2024 Elections Review

The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon

March 5 Presidential Nomination Primary

- 3 major political parties
- Separate ballots by party
- 585,991 total ballots cast
- 13.6% of the voting eligible population
- First election with translated voting instructions and sample ballots

August 13 State Primary

543,982 total ballots cast

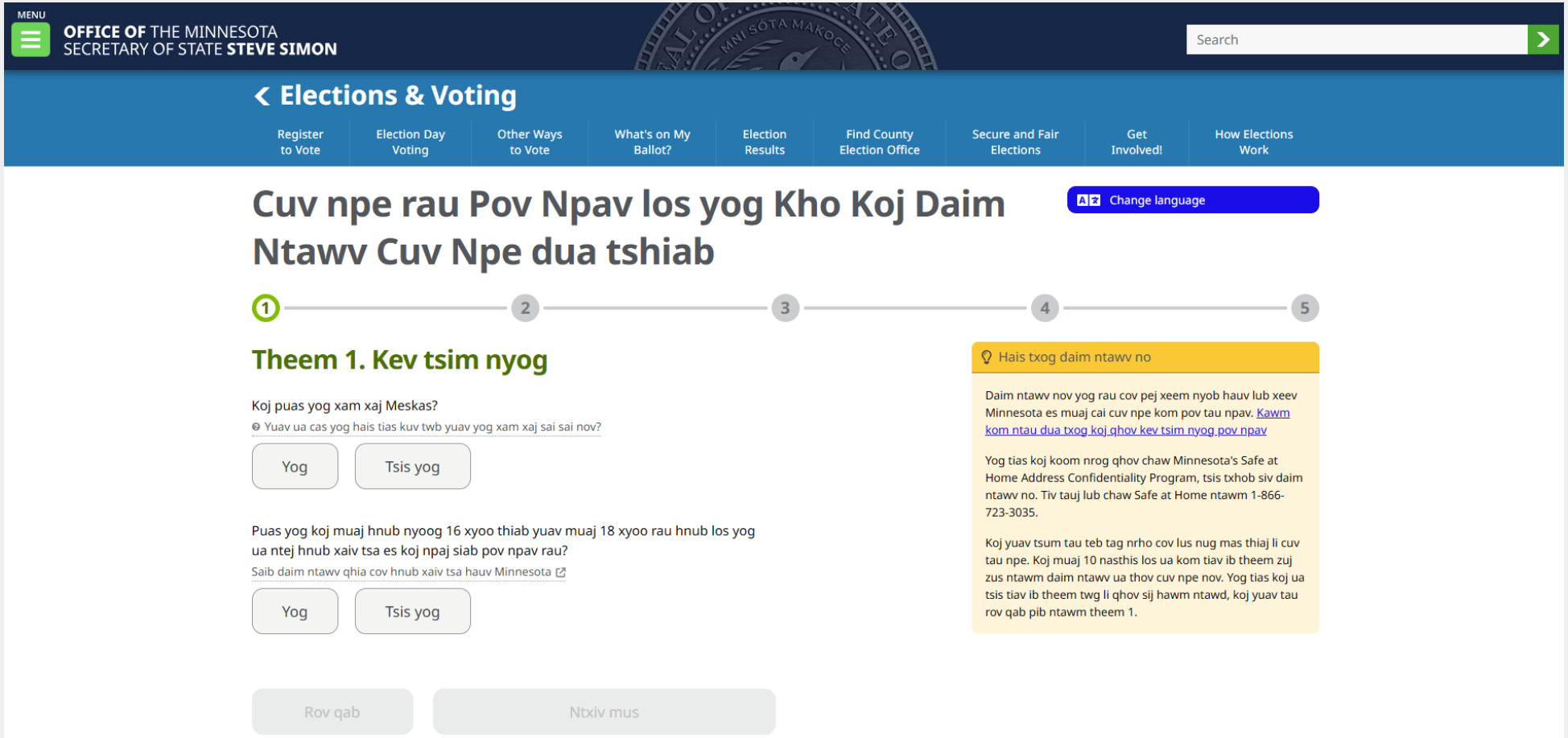
12.8% of the voting eligible population

New laws

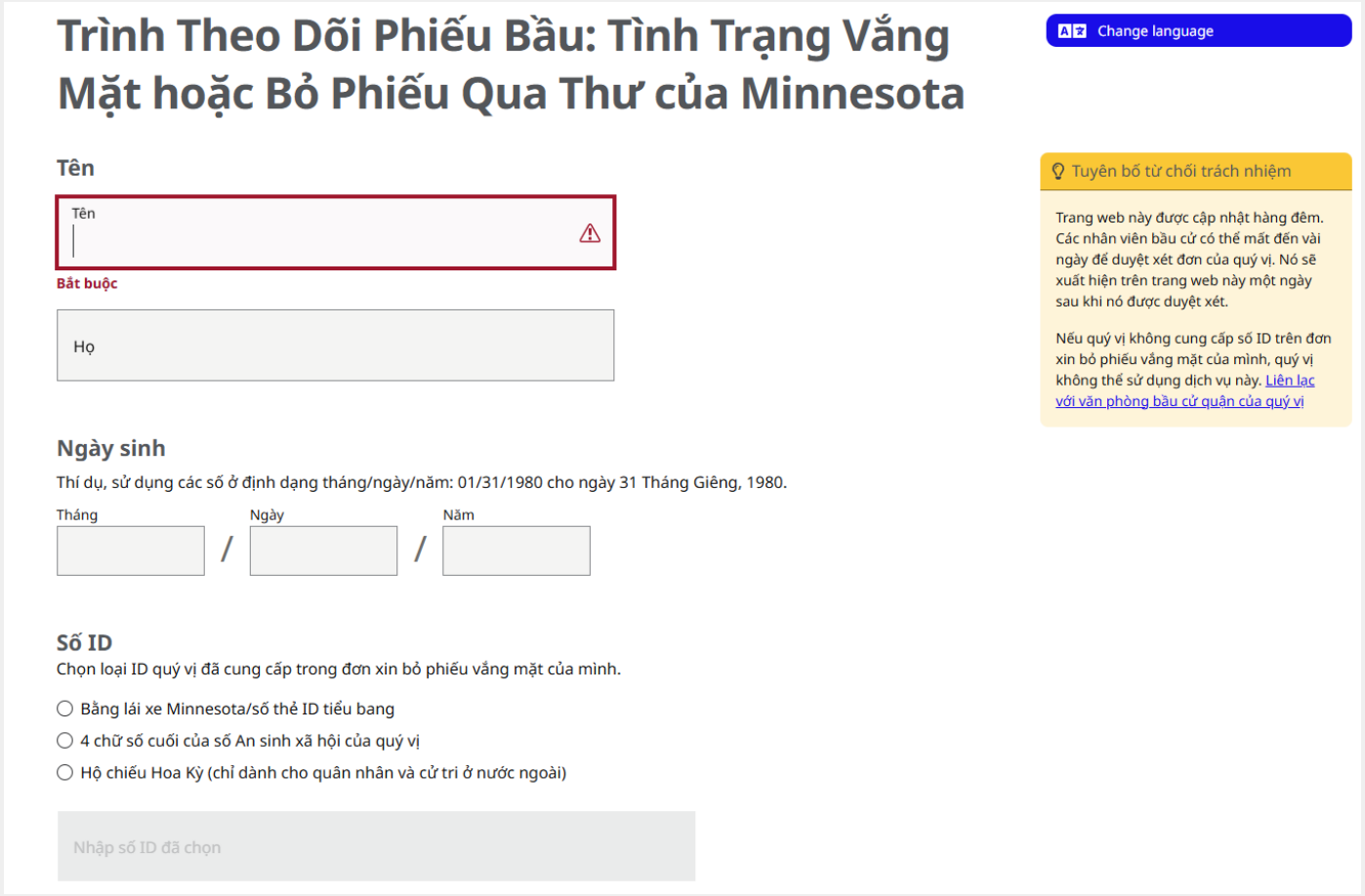
- Permanent absentee voting
- Expanding student housing list as proof of residence option for Election Day registration

Online voter tools available in 10 additional languages

Register to Vote in Hmong
(or 10 in other languages)



Track your absentee ballot in Vietnamese (or 10 other languages)



Trình Theo Dõi Phiếu Bầu: Tình Trạng Vắng Mặt hoặc Bỏ Phiếu Qua Thư của Minnesota

Change language

Tên

Tên

Bắt buộc

Họ

Tuyên bố từ chối trách nhiệm

Trang web này được cập nhật hàng đêm. Các nhân viên bầu cử có thể mất đến vài ngày để duyệt xét đơn của quý vị. Nó sẽ xuất hiện trên trang web này một ngày sau khi nó được duyệt xét.

