Lorain County Board of Elections Spanish Language Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes December 12, 2013

1. Call to Order: The December 12, 2013 meeting of the Spanish Language Advisory Committee was called to order by Paul Adams at 6:10pm.

2. Roll Call: Members in attendance: Richard Turner, Mildred Narvaez, Antonio Barrios and Nellie Caraballo. Staff in Attendance: Paul Adams and Barbara Aldridge.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Antonio Barrios to accept the September 12, 2013 minutes as amended; neuve>nueve, Alcade>Alcalde, municipad>municipalidad, apartir>a partir, las>la. The motion was seconded by Richard Turner. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Old/New Business:

Paul Adams thanked the Spanish Language Committee members for their assistance with the bilingual poll worker training for the General election. The assessments that were provided to the instructor regarding the knowledge level and fluency of the participants was useful in placement of the bilingual poll workers/interpreters.

Paul Adams discussed the successful implementation of the Multi Precinct Voting locations. Lorain County was one of the first counties to implement this change. Workers will no longer be termed as judges in Ohio.

Outreach for additional bilingual workers was discussed Millie Narvaez stated that she will be doing outreach at her church. Adams informed everyone that when recruiting a prospective worker if they don't have a party affiliation; they can vote early in the 2014 Primary Election and select a party at that time. Millie Narvaez stated that a voter information guide would be helpful and Nellie Caraballo replied that the League of Women Voters had a very helpful guide.

Observers from the Department of Justice were present for the November 5, 2013 General Election. On Election Day the DOJ informed the Lorain County BOE that due to the growing numbers of Spanish language voters in Lorain County we needed to deploy additional bilingual poll workers to several vote centers throughout the county. The official final report from the DOJ will be filed within 90 days.

5. New Business:

The meeting schedule was discussed for the 2014 Primary Election; the committee is required to meet twice before the Primary. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2014 and the second meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2014.

7. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Nellie Caraballo at 6:30pm, seconded by Antonio Barrios, motion carried 4-0.

ATTEST:

Chairman David Arredondo,

ATTEST: Rigoberto Reveron, Secretary