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TO: Wisconsin County Clerks
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FROM: Nathaniel E Robinson
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SUBJECT: Elections Division / Ross Hein Appointed Campaign Finance and Elections Supervisor

Following an open and competitive recruitment and selection process, Director Kennedy and I are pleased to announce the appointment of **Ross Hein** as our new Elections Division's Campaign Finance and Elections Supervisor, starting Monday, June 6, 2011. Please join us in congratulating Ross and welcoming him to his new position, new challenges and new and exciting opportunities. Ross succeeds Barbara Hansen who was the incumbent for twenty years, and retired from state government on January 3, 2011.

The job duties that Ross will manage are different from the majority of the tasks that were assigned to Barbara, whose primary concentration was IT and SVRS. Ross will focus more on program, policy, legislation and related election administration management activities, as well as direct supervision of our IT, SVRS and Help Desk staff. Bottom line, our aim is to offer and ensure a higher standard of customer service to you, our valued partners, our voters and the public at large. His first priority will be to lead the effort for implementing the new Voter Photo ID bill.

As you may know, Ross joined the G.A.B. (formerly the State Elections Board) some 5½ years ago as an Elections Specialist, during which time he trained countless municipal clerks, chief election inspectors and members of the general public. As our in-house designated voting systems expert, Ross manages a multi-million dollar HAVA grant program for accessible voting equipment, coordinates audits of voting equipment, and facilitates statewide testing and evaluation of electronic voting systems.

He has been project manager for staffing various clerk advisory committees, and he spearheaded the team that developed G.A.B.'s Administrative Code Regulations on ballot and electronic voting system security. In addition, he was project manager for the recent statewide recount of the Supreme Court contest. Ross also serves on the agency Accessibility Advisory Team, and is the Elections Division Administrator's designee on the U. S. Election Assistance Commission's Standards Advisory Board.

Ross worked as a law clerk, a law clerk intern, and as a student assistant in a child day care center while in undergraduate school, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science in May 2005. He is a CERA (Certified Elections/Registration Administrator) graduate from Auburn University, August 2008, and is currently enrolled in a public policy and administration masters' program at Northwestern University since August 2010.

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