Nếu quý vị không cung cấp số ID trên đơn xin bỏ phiếu vắng mặt của mình, quý vị không thể sử dụng dịch vụ này. Liên lạc với văn phòng bầu cử quận của quý vị

Ngày sinh

Thí dụ, sử dụng các số ở định dạng tháng/ngày/năm: 01/31/1980 cho ngày 31 Tháng Giêng, 1980.

Tháng / Ngày / Năm

Số ID

Chọn loại ID quý vị đã cung cấp trong đơn xin bỏ phiếu vắng mặt của mình.

- Bằng lái xe Minnesota/số thẻ ID tiểu bang
- 4 chữ số cuối của số An sinh xã hội của quý vị
- Hộ chiếu Hoa Kỳ (chỉ dành cho quân nhân và cử tri ở nước ngoài)

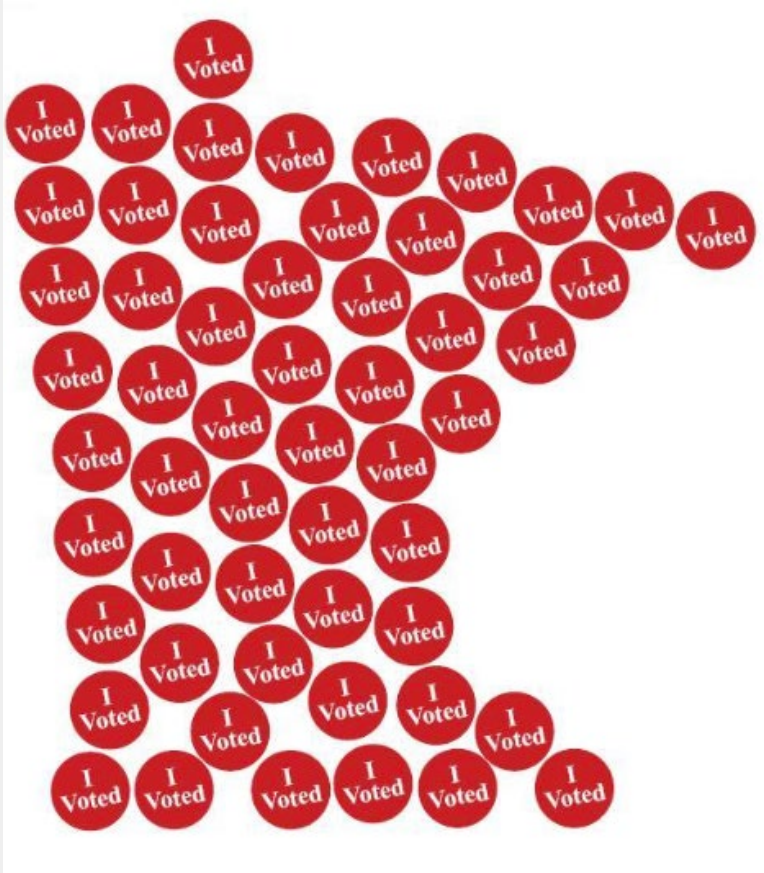
Nhập số ID đã chọn

November 5 State General Election

3,272,414 total ballots cast

76.4% of the voting eligible population

1,304,018 Minnesotans voted before Election Day



November 5 State General Election

State Offices

- State Senator: 1
- State Representative: 134
- Supreme Court Chief Justice: 1
- Supreme Court Associate Justices: 2
- Court of Appeals Judges: 7
- District Court Judges: 93

Local Offices

- County Races: 227
- City Races: 1,869
- Township Races: 1,641
- School Board Races: 348
- Hospital District Races: 90
- Soil & Water Conservation District Races: 247
- Park District Races: 2

