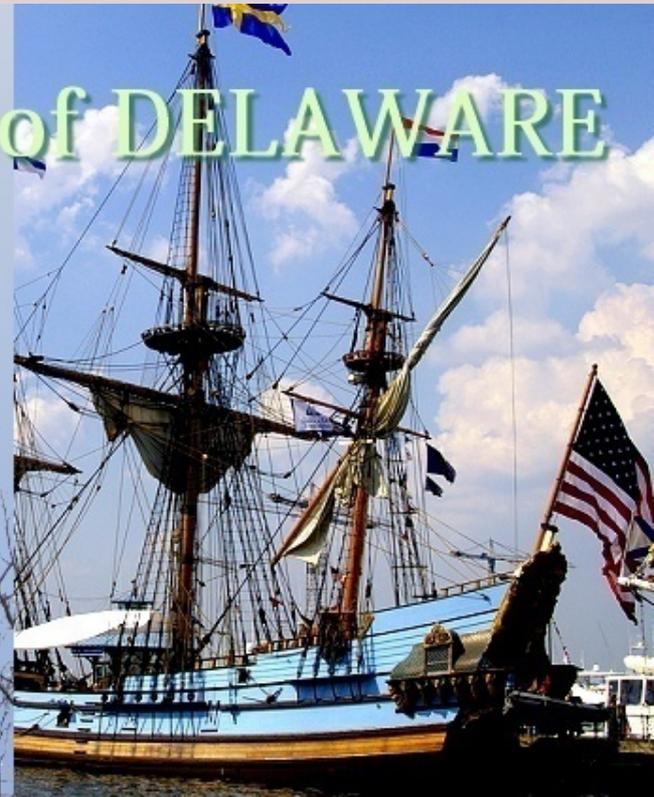
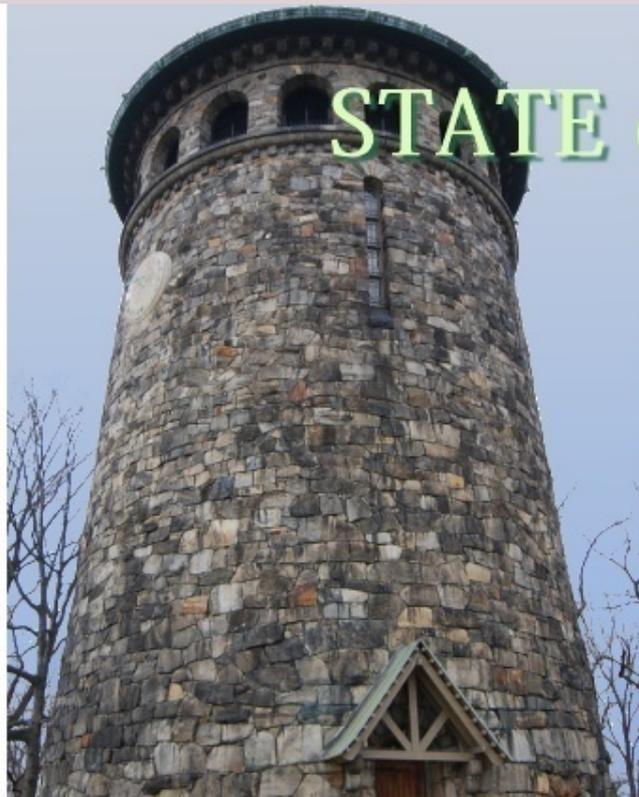


A Report to the  
**Board of Elections for New Castle County**  
February 4, 2014



STATE of DELAWARE

## *Financial highlights*

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- Spending on target this year.
- Did not include rent, etc in Governor's Recommended Budget
  - Will be funded and dealt with in the future

# FY 2014 Expenditures as of January 31, 2014

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>SPENT</u>	<u>ENCUMBERED</u>	<u>AVAILABLE</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>% SPENT</u>
1 Personnel	\$572,216	\$0	\$575,084	\$1,147,300	50%
2 Travel	\$1,749	\$0	\$4,251	\$6,000	29%
3 Contractual	\$163,101	\$74,135	\$11,564	\$248,800	66%
4 Energy	\$15,631	\$0	\$13,169	\$28,800	54%
5 Supplies	\$2,953	\$0	\$4,747	\$7,700	38%
6 FY 2013 School Elections	\$1,218	\$82	\$10,549	\$11,849	10%
6 FY 2014 School Elections	\$3,951	\$0	\$154,449	\$158,400	2%
7 FY 2014 Technology	\$0	\$0	\$2,981	\$2,981	0%
8 FY 2012 Elections	\$138,043	\$1,353	\$197,178	\$336,574	41%
9 FY 2012 Elections II	\$1,532	\$100	\$20,597	\$22,229	7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$900,394</b>	<b>\$75,671</b>	<b>\$994,569</b>	<b>\$1,970,633</b>	<b>46%</b>

