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NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ELECTION AUTHORITIES TO CONDUCT SEMINARS IN ALBANY FOR 12 NORTHEASTERN STATES

WASHINGTON -- Top New York state election officials will join other nationally recognized election authorities September 26 and 27 in conducting seminars and workshops in Albany for Federal candidates, political party officials and others involved in the federal election process, and for local and state election administrators from 12 Northeastern states.

The two-day Northeast Regional Conference on Election Administration and Federal Campaign Financing is to be held in Albany, N.Y., starting with registration and a reception the evening of September 25. Between 400 and 500 election administrators are expected to attend the conference which is being sponsored by the Federal Election Commission, the State Board of Elections of New York and the New York State Election Commissioners Association.

New York officials involved in conducting the sessions are:

Thomas W. Wallace, Executive Director of the New York State Board of Elections, Frank J. Polsinello, Chief of the Board's Bureau of Election Law Enforcement, Thomas J. Spaigo, Counsel to the Committee on Election Law, N.Y. State Senate, Thomas P. Zolezzi, Special Counsel to the N.Y. Board of Elections, and Jerome Koenig, Counsel for the N.Y. State Assembly's Election Law Committee.

Other authorities conducting the sessions include:

Betty Chronic, Director of Elections, Colorado; Ray Phelps, Director of Elections, Oregon; Doug Jernigan, Director, Board of Elections, Montgomery County, Md.; Helen Hudgens, Director of Elections, Coconino County, Arizona; Angus McGinnis, U.S. Postal Service; Jeff Blaine, Assistant City Clerk, Detroit; Stanley Kusper, Jr., County Clerk, Cook County, Ill.;

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Dorothy Walker, Assistant to Election Supervisor, Pinellas County, Fla.; Robert Flaherty, Director, News Election Service, N.Y.; Barry Weinberg, Deputy Chief, Voting Rights Section, U.S. Justice Dept., Washington; Cathy Talbert, Virgilene Davis and Pennie Harvison, Census Bureau;

John Countryman, Chairman, Council on Ethics; Marie Garber, former Supervisor of Elections, Montgomery County, Md.; Ray Ortiz, Registrar/Recorder, San Diego, Cal.; Richard G. Smolka, Editor-Publisher "Election Administrator Reporter", Washington, D.C. Nich Acocella, News Election Service, N.Y.; Nina McCall, Manager, ABC News Political Unit; Lee C. Shipiro, CBS Election News; Warren Mitofsky, Director, CBS Election News; Robert Naegele, former State Election Attorney, Fla.; Robert Tyre, Arthur Young and Company; Phyllis Taylor, Voting Assistance Office, Department of Defense; Henry Valentino, Director, Voting Assistance Office, DOD; FEC Chairman Danny L. McDonald of Oklahoma, Vice Chairman Lee Ann Elliott of Skokie, Commissioners Joan Aikens of Pa., John Warren McGarry of Mass. and Frank P. Reiche of N.J.

States in the Northeast Regional Conference are: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and New York.

A total of 36 workshops and roundtable discussions have been scheduled, each designed especially for state and local elections administrators, federal candidates, state and local political party officials, representatives from political action committees, state legislators and staff attorneys, accountants and others interested in the election process.

A series of 19 sessions will cover corporate and labor activities, federal candidates and their committees, political action committees, presidential elections, FEC enforcement, tax issues and the use of campaign finance reports.

Another series of 17 sessions will be devoted to election law administration, with emphasis on legislative and administrative functions required to run a well-organized, fair and open election.

An introductory session will include FEC Commissioners and staff members who will explain federal campaign finance laws, review FEC publications and describe assistance available from the FEC. Other events include luncheons and a banquet, with programs to be announced.