Ballot Questions

- Constitutional Amendment: 1
- County Questions: 10
- City Questions: 53
- Township Questions: 36
- School District Questions: 67

Youth & Civic Engagement – Students Voting

Biannual statewide K-12 mock election in partnership with Center for Youth Voice at the YMCA

Windom Community School, Windom

Grand Rapids High School, Grand Rapids

Barnum Elementary, Barnum

Hamline Elementary, St. Paul

Students Voting 2024
THE Minnesota K-12 Mock Election

Trump	Harris	Oliver	Kennedy	Stein	De la Cruz	Fruit	West	Ayyadurai	Write In
57,247	62,973	968	2,438	1,326	868	388	937	495	3,922

Statewide Data by School and Region

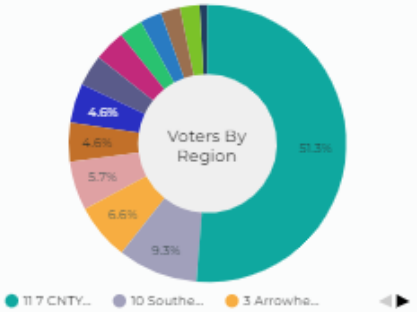
Total Schools 439

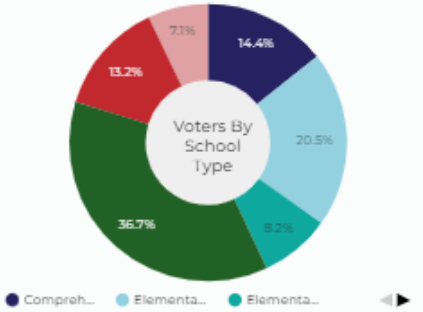
School	Total Votes
916 Mahtomedi Academy	31
ACGC 5-12 Building	424
AFSA High School	108
Academia Cesar Chavez	370
Ada-Borup-West High School	281
Adams Spanish Immersion	380
Adrian Elementary	36
Adrian Middle/High School	187
Aitkin High School	61
Albert Lea High School	860
Alexandria Area High School	687
Alliance Education Center	80
American Indian Magnet Scho...	469
Ann Bremer Education Center	69
Annandale High School	310
Grand total	**131,562**

	Candidate Name	Candidate Total...
1.	Kamala Harris	47.87%
2.	Donald Trump	43.51%
3.	Write In	2.98%
4.	Robert Kennedy Jr.	1.85%
5.	Jill Stein	1.01%
6.	Chase Oliver	0.74%
7.	Cornel West	0.71%
8.	Claudia De la Cruz	0.66%
9.	Shiva Ayyadurai	0.38%
10.	Rachele Fruit	0.29%

	County	Total Votes
1.	Washington	12,833
2.	Douglas	687
3.	Clay	1,901
4.	Crow Wing	1,041
5.	Dakota	7,246
6.	Carver	3,309
7.	Mower	1,402

Total Voters 131,562





Youth & Civic Engagement – Youth Day at the Capitol

- Annual gathering of 600 secondary school students from the 7 county Metro area
- Advocacy training by Minnesota Youth Council
- Meetings with legislators
- Talks from Constitutional Officers

Youth & Civic Engagement – National Voter Registration Day

- First-time virtual statewide high school pre-registration and registration event
- 165 high schools signed up for resources
- 45 schools participated in a live ZOOM event

Youth & Civic Engagement
Colleges & Universities

- Year-long communications, resource distribution, and webinars
- Access to one-on-ones advising on opportunities for post-secondary institutions
- Tracking and conducting orientations for Campus Vote Coordinators
- Report from colleges and universities coming soon

Restore the Vote

Mailed a letter from the Office to all likely eligible impacted individuals

Participated in biweekly Restore the Vote Coalition meetings

Partnered with Coalition to attend DOC Transition Fairs, AGO expungement clinics, and other community events

Presented at DOC transition coalition meetings & regional probation officer groups

Incorporated Restore the Vote information into every public facing event the Office attended across the state

Visited to all state correctional facilities

Office of the Secretary of State Duties

- Chief state election official
- Train and certify county election administrators
- Administer the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS)
- Administer database of candidates and election results
- Test and certify election equipment
- Voter education and outreach
- Post-election audits
- Rulemaking authority
- Not a legal advisor or enforcement agency

