



THE CENTER FOR  
**ELECTION****SCIENCE**

*2012 Annual Report*

“We make democracy smart.”

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## Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Year two from The Center for Election Science unsurprisingly showed dramatic growth. We more than doubled on multiple measures. This year was also a special one. We took our rite of passage as a nonprofit by attaining 501(c)3 status.

We will continue to bring you the best information on voting methods and election-related scholarship. And we will keep getting better by offering you more content over a variety of media. Additionally, you will find no other organization that advocates Approval Voting like us. We work to connect you to what a democracy should be. We believe real democracy means voting your favorite every time and making sure ideas get an accurate reflection of their support. You deserve nothing less.

We hope to continue relying on you for our future growth. On behalf of our hardworking team and with your support, it is my pleasure to present to you the highlights of 2012.

With Great Devotion,

**The Center for Election Science**

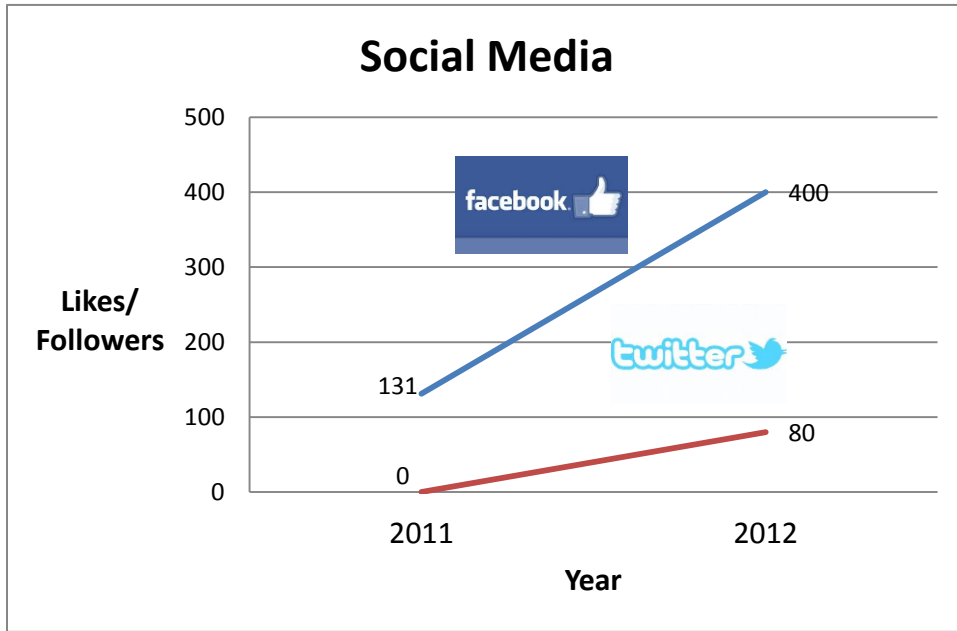


Aaron Hamlin, M.Ed., M.P.H., Esq.  
President, Co-Founder

### Board of Directors

Aaron Hamlin, President  
Jan Kok, Vice President  
Dr. Andrew Jennings, Treasurer  
Clay Shentrup, Secretary  
Eric Sanders, Parliamentarian

