

TASK FORCE ON ELECTIONS/VOTING

THE CHARGE

To investigate and evaluate SCWS election procedure and voting procedures.

To develop strategies to present which may propose new policies or work on existing policies.

To prepare report detailing conclusions and proposed strategies.

November 2013

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

- **Election Assembly:**
 - **Once every 3 years. Next: Nov 2014**
 - **Primary purpose (Service Manual): elect AFG Area Officers and conduct other Area business**
- **Feedback from November 2011 Election Process**
 - **Many hours: hand-count, meet required % majority votes**
 - **Limited time for other Area business**
 - **Assembly members asked for:**
 - **more efficient election process**
 - **to be better informed about candidates (KBDM)**

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- **Identified Issues and Answered 5 Questions of KBDM**
- **Recommendations given to Nov 2013 Assembly**
Very different,big changes !!
 - **1. Job Descriptions**
 - **2. Resumes for Officer Candidates**
 - **3. More efficient voting process**
 - **3a. Improved methods for paper ballots**
 - **3b. Electronic voting by email**
 - **3c. Electronic voting by clickers**
- **Consensus vote at Nov 2013 Assembly approved a trial**
 - **Approved items 1, 2, 3b (electronic voting by email)**

NEW ELECTION PROCEDURES - TRIAL

Job Descriptions

- Comprehensive, on website

Candidate Resumes

- Submit by Aug Committee meeting
- Standardized form on website

Pre-registration date for GRs and AGRs

- 1st Sat of Assembly month (May, Nov) for new GRs

Electronic voting

- Faster; used at World Service Conference (clickers)
- Try email system (consensus at Nov 2013 Assembly)

NEW ELECTION PROCEDURES - TRIAL

Officer Job Descriptions – KBDM

Realistic time commitment

Skills: basic and additional

Personal qualities and experience

Preparation

Travel required?

**Other: ability to support the group conscience
whether in agreement or not**

NEW ELECTION PROCEDURES - TRIAL

Candidate Resume Form – KBDM

Personal info

deleted before posting on website (after Aug Cmtee mtg)

Service experience

Questions

leadership qualities

Signature

I am prepared and willing to do all that is entailed

KBDM: learn candidates' qualifications

NEW ELECTION PROCEDURES - TRIAL

Voting methods investigated

Paper Ballots

- Free
- Long-standing method: Make more efficient?

Clicker System

- Free software and upgrades; One-time clicker cost
- Sharing devices reduces cost; can rent

Email System

- Free or one-time cost
- All voters must have email, 10% cannot -- doesn't work

Hybrid System

- \$49 Annual license fee per user → \$15,000 per year
- High annual cost – doesn't work

NEW ELECTION PROCEDURES – TRIAL

Voting methods investigated

Paper Ballots, increase efficiency

- Do not fold ballots
- Distribute/collect ballots in a manner that avoids confusion over number of ballots expected:
 - ★ Give DR same number of ballots as GR count
 - ★ DR gives back same number of ballots
 - × Abstain = blank ballot or write abstain
- Other
- How it used to be . . . Mary Morrison, Past Delegate

NEW ELECTION PROCEDURES – TRIAL

Clicker System

- Costs \$11,000 for 300 clickers
- Can we reduce this cost?
 - ★ Save by renting?
 - × \$1700 for one-time rental of 300 clickers
 - ★ Save by sharing? (10 users max)
 - × \$3700 if 3 voters per clicker
- How much time needed to pass clicker? **Try it!**

