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to encourage the sharing of ideas with practical application
that can benefit all jurisdictions and voters in the Commonwealth, and
to reward individuals' selfless contributions

of time, talent and treasure to their colleagues,

The Virginia Electoral Board Association introduces
the Best Practices Award

Named in Honor of

former Secretary of the State Board of Elections,

The Honorable Jean Jensen, and

former Lieutenant-Governor,

The Honorable John Hager

two public servants whose character, integrity and unstinting contributions

to their fellow citizens and the Elections Community

have set the highest standards of leadership

for all to emulate.

for Jurisdictions with fewer than 50,000 Active Voters

The 2016

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Best Practices Award

is presented to

County of York Director of Elections Walter T. Latham, Jr.

for exemplary work and service to the Elections Community.

Recognizing a need for a simpler, more straightforward Statement of Results used to record the results of an election at precinct level, Mr. Latham set about to completely overhaul the existing form. The result removed the last vestiges of accounting for paper ballots, is easily trainable, adaptable to all polling places statewide, received with great favor in the precincts, eases the close-up burden, and makes the post-election canvass much easier.

Mr. Latham's actions reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Elections Community.

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County of Chesterfield Director of Elections Lawrence Haake, III

for exemplary work and service to the Elections Community.

Seeing a need to improve and speed up the Absentee voting process and streamline Central Absentee Precinct (CAP) operations, Mr. Haake set about expanding the mono precinct Electronic Poll Book to the Absentee Voting process. The EPB may now record in-Person Absentees as well as remove the need to alphabetize the mail-in Absentee ballots, a hitherto time-consuming process. He has subsequently provided instruction at General Registrar gatherings to share with the wider community. This process reduces the CAP election-day processing time considerably. Mr. Haake's actions reflect distinct credit upon himself and the Elections Community.