



Joint Committee on Elections (JCE) Update



Progress Report to Commissioners

Ron Shultz, SCC Policy Director
Laura Meyer, SCC Communications Manager
SCC Business Meeting – May 20, 2021

COMMISSION MOTION

Motion by Commissioner Dorner for the Commission to create a joint committee with WACD to develop a list of recommendations for action on election reform. The committee should be formed and begin meeting in January 2021 and submit updates to the Commission and WACD board for their regular meetings with a final report and recommendations to the Commission in September 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Cochran. Motion carries.

Passed December 3, 2020

JCE IMPLEMENTATION: STEERING COMMITTEE

Members

- SCC: Carol Smith, Bill Eller, Ron Shultz, Laura Meyer
- WACD: Tom Salzer, Jeanette Dorner, Ryan Baye
- Mark Craven (JCE Chair)

Purpose is to ensure SCC/WACD coordination and plan upcoming meetings of the full JCE.

Meets every two weeks opposite JCE meetings.

JCE MEMBERS

Chair: Mark Craven, Snohomish (supervisor)

NOTE: All members listed are voting members.

NE Region

Mike Mumford, Pend Oreille (supervisor)
Dave Hedrick, Ferry (staff)

SE Region

Audrey Ahmann, Walla Walla (staff)
Larry Cochran, Palouse (supervisor)

NC Region

Craig Nelson, Okanogan (staff)

SC Region

Cindy Reed, North Yakima (supervisor)
Shirley St. John, South Yakima (staff)

NW Region

Joy Garitone, Kitsap (staff)
Kirstin Haugen, King (supervisor)

SW Region

Sue Marshall, Clark (supervisor)
Mike Nordin, Pacific/Grays Harbor (staff)

SCC

Bill Eller Ron Shultz Laura Meyer
Stephanie Crouch (admin support)

WACD

Ryan Baye and Tom Salzer (staff)
Jeanette Dorner (president)

JCE IMPLEMENTATION: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Full committee meets every two weeks.
- All members listed are voting members.
- The group will work to achieve consensus.
- Initial focus: Identify needs for CDs, voters, candidates, and stakeholders for any election option.
- Assessing election options: Starting with options previously suggested by conservation districts, and open to new ideas based on discussions.

JCE IMPLEMENTATION: OPTIONS ASSESSMENT MATRIX

Assessment of Potential CD Election Options - Round 1 (May 2021, test):

		Scale: To what degree does the option meet the need / avoid risk?										
		5: Best possible / No risk	4: Well / Low risk	3: Somewhat well / Low-med risk	2: Somewhat poorly / Medium risk	1: Poorly / Medium risk	0: Fails to meet / High risk					
Needs for:		A - Gen Election for All (paid by CDs)	A1 - Gen Election Option (paid by CDs)	A2 - Gen Election for All (NOT paid by CDs)	B - Conservation Week for All	B1 - Conservation Week Option	C - More Outreach and Current Process for All	C1 - More Outreach and Current Process Option	D - 4 yr term	E - Every other year	F - Flex date	
CDs	Non partisan	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	
	True to mission	0	3	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	3	
	Affordable/manageable	0	3	5	3	4	3	3	4	4	1	
	Flexible	0	4	0	2	3	3	5	1	1	5	
CDs / Voters / Stakeholders / Legislators	Transparent	5	3	5	1	2	3	2	3	2	1	
	Trustworthy / secure	5	4	5	0	1	0	1	2	2	1	
	Accessible	5	4	5	5	0	0	2	1	1	5	
	Equitable / inclusive	1	3	5	3	5	1	3	1	1	5	
	Increases turnout*	5	4	5	2	3	1	2	1	1	5	
TOTAL		23	30	36	25	27	19	26	21	20	30	

JCE IMPLEMENTATION: LOOKING AHEAD

Meetings will continue through the summer.

Staff will brief Commission again at July meeting.

Upcoming JCE meetings will include further discussion of options as well as stakeholder and legislator outreach.

Goal is to have recommendations for the Commission at the September meeting consistent with the December motion.



Thank you! Questions?

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