



**U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (EAC)
Standards Board Executive Board**

Candidate for 2009-2011 Term on Executive Board

Name: Dan English	
Title: County Clerk	
<input type="checkbox"/> State Official	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Official
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elected
Party Affiliation: Democrat	
Organization:	
Local Jurisdiction: Kootenai County	State: Idaho

Candidate Statement of Interest:

As a county clerk I have been directly involved in the election process for 15+ years. As the chief election official for the county I am involved in all aspects of election duties and responsibilities. While county clerks supervise a variety of offices such as the recorders office and district court, I can say without hesitation that elections are my "first love" as a local elected official. I have chosen to be very active at the state and local level as well as working to gain my CERA credential several years ago. County Clerks are elected in Idaho so I have the perspective of going through the process as a candidate every four years. I take it as a good sign that my office must do a positive and professional job of conducting non-partisan elections in Kootenai County or I wouldn't have been consistently re-elected, especially without attracting an opponent as a member of the minority party. We are a central count optical scan county with about 35% of votes being by absentee. If re-elected to the Executive Board, I will give the best of my efforts on behalf of all the members of the Standards Board.



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Name: Russ Ragsdale	
Title: City and County Clerk	
<input type="checkbox"/> State Official	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Official
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointed	<input type="checkbox"/> Elected
Party Affiliation: Unaffiliated	
Organization:	
Local Jurisdiction: City and County of Broomfield	State: Colorado

Candidate Statement of Interest:

Having served on the Executive Board for the last two years, I would consider it an honor and a privilege to continue in this role for another term.

Candidate Bio (Not to exceed one page):

In his twenty-five years of election administration, Russ Ragsdale has developed a wide range of elections experience. Starting out in 1982 working for Larimer County, a county of some 250,000 residents, he was responsible for polling place logistics including preparing and testing voting equipment. In 1987 he was appointed Chief Deputy Clerk becoming the operations manager for the clerk's office. His duties included preparing budgets, recruiting and training staff, and coordinating functions of the elections division.

During his 13 years as Chief Deputy, his work highlights included:

- 1987 – working closely with IT staff in the analysis, design, and implementation of a custom voter registration system;
- 1990 – appointed chair of a statewide committee providing analysis and design of a statewide voter registration system and;
- 1997 – leading a project team in selecting and implementing a precinct-based optical scan balloting system.

In 2000, Mr. Ragsdale accepted the appointment as City and County Clerk for Colorado's newly formed 64th county. The City and County of Broomfield began offering county services in November of 2001. Prior to opening day, his task was to essentially create a clerk and recorder's operation from the ground up and integrate it with the municipal clerk's functions.

While Broomfield Clerk and Recorder, Russ has served as the local representative on the Colorado HAVA Steering Committee and on the EAC Standards Board since 2003. He has served as a member of the Executive Board since 2007.



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Name: Brad King	
Title: Co-Director, Election Division of the Office of the Secretary of State	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Official	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Official
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointed	<input type="checkbox"/> Elected
Party Affiliation: Republican	
Organization: Office of the Secretary of State of Indiana	
Local Jurisdiction:	State: Indiana

Candidate Statement of Interest:

With the ongoing revision of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines and implementation of the EAC's role in the voting system certification process, the duties of the members of the Standards Board have never been more important.

If elected to serve as a member of the EAC Standards Board Executive Board, I will do my best to make certain that the concerns of all election administrators are heard and considered as we work together to accomplish our goals.

The Standards Board must strive to increase voter confidence in the integrity of our voting systems. If elected to the Executive Board, I will do all that I can to ensure that the Standards Board helps the public to understand the importance of our work.

Thank you for the opportunity to be considered for service as an EAC Standards Board Executive Board member.

Candidate Bio (Not to exceed one page):

I am a native of Omega, Indiana (population 50). Although Omega was too small to have its own town government, I developed a lively interest in the elections process that has never left me.

I received my undergraduate degree in history and political science from Indiana University, and was a student in one of the nation's first election law courses, which was offered at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William & Mary (J.D. 1981). I am a member of the California and Indiana bars.

My interest in voting system standards goes back almost to the beginning of my involvement in election administration. I served as counsel to the Indiana House and Senate Elections Committees from 1985-1990, and drafted legislation setting forth the standards and certification procedures for voting systems being used for the first time in Indiana elections.

