

Wisconsin Legislature

Redistricting Staff Working Group

Meeting of October 8, 2010

Present:

Larry Barish, LRB	Steve Pickett, Gov't. Acc. Board
Jim Beaudoin, UW, APL	Pam Shannon, Leg. Council
Joel Gratz, Assem. Dems.	Ryan Squires, LTSB
Jessica Karls Ruplinger, Leg. Council	Tony Van Der Wielen, LTSB
Mike Keane, LRB	Dan Veroff, UW, APL
Tom McClintock, LCGIF	Mike White, Sen. Dems.
Rob Marchant, Senate Chief Clerk	Dana Wolff, LTSB
Steve Miller, LRB, Chair	Jeff Ylvisaker, LTSB, Vice-Chair
Lori Oehlert, LTSB	Joel Ylvisaker, LTSB
Tadd Ottman, Sen. GOP	

Minutes:

Steve Miller called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

The minutes of the April 23, 2010, meeting were approved.

Tony Van Der Wielen gave an update on the deployment of the redistricting hardware and software that has been purchased. LTSB will install ARC 10.0 soon.

Tony reported that testing of WISE-LR had ended with 57 counties finding the software worked well. The final WISE-LR software will be released on April 1, 2011.

Joel Ylvisaker reported that census geography files will be delivered in November 2010. These include census blocks, tabulation blocks, ward boundaries, and legislative district lines.

Ryan Squires gave an update on the computer interface between the redistricting system and the legislative bill drafting system. The group discussed the need to manually check the files for non-contiguous territory.

Jim Beaudoin and Dan Veroff described the potential for a public access redistricting tool in the form of a Web application.

Dana Wolff described preliminary plans for a series of seminars throughout the state to help local officials perform their redistricting-related duties (the "Road Show"). The consensus was to hold the seminars in April 2011.

Tony described a number of meetings of local officials where LTSB and LRB staff had made presentations over the past summer.

The group will meet next on January 14, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.