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AVSM Update on July 17 & Interpretation Bulletins

“Save the Date” – AVSM Update July 17

Earlier this week, at our annual meeting, I mentioned that Elections Saskatchewan would be hosting its second briefing for registered political parties on its plans for advance voting services modernization (AVSM) this summer. I would like to ask all of you to save the date and time of Wednesday, July 17 from 3:30 p.m. to about 5 p.m. for this event. Afterwards, should your schedules allow, I am hopeful that we can find some time for an informal gathering outside our office.

The purpose of this meeting will for my team to provide you with an update, as well as a bit of a “show and tell,” on where plans are at in terms of modernization. We have made substantial progress since we last met in January and I am looking forward to showing you where we are at. While I would always prefer to host you all in-person, we will explore whether it will be possible for people to join remotely. This may not be ideal for all parts of the meeting given that some of it may be interactive, but we will see what can be done. More details will be provided closer to the event. If you are planning to attend in person, please RSVP to my assistant, Joan Kuhn at oceo.admin@elections.sk.ca before Friday, June 28. If you are interested in participating remotely, please let Joan know and we will explore options to facilitate such participation.

Interpretation Bulletin Review

In the interests of helping to ensure compliance with the legislation and Elections Saskatchewan’s internal policies and procedures, we have developed several Interpretation Bulletins on the legislation we administer. Attached you will find five draft Interpretation Bulletins for your review. They are:

- ESIB-FI01 – Party vs. Candidate Expenses
- ESIB-FI02 – Advertisements under Section 215
- ESIB-FI03 – Joint Advertisements
- Advertising on the Internet
- Alcohol & Cannabis as a Corrupt Practice

Following your review and subsequent revisions (if needed), my office will finalize these Interpretation Bulletins, ensure formatting is consistent throughout, and provide you with copies. Final copies will also be placed on our website. Should you have questions, comments or concerns, please contact Jennifer Colin at Jennifer.colin@elections.sk.ca or 306.787.4061. If you have feedback on these documents, please provide it to Jennifer before Friday, June 28.

Annual RPP Meeting – Thank You!

Finally, just a short note to say thank you for attending (or having a designate attend) our annual meeting of registered political parties. I think that this year's meeting was our most substantive to date with a solid variety of speakers, both from within Elections Saskatchewan and from outside. I am already looking forward to next year's meeting and I hope that we can continue to provide value and substance to you through these meetings. Thanks again.

I hope that all of you are able to enjoy some time off this summer and some of our beautiful Saskatchewan weather. All the best through the coming months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael".

Dr. Michael Boda
Chief Electoral Officer
Province of Saskatchewan