



Observer Reporting Form

Table with 4 columns: Feature Evaluated, Yes, No, Comments. Rows include: Meeting started on time?, All members present?, Members attentive?, Did members appear to have done their "homework?", Were members courteous to each other and the public?, Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?, Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?, Adequate opportunity for public input?, Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?, Was background information available to the public?, Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped)

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs? The election process is principle to the League’s mission and current changes in our Election Commission board and administration warrants that we observe and report on these changes to our members. See background, Election Commission Observer Report on 4/15/11. The top three applicants for the position of Administrator of Elections were interviewed: Victoria DeFreese, teacher & former county commissioner, Scott Frith, deputy administrator, who is presently serving as interim administrator and Clifford Rodgers, civil law attorney with 23 years experience as a federal court law clerk. The Election Commission selected Clifford Rodgers as the new administrator by a unanimous vote of 4-0 to start May 2.

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? It is recommended that our Voter Services Chair contacts Mr. Rodgers to discuss how the League may be of assistance in voter registration, development of young people programs to encourage them to become voters, poll worker training and other areas of common interests.

Other Concerns: During the interview when asked if he had considered any changes to the Election Commission if selected, Mr. Rodgers stated, that at this time, he would have no plans to make any changes. Commissioner Stuart expressed concerns about having an administration of only one political party that would have no balance. Commissioner Bowman stated that changes in the office staff could occur with changes to the budget.

Observer: Barbara Nicodemus Meeting: Knox County Election Commission Date: 04/27/11