

Election Time is Finally Here!

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As you read this article it will be Election Day. I would encourage all of you to get involved in the election process by voting and encouraging your family and friends to vote as well no matter what state they live in. The outcome of this year's election will play a significant role in the future of our industry and in your business.

The Governor's Exchange Working Group has finished their work last month and voted 10-2 to recommend to Governor Otter that Idaho create a non-profit State Based Exchange. I know that the department of Insurance is working hard to get the structure of the non-profit entity together as well as the exchange blue-print ready for the Nov. 16th deadline. In a perfect world we prefer to not have any exchange but a state-based exchange is the best option we have to continue to serve our clients.

The Idaho Health Exchange Alliance which we are members of has sent letter supporting a State Based Exchange to the Working Group and to the Governor's office. IAHU sent an Operation Shout out to the membership last week asking for Governor Otter to support the Working Group's recommendation of creating an Idaho State Exchange. If you have not responded to the "Operation Shout" yet, please do so by the end of the week. I would also encourage you to forward the email out to your friends, clients and colleagues.

I am once again asking you to consider contributing to both HUPAC and IAHUPAC. HUPAC makes contributions to Federal candidates who are running for office. IAHUPAC makes Idaho candidates who are running for State office. Your donations will help us in our legislative efforts by opening up access to these legislators.

See you at the polls! Together we can preserve our industry's future.

