

FAQs: Baseline Chief Inspector Training Webinar

Q: If you need to correct a name that is misspelled, where do we do that?

A: Clerk can administratively update.

Q: Should we keep the felon list confidential - don't show it to any voter?

A: It isn't confidential, but you are using it, so I wouldn't give it over to an observer.

Q: If an absentee ballot is not correctly marked but we can clearly see what they intended, do or can we make the mark clearer so the machine can read the ballot?

A: No, you can't do anything to a voter's ballot. You must either handcount or remake the ballot.

Q: Do voters that ask for assistance have to vote paper or can they vote on touchscreen?

A: Must vote on a paper ballot.

Q: Can election workers assist a voter with their vote?

A: if selected by the voter, yes, but the voter can choose someone else, it does not need to be an election official.

Q: On page 50 of the manual, it addresses photo ID on point #3. We do not require photo ID yet correct?

A: Photo ID is not required due to court injunction.

Q: Do we count a write-in when it is for Daffy Duck or Mickey Mouse?

A: If it is possibly attributable as a name, yes.

Q: I don't understand why real estate tax bills are proof of residence. We have many property owners that have a 2nd home in our area, but are not residents for voting purposes.

A: Good point, but it is proof that they have some connection to the community and we are still reliant on the voter's certification that they "live."

Q: For a smaller municipality - is it o.k. for the registration person to fill out the GAB-131 and then have the elector answer the questions and sign?

A: Yes, but a voter can choose to fill it out if he or she wants to.

Q: So "snowbirds" can choose to vote in either place (not both, obviously)?

A: Correct, if they meet the necessary requirements.

Q: Aren't folks automatically listed on the Ineligible Voter List?

A: Yes.

Q: Is it possible to get a copy of the Power Point?

A: Sure, shoot us an email at gab@wi.gov and we can send it to you.

Q: How does a homeless person show proof of residence?

A: We allow an affidavit from a social service agency or organization for this purpose; see our website for details and a fill-in the blank template for the organization to use.

Q: What do you do with an absentee ballot if the voter decides to bring it in on Election Day?

A: Absentee ballots can be physically delivered by the voter. Put it with the other absentee ballots for processing. You can record it on the GAB-104 and the absentee ballot log.

Q: Should the POR issue be taken care of in the elector line, or should it be dealt with separately at a registration table?

A: If it is a POR required notation on the poll list, it can be handled at the check-in table, otherwise for EDRs it would be handled at the registration table.

Q: Can you discuss generally what election officials can and cannot say to electors? In smaller municipalities where most workers know each other they may inappropriately ask things they should not be asking.

A: We covered this generally live, but if you had a more specific situation in mind, feel free to contact us offline.

Q: What is the current version of the Election Day manual...I see Oct 2012?

A: That is the latest edition.