. He asked the Board to issue a directive to all election boards to keep track of its security tags, where they go, when they're put on, etc. Acting Chairman Smart asked who would be our liaison to the Chicago Board and Mr. Borgsmiller indicated Kyle Thomas, as it involves the voter registration data base. Mr. Thomas asked to have the documentation showing the discrepancies forwarded to him. Mr. Finko agreed to scan and email those documents to him. Member Schneider suggested this matter to be added to next month's agenda as a "follow-up" item.

Mr. Borgsmiller indicated that the November board meeting will be held at the State Employees Retirement System office on Veterans Parkway and Greenbriar. Mr. Sandvoss has offered to meet with interested Board members at 10:00 a.m., to discuss the objection and petition filing period that will be discussed at the December 20th meeting. The presentation will take 20-25 minutes and the regular Board meeting will start at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Borgsmiller requested a 5 minute recess to return to Executive Session. Acting Chairman Smart commended the staff for the orderly way the agenda was put together as the volume of the packet was massive. Acting Chairman Smart moved to go into executive session and 8 voices in unison agreed. The Board recessed at 1:11 p.m. and returned to open session at 1:34 p.m.

Acting Chairman Smart asked for a motion to adjourn until November 21st in Springfield or the call of the Chairman. Mr. Scholz so moved and Member Gowen seconded the motion which passed by 8 voices in unison.

The meeting of the State board of Elections adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

DATED: October 26, 2011

Respectfully submitted,



Rupert Borgsmiller, Executive Director



Darlene Gervase, Administrative Assistant III