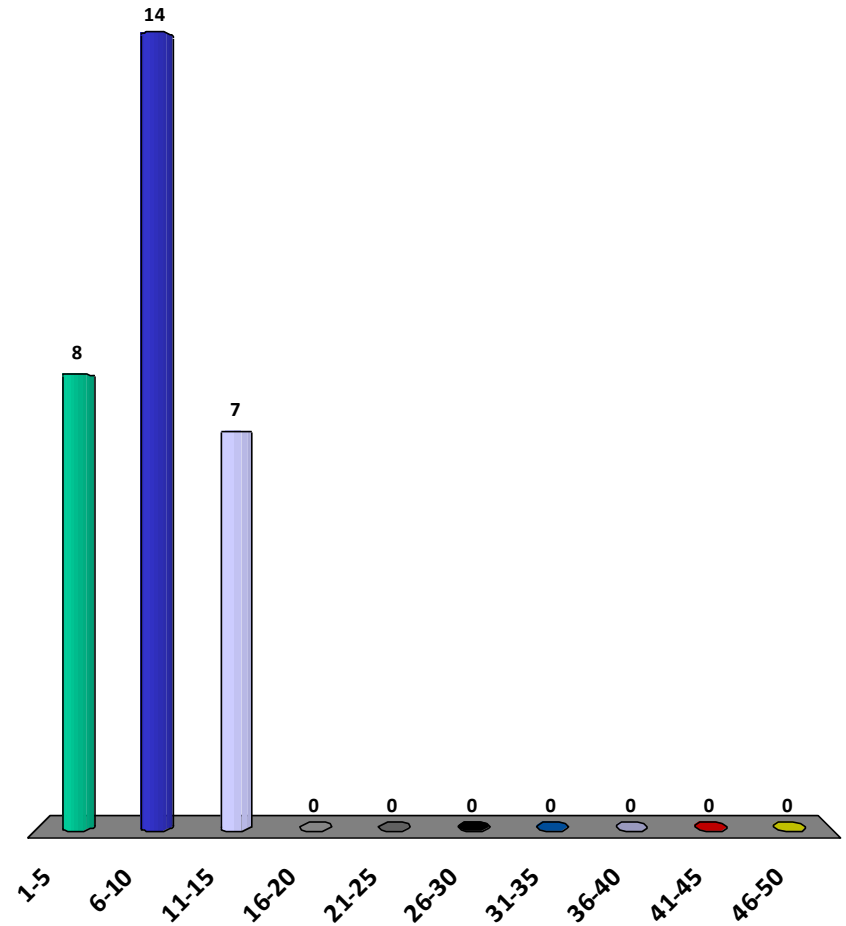
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Let's test the clickers today

- How easy are they to use?
 - ✦ Hear and feel the click
 - ✦ See which answer you clicked
 - ✦ Answer shows on clicker screen for 2 seconds
- How long to finish vote with 10 / clicker?
- To share or not to share? 4 tests
 - 1 per clicker
 - 3 per clicker
 - 5 per clicker
 - 10 per clicker

How many voters are in your district today?

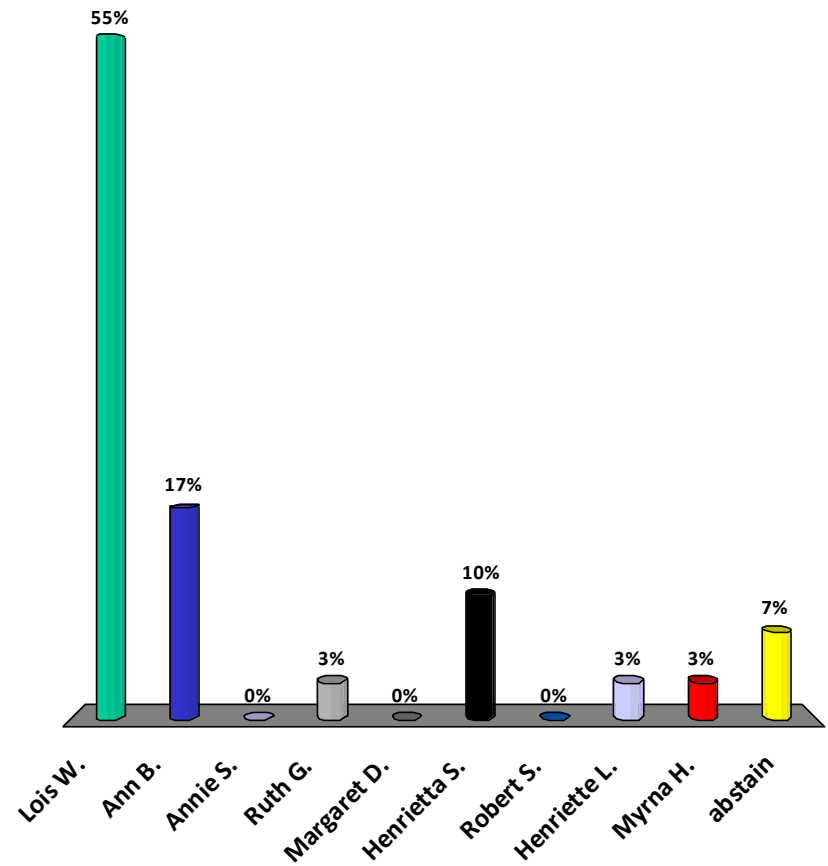
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- C. 11-15
- D. 16-20
- E. 21-25
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- G. 31-35
- H. 36-40
- I. 41-45
- J. 46-50



