February 12-16, 2020
The Hyatt Regency, Greenville

Election Center Special Workshop
Voting Options
(In preparation for Elections 2020)

A message from
Tim Mattice, Executive Director
Welcome to Greenville, SC! Nestled up against the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the heart of South Carolina’s Upcountry, you’ll find Greenville situated just about halfway between Charlotte, North Carolina and Atlanta, Georgia. Greenville’s friendly, thriving downtown pulses with things to do year-round.

Greenville is anchored by what Forbes Magazine calls one of America’s Best Downtowns. Featuring a one-of-a-kind “floating” suspension bridge and set against the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains, Greenville boasts a thriving arts scene, hundreds of restaurants, shops and boutiques, popular annual festivals, numerous historic sites and museums housing significant art collections. Excellent interstate service and a user-friendly international airport make access easy. Greenville is a welcoming retreat for visitors of every age and explorers of every type.

Greenville is our host city for the February 2020 Election Center Special Workshop. The theme for the conference will be Voting Options (in preparation for Elections 2020). We will hear from your colleagues and stakeholders in election administration on the myriad of alternative voting options/methods for our voters and how those options are changing and working across the country. In addition discussions on new voting methods and the security issues encompassing those methods.

We will be offering two CERA/CERV core courses and a Renewal Course. There’s information in this brochure regarding these three classes.

We look forward to seeing you in Greenville. Please don’t delay in reserving your hotel room or registering for the conference. Our room block at the Hyatt Regency Greenville will fill up quickly.

Questions or need more details regarding the conference? Please call the Election Center at (281) 396-4309 or email services@electioncenter.org.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE INFORMATION
Workshop & Classes: Discount Ends January 28, 2020
In order to obtain the discounted rate, the registration form and registration fee must be received (not postmarked), no later than January 28, 2020.

On-Site Registration
If you register on-site your name will not appear on the attendee list. Because of security concerns, a computer generated name badge is required to enter the conference and lunch areas. On-site registration may delay admission to the conference. Your advance registration also allows us to better plan for food and beverage, seating, and training materials. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Election Center
21946 Royal Montreal Dr.
Suite 100
Katy, TX 77450
Friday, February 14
8:00-10:00am Registration Desk Open
8:30-9:00am Continental Breakfast
9:00am-12:00pm The 2020 Census and Redistricting (invited)
12:00-1:30pm New Voting Models
No Host Lunch
1:30-5:00pm Online, Same Day and Automatic Registration
Programs to Recruit Student Poll Workers
How Election Polls are Conducted and Used
Understanding and the Use of Electronic Ballots

Saturday, February 15
NOTE: Classes may only be taken by active Election Center members.
Fees: $459 per class before 1/28/2020 - $559 after 1/28/2020
8:00am-9:30am Registration Desk Open
9:30am-12:00pm Course #1
Introduction to Analysis of Election Systems to Improve Performance
Instructor: Robert Montjoy, Ph.D., Auburn University, Auburn, AL
Although the United States is becoming increasingly aware of the role that election and voter registration administration plays in a democratic society, there is still a lack of discussion about management and leadership concepts that are specific to the profession. Voting to understand and develop these concepts will enable election and voter registration administrations to become more specialized in their field. This course examines the core roles and responsibilities of election and voter registration administrators, and explores how to improve performance and enhance citizen services, recruit, motivate, and assess office staff, and manage office time and resources effectively and efficiently.
CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE IS GIVEN ONLY TO GRADUATE STUDENTS. CREDITS MAY ONLY BE APPLIED TOWARDS THEIR CELA STATUS.
Renewal Course #32
Redistricting and Gerrymandering
Instructor: Ryan Williamson, Ph.D., Auburn University, Auburn, AL
With the release of the 2020 Census, election jurisdictions across the country will be facing significant challenges as they prepare for the state redistricting process. This course teaches the concepts and principles used in redistricting in general and analyzes how current gerrymandering landscape has developed. Election officials will learn how these principles affect their work, and ways in which they can contribute to the redistricting process to the benefit of voters and their operations.
12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch for CEIRA Students Only
1:30-4:30pm Courses Continued
Sunday, February 16
8-11am Courses Continued

Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, February 12
8:00am-9:00am Registration Desk Open
9:00am-10:15am Continental Breakfast
10:15am-12:00pm United States Department of Justice. Disability Civil Rights Division (invited)
12:00-1:30pm Hosted Lunch
1:30-5:00pm Alternative Voting Methods
First past the post voting, the two round (runoff) system, proportional representation and ranked or preferential voting
In Jeopardy: Mail Support Initiatives for 2020 (invited)

Thursday, February 13
8:00am-9:00am Registration Desk Open
8:30-9:00am Continental Breakfast
9:00-10:15am Welcome/Homekeeping/Keynote Address
10:15am-12:00pm U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) (invited)
Disability and Voting Methods
United States Department of Justice. Disability Civil Rights Division (invited)

Wednesday, February 12
8:00-8:30am Registration Desk Open
8:30-9:00am Investing in Elections Committee Meeting
(open to all members)
6:00-7:30pm Welcome Reception

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Lunch for CERA Students Only

Voting Options

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Hyatt Regency Greenville
220 N Main St, Greenville, SC 29601 - (864) 240-7289

Reservations
Room Rate: $159.00 excluding state and local taxes.
First night deposit is non-refundable.
Hotel reservations deadline is January 21, 2020.
However, if the block of rooms sells out before the deadline, rooms may not be available or may only be available at a much higher rate.

Getting There
Complimentary hotel shuttle to and from Greenville Spartanburg Airport with flight manifest provided in advance.
Cabs fare is approximately $35-$45 one-way and takes 18 minutes from airport to hotel.

Parking
Self Parking: $7.00 per day  |  Valet Parking: $21.20 per day

Registration
You can complete the registration at the Election Center’s website:
www.electioncenter.org.

To register for the conference, go to the Election Center website at www.electioncenter.org and click PAY BY CHECK, and send a copy of the invoice with your check to:
Election Center 21946 Royal Montreal Dr., Suite 100, Katy, TX 77450

All payments must be received, not postmarked, by January 28, 2020.

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