County Elections Duties

- **Voter registration:** data entry, verification, and maintenance
- **Ballots:** layout, proofing, and printing for state elections
- **Voting equipment:** purchase, program, test
- **Absentee voting:** issue ballots, absentee ballot boards
- **Training and certification:** municipal clerks and election judges
- **Election results:** compile, transmit to OSS website, review, proof
- **Post-election:** canvass, hand count audit, post voting history and enter Election Day registrations, forward potential violations to county attorney as appropriate

Ballot Development

1. Ballot content is finalized - Notices of election, ballot question language, candidate filings, certification of candidates
2. Ballot files are available for county/vendor ballot programmers
3. Ballot layout and design is completed
4. Ballot proofs are prepared and reviewed - County shares with other jurisdictions to review and approve their ballot content
5. Ballot proofs are approved and ballots are printed

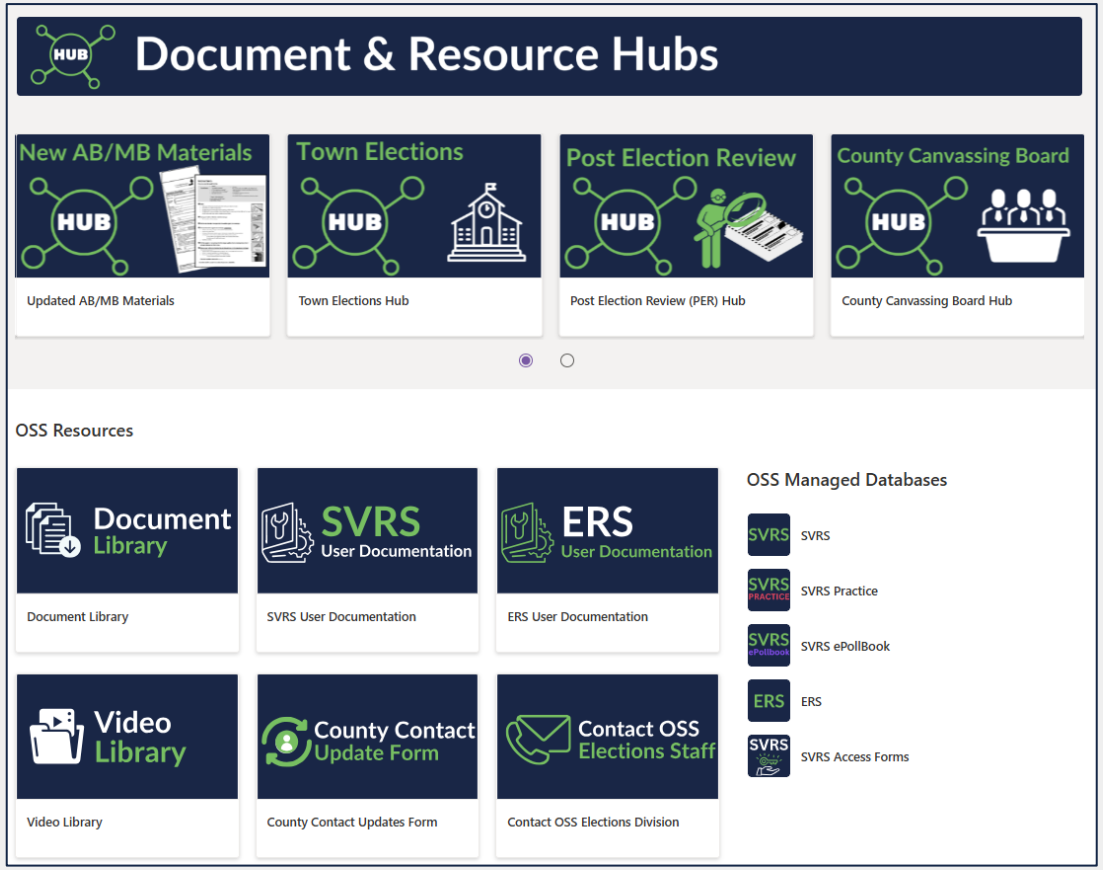
*Minn. Stat. 204B.44 – legal process to correct an error or omission in preparing or printing any official ballot