1 voter per clicker

Vote for 1 for Delegate

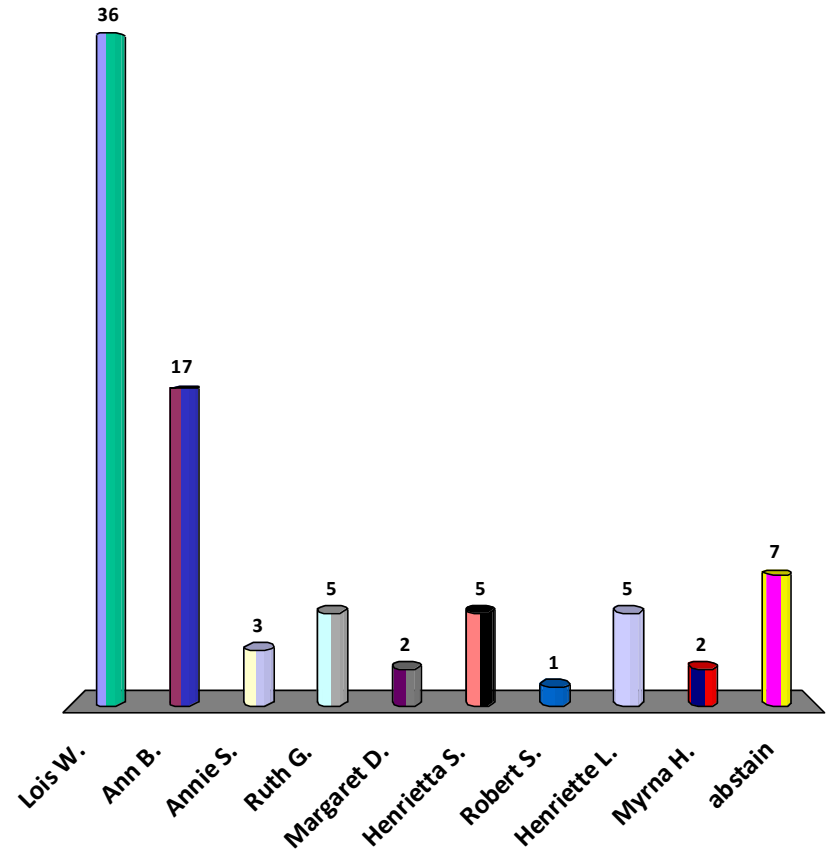
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4. Ruth G.
5. Margaret D.
6. Henrietta S.
7. Robert S.
8. Henriette L.
9. Myrna H.
10. abstain



