Committee on Election Security—Revised Decision Matrix

There appear to be three categories of decisions for the Committee: spending recommendations, process recommendations, and recommendations of matters needing law changes. The key items appear to be as follows:

I. Expenditure of Funds:
   a. PPE and polling place alterations costs.
   b. Increased labor costs for local elections necessitated by processing of absentee ballots, remote in person absentee safe voting sites, and police or other security.
   c. Preparation of increased absentee ballots, envelopes.
   d. Postage, if to be prepaid. (5-21—voted to not supply postage paid return envelopes for absentee ballots.)
   e. Accounting support for SOS per RFP.
   f. Paid public awareness campaign (not “get out the vote” campaign).
   g. Availability of funds from HAVA or other sources, if needed.

II. Process Recommendations:
   a. Absentee registration forms, filing by mail, distribution mechanisms.
   c. Remote site clerk-staffed remote absentee safe voting and registration—availability and precautions.
   d. Processing of absentee ballots prior to election day.
   e. Polling place arrangements on election day.
   f. Additional staffing for election day—volunteers or non-residents.
   g. Publicity through free sources.
   h. Design of ballots. (5-21—voted to have 8 ½” x 11” two-sided ballots and larger envelopes to prevent need for folding absentee ballots)
   i. Filing for Office by Mail—changes needed if any.
   j. Independent and Third Party petitions in light of pandemic—alternate petition signature process.
   k. Changing back to “unaffiliated” after primary vote by postcard or other means other than in-person.

III. Items needing law change by executive order or legislation.
   a. Absentee ballot request forms for 2020.
   b. Absentee registration forms.
   c. Processing of absentee ballots.
   d. Third party and independent candidate petition process.
   e. Other?