## Online Growth

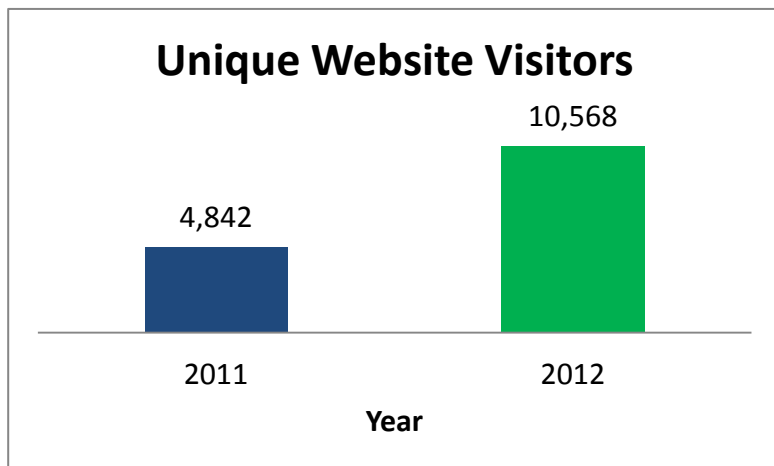
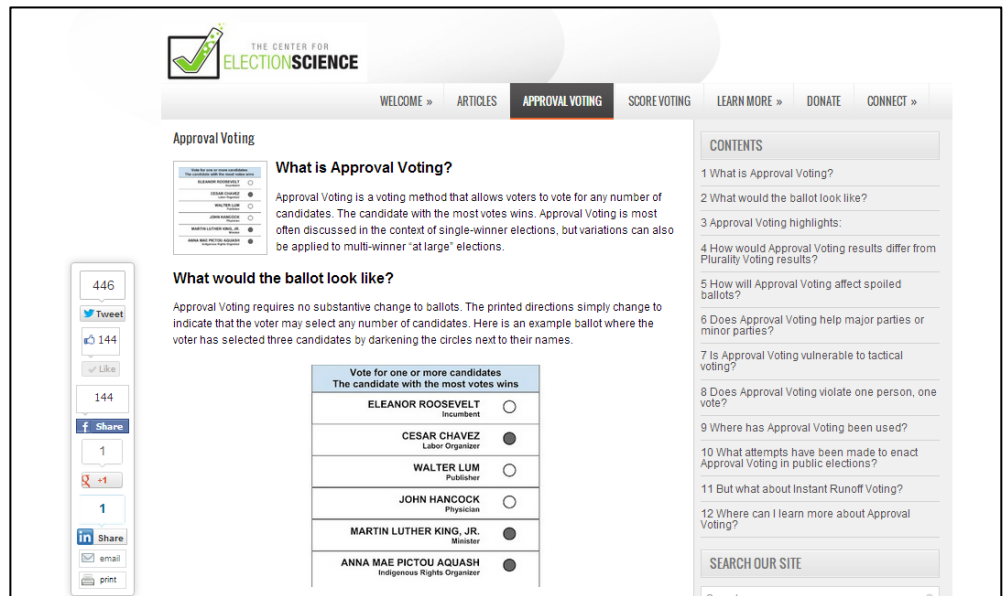


>200% Growth  
in Facebook  
Likes

New Twitter  
Page!

We redesigned  
the website . . .

And it shows



## Financial Growth and Support

**We started directly focusing on donations once we received our 501(c)3 status in late October.**

All Donors

*\$1 < Donations < \$100*

Daniel King, Jameson Quinn, Anonymous

*Donations ≥ \$100*

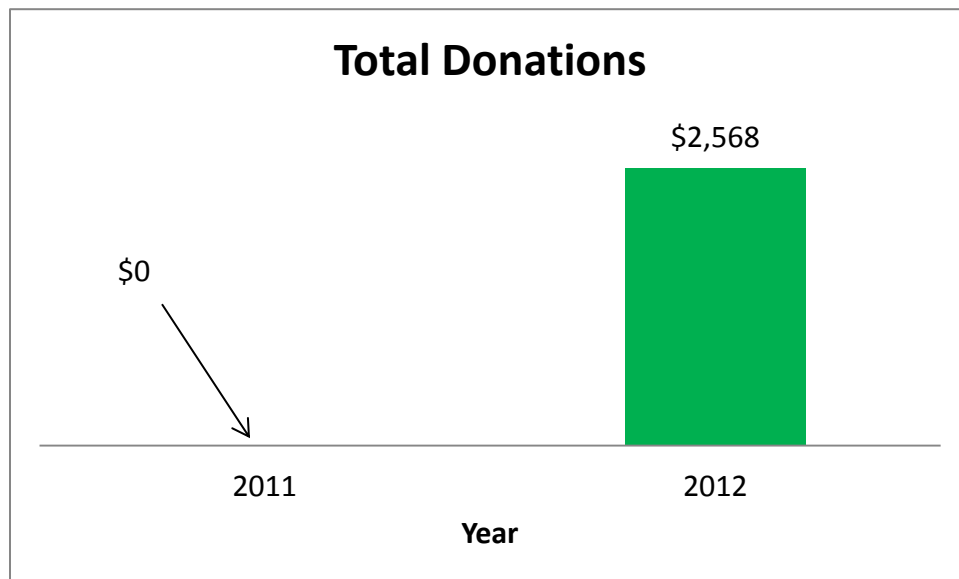
Greg Wolfe, Brian Hauer, Anonymous

Recurring Donors:

Anonymous (x2)

Board Donations (includes recurring)