3 voters per clicker

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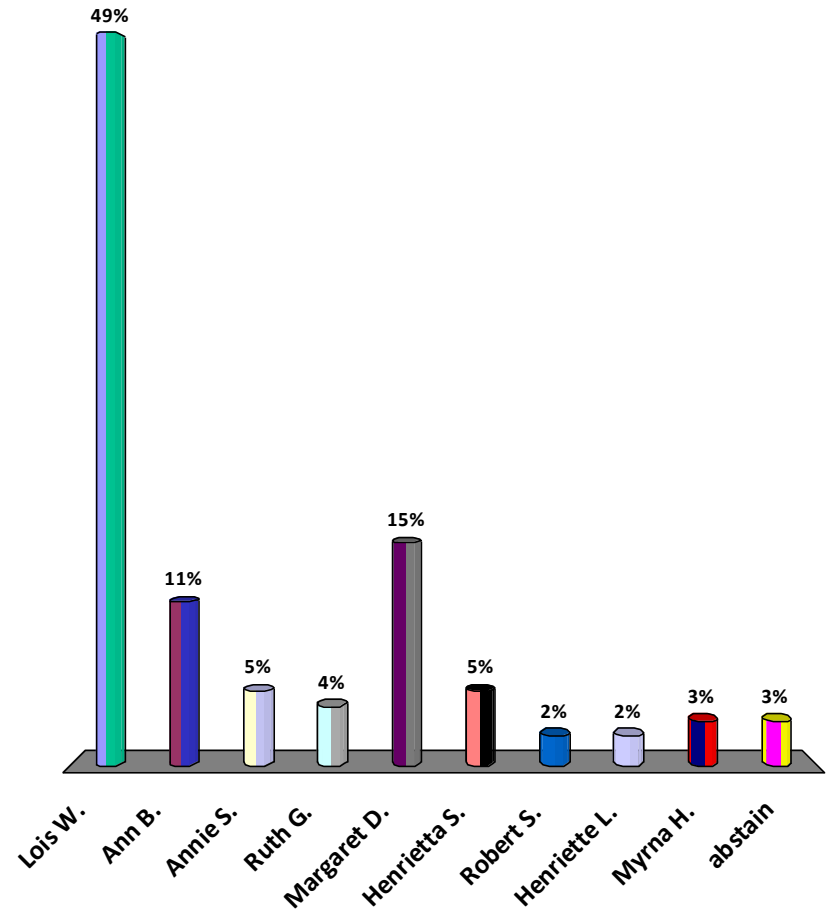
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5 voters per clicker

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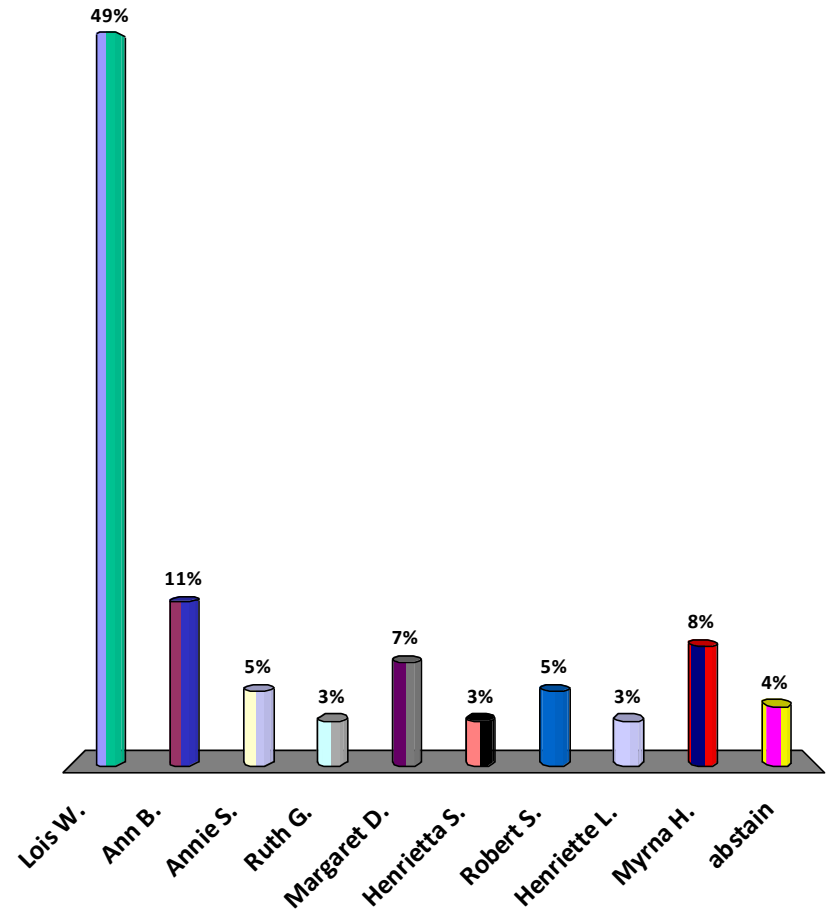
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10 voters per clicker

