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CACEO Secretary of State Transition Committee

Thursday, December 11, 2014

5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

2014 CRAC & CACEO New Law Workshop and Seminar
Hyatt Regency, Sacramento, Trinity Meeting Room (mezzanine level)

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Neal Kelley at 5:10 p.m.

All committee members were in attendance (Neal Kelley, Orange County; Dean Logan, Los Angeles County; Sue Ranochak, Mendocino County; Joe Holland, Santa Barbara County; Cathy Darling Allen, Shasta County; Rebecca Martinez, Madera County; Mark Lunn, Ventura County; Bill Rousseau, Sonoma County; Jennifer Vise, Tehama County). Also in attendance was James Schwab from Secretary-Elect Alex Padilla's team.

Bill Rousseau opened by stating that he was looking forward to having an open dialog with the incoming Secretary of State; James Schwab stated it was his desire, as well as Secretary-Elect Padilla, to remain open; he will continue this theme throughout his term.

James informed the committee that Bill Mabie will be serving as Secretary-Elect Padilla's Chief of Staff; James will be based in Sacramento and Bill will be based in Los Angeles.

Neal Kelley asked James how he would like the committee to communicate with the office; James suggested a brief memorandum to the Secretary of State outlining the committee's goals and objectives; policy concerns; recommendations; etc.

Neal asked committee members to state their main concerns and offer suggestions on what the committee should focus on as a part of the transition.

Dean Logan noted that legislation would be critical to track and communicate; James offered that engagement on the policy side should be communicated earlier in the process.

Neal offered that the committee should engage on many of the themes discussed during the campaign (such as VoteCal; Cal-Access; voter engagement and election technology (and the possibility of a Bond Act to fund election equipment).

Bill stated that voting engagement will be key to turn out and suggested the committee offer suggestions on how the Secretary of State could engage statewide with voters.

The committee agreed that it would form a list of policy issues and interpretations made by the Secretary of State since 2006. It was agreed that members of the committee would track these issues using CCROVs from 2006 to present. This would be used to form the committee's memo to the Secretary of State. Research on this project was divided up between committee members as follows:

2006 and 2007 (Neal)
2008 – 2010 (Dean)
2012 (Bill)
2011 (Sue Ranochak)
2013 (Mark Lunn)

The committee agreed to conduct its next meeting in January 2015 followed by a meeting with Secretary-Elect Padilla sometime in February 2015.

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