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## **Election Integrity Committee Defined**

The Election Integrity Committee (EIC) is created for the purpose of working to ensure the integrity of operations of elections in Albemarle County.

The EIC will meet on a regular schedule so that the duties and activities of the named EIC subcommittees can be shared with the whole EIC before reporting to the ACRC membership at regular ACRC meetings.

These meetings will be weekly or on alternate weeks during the four months before the November General Election and monthly or more frequently as needed during the remaining months of the year.

## **EIC Subcommittees:**

Subcommittee 1. Recruitment of citizens who will apply to the Albemarle County Electoral Board to be appointed to be Election Officers (EO).

The EIC understands that each voting precinct is entitled to have equal numbers of EOs who are identified as either Republican or Democrat with no more than one third of the EOs identified as Independent.

The EIC will recruit new and returning volunteers throughout the year and be responsible for providing the ACRC Unit Chairman a list of all people to be submitted to the Electoral Board for review for new appointment and reappointment at their February meeting each year. All of the names on that list will have been verified to be identified as being Republican. This verification will be conducted by the entire EIC as a group, using any means available including the GOP Data Center, voting in primary history, review of social media, etc. The ACRC Unit Chairman will do the GOP Data search. The EIC will secure an ACRC member to assist with the social media searches.

The EIC will secure from the ACRC Unit Chairman or the Electoral Board or General Registrar the list of new and reappointed EOs in March of each year. In addition, the EIC will secure the list of newly appointed EOs after they are

appointed by the Electoral Board each month or as the Electoral Board votes to appoint. EIC will review those lists to determine that those names who are identified as being Republicans qualify to be identified as such. This determination shall be done in co-operation with the Unit Chairman and the Republican Member or Members of the Electoral Board. The EIC will secure and review the payroll list (names not salaries) of all people who were paid to work either as EOs or Registrar's Assistants or Deputies in each election for the entirety of that election season.

The EIC will conduct regular education classes for the Republican Election Officers with the full knowledge that all EOs must attend the training classes conducted by the Albemarle County Electoral Board and General Registrar.

The EIC will review, as soon as it is made available by the General Registrar, the EO roster for each voting precinct including the Central Absentee Precinct (CAP) and all Preprocessing of Absentee Ballot Counting Precincts. This review will be done to assure party parity of the number of EOs listed as Republican and Democrats. The EIC shall determine party parity for each Chief and Assistant Chief Election Officer will be determined. Where there is not parity the EIC will contact the GR and the Republican Electoral Board Member or Members and request corrective changes. It is incumbent on the EIC to recruit enough Republican EOs to achieve parity.

## **Subcommittee 2. Recruitment, Education, and Scheduling of Authorized Party Representatives (Poll Watchers or PW)**

Throughout the year EIC will recruit volunteers to become PWs for all precincts, including CAP, the Preprocessing of Absentee Ballot precinct, and the In-Person Absentee voting area in the Registrar's Office or any satellite voting area. The EIC will provide education for all of its PWs either by in-person or electronic virtual classes. These classes will include, but not be exclusive for, Election Day Operations, In-Person Absentee Voting, CAP and Pre-Processing of returned ballots, work in the Registrar's Office, annual review of the new changes to Virginia Election Laws, Logic and Accuracy Testing, and post-election Canvass and Provisional Ballot Canvass. This scheduling will follow the laws in the Code of Virginia set forth regulating the numbers of Authorized Party Representatives in any location at any time during voting. (See Code 24.2-604.4)

The EIC will be responsible for the distribution of the PW Letters of Authorization signed by the ACRC Unit Chairman. Each PW will be given the appropriate Letter authorizing his presence during voting, Logic and Accuracy Testing, and at the Provisional Canvas.

## **Additional Responsibilities**

- 1. The EIC will provide additional education for Republican volunteers for additional investigations to assure accuracy and current maintenance of Albemarle registered voter lists. This duty may require the purchase of registered voter lists and the review of all undeliverable returned voter mailings in the Registrar's office.
- 2. Members, but not necessarily all members, of the EIC will attend the meetings of the Albemarle County Electoral Board of Elections. They will assist the Electoral Board Members in any way to ensure the orderly and legal conduct of elections.
- 3. The EIC Chairman and members of the EIC will be volunteers who are registered voters in the Commonwealth of Virginia and members of the ACRC.