

Poll Workers



Overview

- Conducting Elections is not a spectator sport....we need YOU in the game!
- Submitting Poll Workers allows Republican voters to have a direct influence over how elections are run at the local level.
- Adherence to this law has deteriorated over the years as citizens have stepped away from their responsibility. This has created a vacuum. Bureaucrats and special interest groups have willingly stepped into the gap!
- Not a “One Size Fits All” program for every County
- It doesn’t need to all fall on the County Party Chair. Consider appointing a committee to recruit Poll Workers
- Follow up with clerks is key. Good to have municipalities assigned to specific individuals

Recruitment of Election Inspectors

- Groups of people to recruit:
 - Poll Workers from past elections
 - List of potential Poll Workers in your county from RPW
 - County Party Membership/Volunteers
 - Prospective Republican Party Members
- Poll Worker sign up page on your website
- Petition/Table at events
 - RPW will have customized Poll Worker petition forms on the Chairman's Toolbox
- Mass Emails, Texts, Robocalls are a great way to gauge initial interest, but it is required by law that these submitted individuals are aware of the responsibilities of becoming Poll Workers

Examples of Responsibilities

- Registering voters/Issuing ballots
- Monitoring the voting equipment
- Counting votes and absentee ballots
- Verifying name and requiring signatures in the poll book
- Making decisions about “elector intent” on absentee ballots
- Processing challenged, provisional or objected to ballots
- Securing ballots and other election records and certifying election results at the polling site

Submitting Poll Workers

- County Chairman submit Republican Poll Workers to their municipality up until **November 30, 2021**
- Once submitted, the municipal governing body has until December 31, 2021 to appoint your nominees to a two-year term of office as an election official
- Supplemental names may be submitted after November 30, but only to fill vacancies and there is no requirement for clerks to wait to use our supplemental list
- Submitted Poll Workers must've had direct communication from the County Party or County Party Chairmen and have agreed to serve as an election inspector
- Poll Workers receive training directly from Municipal Clerks
- Don't forget that individuals receive \$\$\$ for training and service as a Poll Worker

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Upcoming Elections for Newly Recruited Poll Workers

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>General</u>
2021	Spring Primary – February 15, 2022 Fall Partisan Primary – August 9, 2022	Spring Election – April 5, 2022 Fall General Election – November 8, 2022
2022	Spring Primary – February 21, 2023	Spring Election – April 4, 2023

Poll Worker Packets

- RPW and our Election Reform Task Force Sub-Committee on Poll Workers have been finalizing a Poll Worker Packet that will have a substantial amount of useful information:
 - Becoming an Election Inspector one-pager
 - List of frequently asked questions
 - Sample public records request for current inspectors
 - Contact information for all municipal clerks in your county
 - List of potential volunteers in your county (individuals who have expressed interest in the past)
 - Provided link to previous election results by ward
 - Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) program overview letter to County and Municipal Clerks
 - Step by step instructions for municipal clerks on the nomination process
 - WEC guide to political party submission of election inspectors
 - Sample nominee submission forms

Questions?

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