## *Voter registration*

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- Registered voters
  - Nov 1, 2012: 388,862
  - Jan 1, 2014: 387,203
  - Feb 1, 2014: 385,977
- Processing and filing: current

## Registered voter removal programs

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- Removal programs:
  - Moved from State: 357 ( D - 155, R - 101, Other - 101 )
  - Address verification: 43 ( D - 13, R - 19, Other - 11 )
  - Personal requests 0 ( D - 0, R - 0, Other - 0 )
- Birth year changes: 3
- Deceased:
  - Vital Statistics: 255 ( D - 133, R - 75, Other - 47 )
  - Obits & etc: 0 ( D - 0, R - 0, Other - 0 )
  - ERIC: 794 ( D - 409, R - 228, Other - 157 )
- Not a citizen: 0

## *e-signature implementation*

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- Nothing to report

## *FY 2014 Elections*

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- Feb 11 COAD
- Mar 3 Middletown
- Apr 1 Delaware City
- Apr 7 Newport
- Apr 7 Odessa
- Apr 8 Newark
- May 3 Townsend
- May 13 School Board Elections
- Jun 3 Bellefonte
- Sep 9 Primary Election
- Nov 4 General Election

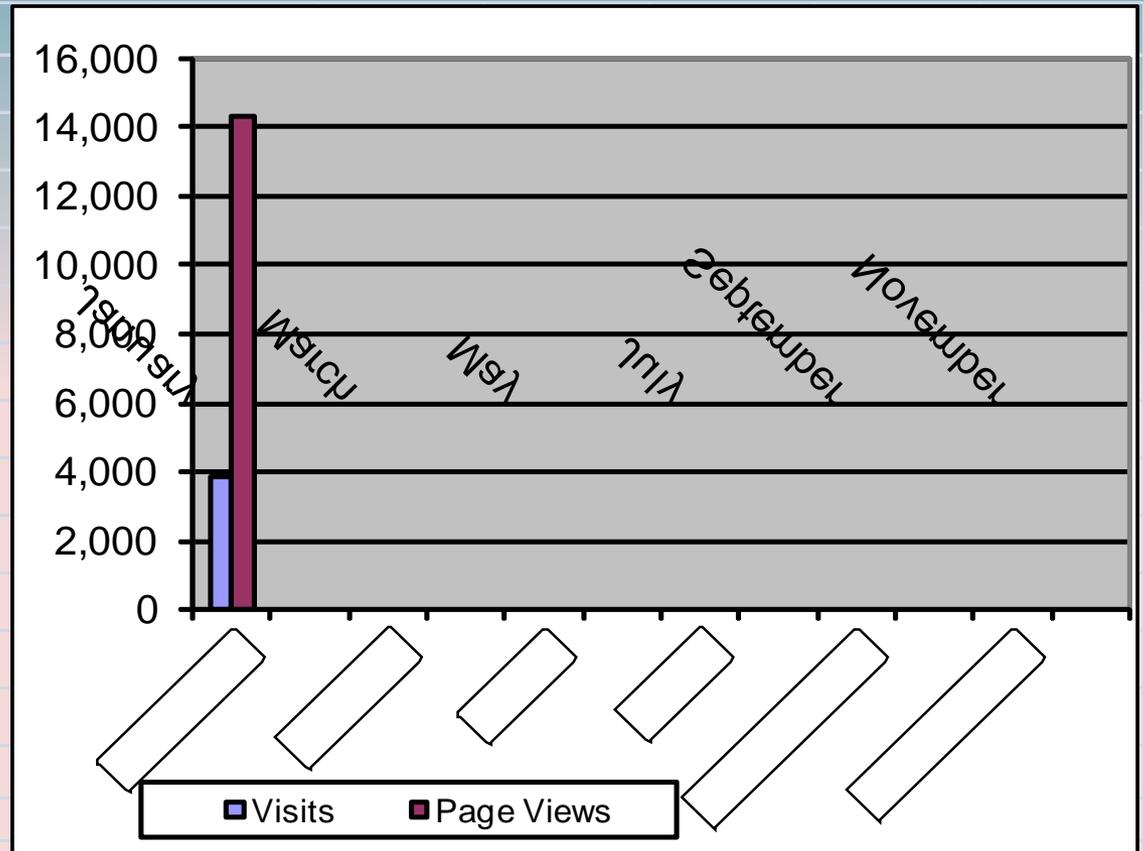
## *FY 2014 Outreach Elections*

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- Mar Youth in City Government
- May William Penn HS - Senior Class Officers
- May William Penn HS - Class Officers
- May St Ann School - Student Government
- May A. I. duPont HS - Student Council, Class Officers, Prom Court

