

The NVRA Connection

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UPCOMING 2004 ELECTION DATES

Registration Cutoff Date	Election Date
August 31	September 21, 2004
October 12	November 2, 2004

2004 GENERAL ELECTION

As you know, the 2004 General Election is a Presidential election, which tends to put Oregon in a national spotlight! As of the printing of this newsletter, all of the ballot measure numbers have not yet been assigned, but there will be eight state measures on the ballot, consisting of a variety of subjects. Two of these measures were placed on the ballot by legislative referral and six by the initiative petition process. There may also be county, city and district measures.

As for candidates, in addition to the state candidates for partisan offices nominated at the primary election, there may be minor political party candidates and independent candidates (not affiliated with any political party) who file by August 24, 2004. In addition, there may be local county and city candidates specific to each jurisdiction.

All the detailed information for the state 2004 General Election will be posted on our website. A state Voters' Pamphlet will be mailed in October 2004. Please do not hesitate to refer clients that have elections questions to our office.

So, especially now at this time in the election cycle, you play a critical role in the voter registration process. All registration forms received in your office at the close of a registration cutoff date must be mailed to the appropriate elections office on that day to be eligible to vote in the upcoming election. It is **very important to date stamp** all voter registration forms on the back the same day they are received.

It is also important that the registration card is complete when filed. Please ensure that the person completes the qualification section of the registration card, which asks whether they are a United States citizen and whether they will be 18 years old on or before election day. Without this area completed, the registration card cannot be considered complete.

2004 PRIMARY ELECTION

This past primary election had a good participation by Oregon's voters, at 46.4%. However, a past primary election (May 2000) for the same statewide offices (Secretary of State, State Treasurer and Attorney General) had a 51.3% turnout. Detailed information about the 2004 primary election and other past elections is located on our website, www.sos.state.or.us, then choose Elections.

❖ ❖ IMPORTANT NOTICE ❖ ❖ YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND NEW 2004 NVRA TRAINING

Due to the importance of your role with voter registration, the Secretary of State wants to extend an opportunity to all NVRA agency coordinators and other involved personnel to attend a first-time NVRA training outreach. The Secretary of State's Elections Division staff is presenting training sessions for all NVRA agency contacts and site coordinators. Each session will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will cover the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), the *2003-2004 National Voter Registration Act Implementation Guide (NVRA Guide)*, the SEL 504 Agency Voter Registration Reporting Form and other important information. The sessions are free-of-charge.

All sessions will cover the same material, so each person only needs to attend one of the sessions. As you can see on the reverse side of this page, we have a registration form that lists six training sessions scheduled throughout the state.

Please pre-register for one of the training sessions by filling out the registration form on the reverse side and returning it by fax (503-373-7414) to the Elections Division at your earliest convenience (or no later than August 20, 2004). Let us know the names and contact information of the persons planning to attend.

We advise you to bring your copy of the *2003-2004 NVRA Guide* that was distributed to NVRA Agencies last fall. We will have extra copies on hand at each training session. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions about the training or NVRA.

We highly encourage and value your participation in this training program!

(See reverse side for NVRA training registration form)