Voting Equipment Testing

Municipal Elections Duties

- Determine precinct boundaries, polling locations
- Hire election judges & assign to precincts
- Additional duties, if designated:
  - Train and certify election judges
  - Administer absentee balloting
  - Health care facility absentee voting

Election Administration – Turnover & Training



Election Security Navigator Program

A brief history: *(…now in our 6th year!)*

- 2020: All about Cyber Security
  - County networks and elections support systems
- 2022: Add in Physical Security, *(+ Mis/Dis/Mal-Information*)
  - County personnel, offices, polling places
- 2024: All-Hazards Approach *("Ready for Anything!")*
  - Readiness and Preparedness: *From malicious actors to natural disasters*

Our Approach

- Collaboration: Our "*secret weapon*"!
  - Shared situational awareness (up, down, sideways)
    - Stay connected
    - "*See Something / Say Something*"
  - Leverage all available resources for accurate information
    - Federal / State / Academia / Non-profit / Vendor
- Support local election leaders as the "*Trusted Sources*"

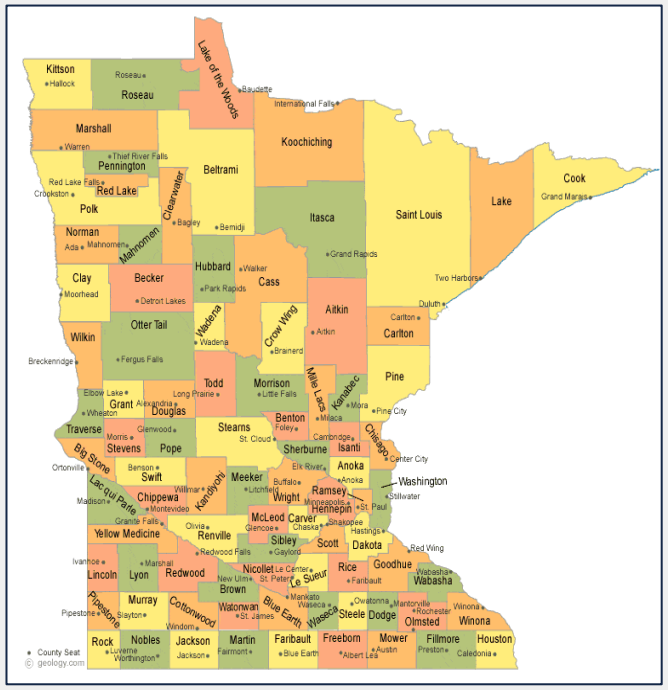
State-level Focus Areas:

- Protecting state-wide systems (voter registration, results reporting, etc.)
- Resource awareness and assistance
- Grant funds

"…we must prepare for everything."

- Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, Aug. 24, 2014

MN OSS Role in Elections Security



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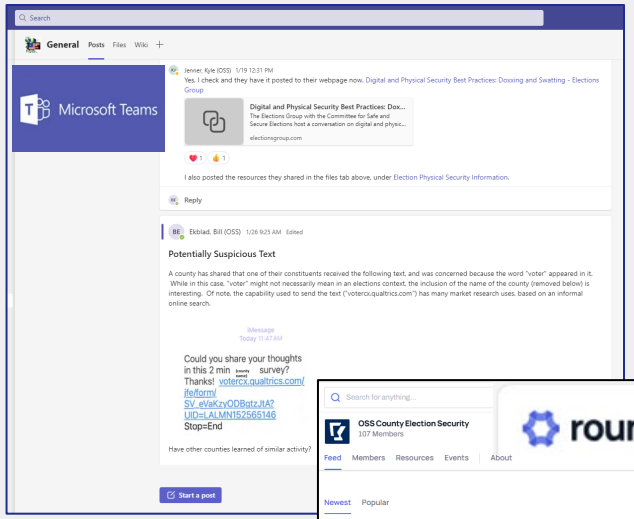
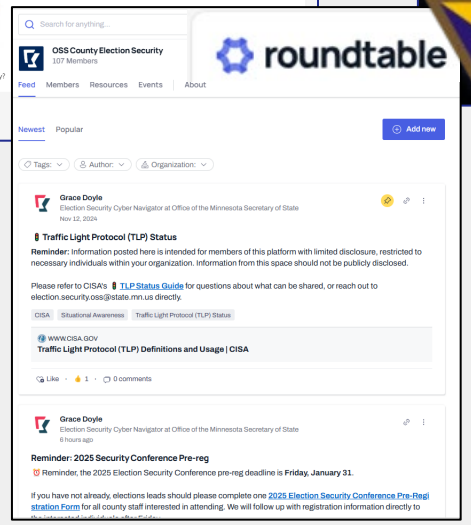
How We Do It