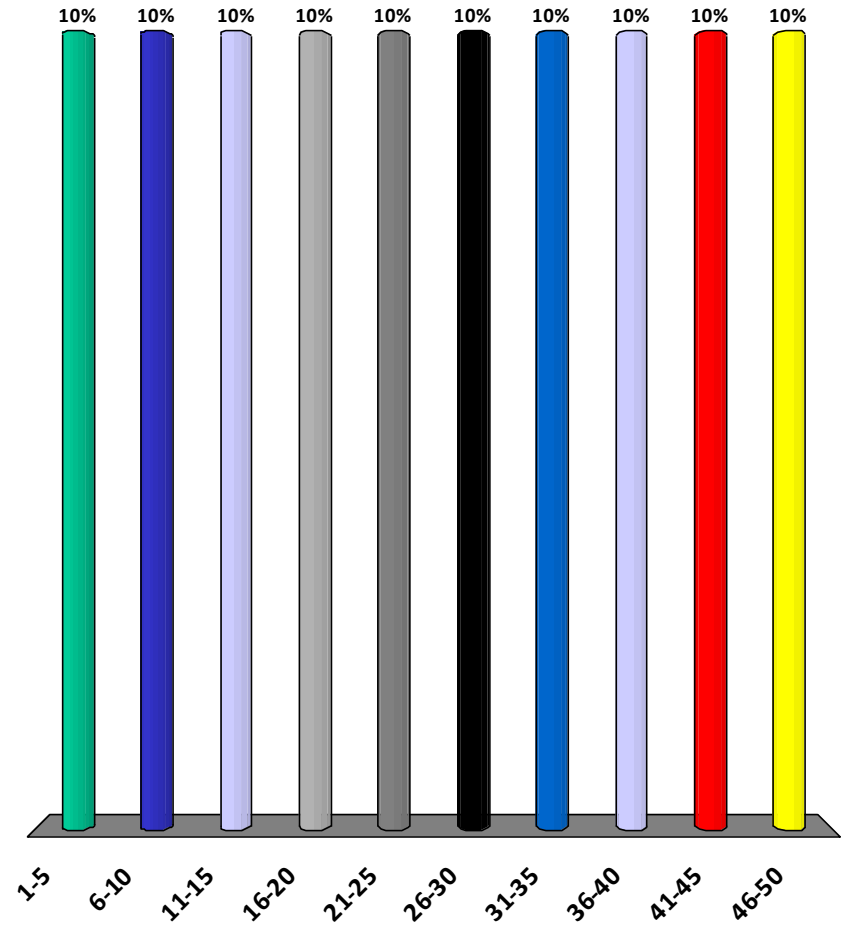
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How many in your district didn't get to vote?

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Today's clicker test – feedback

- **How easy to use?**
 - ★ **Hear** and **feel** the click
 - ★ **See** your answer on your clicker for **2 seconds**
- **How easy to share?**
- **How long to get results?**
 - Instantaneous results after clicking
 - Time to pass clicker
 - With graph

NEW ELECTION PROCEDURES – TRIAL

Some possible conclusions...

- 1. Keep doing what we are doing, use paper ballots with better methods.**
No motion needed.
- 2. Rent 300 clickers for one-time use at Nov 2014 Assembly at a cost of \$1,700.**
Requires motion.
- 3. Purchase single-use clickers for each voter, approximately 300 @ \$37 each, at a cost of \$11,000.**
Requires motion.
- 4. Purchase 100 multi-use clickers, maximum 3 users each, at a cost of \$3700 for 100 clickers.**
Requires motion.

Paper ballots or clickers?

TASK FORCE ON ELECTIONS AND VOTING

- Options well explored
- 45 weekly conference calls in 12 months
- Composition
 - 1 Assembly voting member (GR)
Ann Hobbs [thru Dec 2013]
 - 5 past delegates
Sandie Ethridge
Mary Morrison
Miriam McKenna
Kay Dornbusch
Willie Williams
 - 1 officer
Elizabeth Kau

THE END