

# **Notice of Informal Conference of Risk-limiting Audit Representative Group**

**Date of Notice: December 28, 2017**

**Date and Time of Conference: January 4, 2018, 10:00 A.M.**

Please take notice that an informal conference of the Risk-limiting Audit (RLA) Representative Group is scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. (MST), in the Aspen Conference Room, located on the third floor of the Secretary of State's office at 1700 Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80290.

## **Background**

In early 2017, and in accordance with section 24-4-103(2), C.R.S., the Secretary of State established a representative group of county election officials, voting system provider representatives, academic subject matter experts, and election integrity advocates (the "RLA Representative Group") to exchange views and confer informally on then-proposed administrative rules specifying the manner of conducting risk-limiting post-election audits of the 2017 Coordinated Election, as required by section 1-7-515, C.R.S. These efforts informed the structure and content of new Election Rules 25.1 and 25.2, formally adopted on August 11, 2017. Thereafter, the Secretary of State administered, and the clerks and recorders of every county that utilized a vote tabulation system for the 2017 Coordinated Election conducted, risk-limiting audits of at least one countywide or local ballot contest.

The Secretary of State desires to reconvene the RLA Representative Group to exchange views and informally confer on how to perform risk-limiting audits of primary elections and general elections featuring statewide, multi-county and countywide ballot contests, and how the RLA software tool deployed for the 2017 Coordinated Election should be further enhanced or developed. The views and recommendations of the RLA Representative Group may inform the creation of additional software development requirements and administrative rulemaking proceedings pertaining to risk-limiting audits

## **RLA Representative Group Members**

- Pam Bacon, Logan County Clerk and Recorder and current president, Colorado County Clerks Association ("CCCA")
- Lori Mitchell, Chaffee County Clerk and Recorder and president-elect, CCCA
- Matt Crane, Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder
- Hillary Hall, Boulder County Clerk and Recorder
- Janice Vos Caudill, Pitkin County Clerk and Recorder
- Philip Stark, University of California, Berkeley
- Ron Rivest, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Mark Lindeman, Columbia University
- Michael Frontera, Dominion Voting Systems
- Ed Smith, Clear Ballot Group
- Harvie Branscomb, computer scientist and election integrity advocate
- Neal McBurnett, computer scientist and election integrity advocate
- Representatives of the Colorado Secretary of State's office

## **Agenda**

- Comparison and ballot polling risk-limiting audits of primary elections
- Comparison and ballot polling risk-limiting audits of general elections
- Development requirements for enhancement of RLA software tool for use in primary and general elections [Note: The current version of the RLA software tool was developed on an open source basis, and is available at <https://github.com/FreeAndFair/ColoradoRLA>]

## **Public comments and participation**

All informal conferences of the RLA Representative Group are open to the public. Please direct any written comments to [Dwight.Shellman@sos.state.co.us](mailto:Dwight.Shellman@sos.state.co.us). For purposes of the informal conference on January 4, 2018, please submit any written comments you may have in advance by 12:00 noon MST on January 3, 2018.

## **Meeting materials**

All documents and materials for conferences of the RLA Representative Group are available to the public online. To view or download these materials, visit the [RLA Representative Group page](#) on the Secretary of State's website.

## **Broadcast and audio recording of the conferences**

To access audio broadcasts of the RLA Representative Group informal conferences, visit the [Audio Broadcasts](#) page on the Secretary of State's website.

## **Office contact**

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