# 2014 Web site activity

<u>Month</u>	<u>Visits</u>	<u>Page Views</u>
January	3,855	14,334
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		



## *Staff training and travel*

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- Feb 26-28: Election Center Workshop in Albuquerque, NM (Albence, Sholl, Brooks, Lippincott, Dorman & Carter)
- Mar 1 & 2: Election Center Continuing Education course in Albuquerque, NM (Brooks, Lippincott, Dorman & Carter)
- Mar 18: Election Center Workshop on Polling Place Accessibility in vicinity of Dulles Airport (Lippincott, Dorman, Carter)

## *Voting machines*

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- Hardware and Firmware
  - Nothing new
- Software (GEMS)
  - Nothing new
- System testing and acceptance
  - Nothing new

## *Absentee system*

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- Hardware and Firmware
  - Purchasing a new server, will keep old one as a backup
- Software (GEMS)
  - Nothing new
- System testing and acceptance
  - Nothing new

## *Facilities, equipment, etc.*

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- Warehouse upgrade complete
- Adding internet capability in Training Center
  - Completed using equipment loaned by DTI until ordered items arrive
- Windows 7 upgrade - 56 units
  - 29 that we had
  - 27 additional Windows 7 capable that we obtained from DTI
  - Will use those not needed for Election Day at the warehouse relocation site

# *Continuity of operations*

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- Jan 8: COOP exercise
  - Went well
  - Waiting for formal report from DTI

# *Presidential Commission on Election Administration*

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- Report released mid-January
- Commission included several state and local Election Officials
- We are assessing where we stand regarding the recommendations and best practices
  - Will give comprehensive report to the Board at the March meeting

# Presidential Commission on Election Administration

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- The report has 4 key recommendations
  - Voter registration
    - Online registration 😊
    - Interstate exchange of voter lists 😊
  - Access to the polls
    - Expansion of pre-Election Day voting 😞
    - Schools as polling places 😞
  - Polling place management
    - Adoption of resource allocation tools 😊
  - Voting technology
    - Addressing impending crisis in voting technology 😞

## State legislation

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- Title 15 Task Force
  - February 19 at Legislative Hall
- HS 1 for HB 79 – Candidate must disclose that they have paid their taxes
  - Out of committee, waiting for House action
- HB 84 – Mandatory candidate background checks
  - House Administration Committee
- HB 105 – Election Day registration
  - Out of committee, waiting for House action
- HB 159 – Prohibits a person from running for more than one office in an election
  - Out of committee, waiting for House action

## State legislation

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- HB 170 – Makes June 30 a campaign finance reporting date
  - Out of committee, waiting for House action
- HB 191 – Defines reasons and removes notarization
  - House Administration Committee
- HB 205 – Requires schools to in-service day on day of Primary Elections
  - House Education Committee
- HB 206 – Requires schools to have in-service day on days of School Elections
  - House Education Committee
- HB 208 – Voter registration and Drivers License addresses
  - House Administration Committee

## State legislation

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- HB 209 – Nomination process and Party Change date
  - House Administration Committee
- HB 210 – Process to challenge a candidate's address
  - Passed House, Senate Administrative Services/Elections Committee
- SB 48 – Commission to do redistricting of the General Assembly
  - Passed Senate, House Administration Committee

## Federal legislation

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- S1728 – SENTRI Act (affects Military and Overseas voter program): was not included in Defense Authorization Act
- HR 376 – Universal Right to Vote by Mail Act
  - CBO – not an unfunded mandate because it is a “good thing”
  - It would increase costs (even if CBO says cost is \$0)
    - Staff
    - Postage
    - Equipment
    - Envelopes, ballot paper, maybe another printer
  - It would require longer to scan ballots

## Federal legislation

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- HR 3899 & S1945 - 2014 Voting Rights Act amendment
  - New coverage formula
  - Section 4 – “Transparency provisions” are an issue
    - Issue not with the concept but with the detail
    - 48 hour deadline to provide public notice – not always possible
    - Polling place resources to include
      - Voting age population of area by demographic group
      - number of registered voters
    - If any change in info must provide public notice within 48 hours
      - Population and number of registered voters a moving target
    - Data on demographic groups is only available using fine-grain census data
  - Not sure of prospects

## *Outreach*

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- Nothing to report

## *Archives project*

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- Preparing to coordinate with Archives to get ready to send data to them

- Received 3<sup>rd</sup> set of data
  - Included “inactive” voters this time otherwise would have fewer records
  - Removed 792 reported as deceased, could not remove 11 others
  - Mailed letters to 2,208 persons registered in another state
  - Resolved 66 duplicates
  - The 4,894 in-state updates will be worked after the remaining 400 from the first set of data and the 1,617 from the second set of data

## *Old business*

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- None

## *New business*

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- Election of President and Secretary
- Next meeting: March 4, 2014