\$1,782.51



## Balance Sheet

*As of December 31, 2012*

	31 Dec 2012	30 Sep 2012
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Charles Schwab Checking	1,000	1,000
Dwolla	708	384
Mt Gox	17	7
PayPal	715	120
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>2,440</b>	<b>1,510</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,440</b>	<b>1,510</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Year Earnings	2,440	1,510
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>2,440</b>	<b>1,510</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>2,440</b>	<b>1,510</b>

## Income Statement

*For Month Ended December 31, 2012*

	Dec-12	Nov-12	Oct-12	YTD
<b>Revenue</b>				
Donations	205	711	125	2,568
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>2,568</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>2,568</b>
<b>Operating Income / (Loss)</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>2,568</b>
<b>Other Income and Expense</b>				
Bank Service Charges	(4)	(18)	(1)	(30)
General Expenses	(24)	-	-	(24)
Telephone & Internet	(34)	-	(30)	(74)
<b>Total Other Income and Expense</b>	<b>(62)</b>	<b>(18)</b>	<b>(31)</b>	<b>(128)</b>
<b>Net Income / (Loss) before Tax</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2,440</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2,440</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2,440</b>

## Accomplishments

- Received 501(c)3 status
- Launched new version of website
- Welcomed Eric Sanders to our board



*Eric is a New York City-based playwright and producer who has been active in the voting reform movement since 2005.*

## Approval and Score Voting Success Stories

- CivicPolitics.org included Approval and Score Voting on their site.
- The German Pirate Party used Approval Voting to elect its national chairperson and executive board. It used Score Voting to order its party list.
- The Texas Libertarian Party used Approval Voting to select its US Senate nomination.
- Tech company Mozilla Firefox used Score Voting to elect its internal mentors.
- San Francisco's Harvey Milk Democratic Club used Score Voting to endorse candidates.
- The Reform Party became the first political party in the US to use Approval Voting for its presidential nominee.
- American Society of Anesthesiologists used Approval Voting to elect its officers.



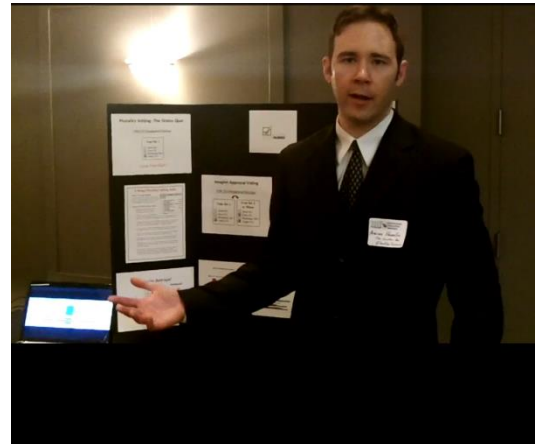
Nate Allbee was instrumental in bringing Score Voting to the San Francisco Harvey Milk Club

## Events

- Main speaker for Science Café in Mesa Arizona
- Tabled at the Michigan Summit



Dr. Andrew Jennings speaks for a Science Café event.



Aaron Hamlin tables at the Michigan Summit.

## Articles

### **Opinion: Why a Different Voting System Might be Better**

*By Matt Lane*

CNN Blogs

### **Approval Voting: A Voice for Independents**

*By Aaron Hamlin*

Independent Voter Network

### **Approval Voting: The Future of Intelligent Elections**

*By Eric Sanders*

Big Think



Matt Lane is an Election Science contributor and mathematics Ph.D. candidate at UCLA.

### Taking the Fear out of Voting

*By Clay Shentrup*

Big Think

### Is Our Centuries-Old Ballot Out of Date?

*By Aaron Hamlin*

The New Citizens Press



Andy Schuler, a Minneapolis-based comic artist, volunteered his services for our article in The New Citizens Press.

### Bipolar Politics: The Beginning and End of the Two Party System

*By Eric Sanders*

Big Think

### Why the Republicans Lost: A Failed Voting System in the Primaries

*By Eric Sanders*

Big Think

## Interviews

### TJ Frawls of Occupy Wall Street Politics & Electoral Reform Working Group

*By Aaron Hamlin*

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### Dr. Kenneth Arrow, Developer of the Impossibility Theorem

*By Aaron Hamlin*

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“ . . . I’m really inclined to feel that we don’t want Plurality as a voting system. It’s likely to be very stifling.”  
 –Dr. Kenneth Arrow  
*Interview with The Center for Election Science*