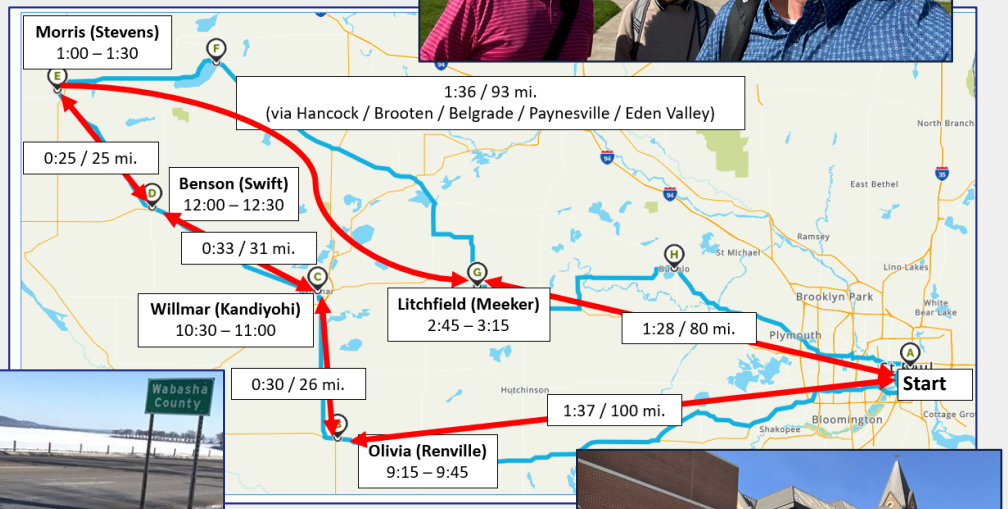
Online Collaboration:





Tabletop Exercises:

In-Person:



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Absentee Voting

- 1.3 million absentee ballots cast
- Expanded direct balloting & AB processing timelines
- Additional weekend and evening hours
  - More than 120,000 in-person absentee ballots accepted on the 3 additional weekend days
  - More than 20% of all in-person absentee ballots were accepted over the final three days (Sat. Nov. 2, Sun. Nov. 3, Mon. Nov. 4)
- Temporary AB locations
- Absentee ballot chain of custody

Election Day & Election Night Reporting

NEWS ROOM

Unofficial Election Results Reported Starting After 8 p.m.

November 5, 2024

SAINT PAUL – Unofficial election results will begin to be reported on **Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State's website** starting at 8 p.m.

Unofficial election results from all precincts are reported by county officials directly to the Office of the Secretary of State. Results posted on the Office's website include combined vote counts for both polling place and mail/absentee ballots. The results are not separated by voting method.

Absentee Ballot Deadline Later Starting This Year

In 2023, the deadline for receiving absentee ballots by a county or city who administers absentee voting was extended by five hours from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. These ballots may be delivered by a voter or by the postal service or other package delivery.

Most counties are expected to process the absentee ballots received by 8 p.m. before reporting any election results. Results may be reported later than in the past due to this change.

Counties have the option under state law to instead report the results of absentee ballots received between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. separately. If so, the county must report the number remaining to be processed, which will be shown on the **Unprocessed Absentee Ballot Counts webpage**.

2024 Post-Election Timeline

COUNTY CANVASSES

November 8-13

POST-ELECTION REVIEWS

November 14-19

STATE CANVASS

November 21

RECOUNTS

- **Following completion of appropriate canvass**
- **Must be requested by losing candidate**

CONTESTS

- **Following completion of appropriate canvass**
- **Can be filed by any voter**

Questions?

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