

**Training and Education Subgroup
Vote Indiana Planning Team
February 28, 2003**

Subgroup members present: Christa Adkins, Tami Barreto, Suellen Jackson-Boner, Mike Kiefer, Brad King, and Nick Rhoad. Facilitator: Holly Davis

Others present: Joe Ryan, Brad Klopfenstein (Indiana Libertarian Party), and Natalie Phillips Christi (Attain, Inc.).

The subgroup members introduced themselves and Brad King led a discussion of the current status quo on training and education in Indiana. There are two main areas: training of election administrators and educating the voters.

The Indiana Election Division (IED) conducts an annual conference for election administrators. The state Board of Accounts also holds a training session for newly elected Circuit Court Clerks. The IED publishes a precinct handbook for poll workers, which many counties supplement with particulars about their voting systems.

There are legal requirements that must be satisfied with regard to voter education, including a legal notice of an upcoming election, and the posting of a sample ballot.

King saw a need for training materials on provisional ballots, accessibility, and voter registration requirements. Suellen Jackson-Boner said there needed to be more sensitivity training for poll workers for voters with disabilities. Nick Rhoad suggested that the subgroup had to come up with ways to disseminate the information so that it could be of real use to the voters. Tami Barreto recommended that sample ballots be available in advance of election day so that voters could acquaint themselves. Joe Ryan added that military voters could benefit from a voter guide and that we needed to develop a system for minimizing rejected ballots. Jackson-Boner inquired about the Voter Education fund, and King replied the fund had been established, but there was no money appropriated.

King went through the subgroup task list, and Barreto suggested that the subgroup first figure out their goals for training and how to provide that training. Members agreed that would be their first order of business for their next meeting on March 7. **They also agreed to come to the meeting prepared with written thoughts on the goals and mechanism for providing training. Additionally, King was charged with the task of developing a survey for county election administrators that addresses areas they felt their training lacked.**