I served as General Counsel to the Indiana State Election Board (later Commission) from 1992-1999. My duties included providing staff support and legal advice to the Indiana Voting Systems Advisory Committee, a statutory body whose membership included county election administrators and individuals with technical expertise concerning voting systems.

From 1999-2002, I served as Director of Elections for the Secretary of State of Minnesota, and supervised the voting system certification process in that state, including a revision of administrative rules concerning voting system standards.

Since 2002, I have served as Co-Director of the Election Division of the Office of the Secretary of State of Indiana. My duties include the evaluation of voting system applications, submitting recommendations to the Indiana Election Commission regarding whether voting systems should be approved, and if so, under what conditions; preparing and providing information regarding legislation to update voting system statutes; and bringing enforcement proceedings before the Indiana Election Commission when uncertified versions of voting systems have been sold for use in Indiana elections.

In 2005, I drafted legislation at the request of the Secretary of State which led to the establishment of the Voting System Technical Oversight Program (VSTOP). VSTOP is modeled on the pioneering voting system work of Kennesaw State University in Georgia, and has been established at the Bowen Center, Ball State University. VSTOP will perform a wide variety of tasks related to voting system certification, including the development of state procedures for the certification of voting systems in Indiana, random audits of voting systems, and the review of contracts for the purchase and maintenance of voting systems.

My previous service as a Standards Board member included assisting with the drafting of the Standards Board By-Laws. I currently serve as Secretary of the National Association of State Election Directors (NASSED) Executive Board.

Thank you again for your consideration.



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Name: Mary Herrera	
Title: New Mexico Secretary of State	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Official	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Official
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elected
Party Affiliation: Democrat	
Organization: New Mexico Secretary of State Office	
Local Jurisdiction: State	State: New Mexico

Candidate Statement of Interest:

I have great interest in continuing my service on the Executive Board of the Standards Committee to continue its mission. I would very much like to continue being part of the electoral process of our country. As Chief Election Officer in New Mexico I believe it is vital that I continue to work on election initiatives at the federal level as well as the state and local levels. I want to contribute my expertise in the areas of voting machines, voting standards, election law, etc. I also have a deep personal interest in continuing the progress already established since its inception.

I pledge my continued time, energy and dedication to the Standards Board.

Thank you.

Candidate Bio (Not to exceed one page):

MARY HERRERA, NEW MEXICO SECRETARY OF STATE

The Honorable Mary Herrera, Secretary of State, has been a public servant for over 35 years. As New Mexico Secretary of State she is the second highest ranking Hispanic Elected Official in the country, second only to New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson. Madame Secretary Herrera is one of only two state-wide elected Hispanic women and is the highest ranking state elected Hispanic woman in the United States, Madame Secretary Herrera is second in line (after the Lieutenant Governor) to succeed the Office of Governor.

Madame Secretary Herrera worked her way up the ranks of Bernalillo County Government from a Clerk Typist in 1974 to Assistant Comptroller in 1989. From 1996 to December 2000, she served the county as Director of Human Resources. She retired and was elected in November 2000 as Bernalillo County Clerk and was re-elected in November 2004. Madame Secretary administered and was responsible for elections in New Mexico's largest county; Bernalillo County has over 370,000 registered voters.

After graduating from West Mesa High School in 1974, she went on to receive her Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Business Administration from the College of Santa Fe. When invited to give the commencement speech to the 2007 graduating class, Madame Secretary was presented with an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from the College of Santa Fe. Additionally, she received a Certificate of Program Administration for Senior Executives from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Certificates in Labor, Employment, and Benefits Law from the Institute for Applied Management, and continues to receive certifications from the state of New Mexico in Election School, and the Credit Union League. In 2007, Madame Secretary was selected as one of forty recipients to the prestigious Henry Toll Fellowship Program (Council of State Governments), consisting of the top 40 emerging state leaders representing all three branches of government for her leadership ability.

A native of Albuquerque, Madame Secretary is active in numerous organizations and serves on several boards at both the national and state level. She serves on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), appointed to the EAC by the Governor's Association, issuing voluntary guidelines to various states regarding election issues. In addition, she serves on the Standards Board of the EAC. Madame Secretary served on the New Mexico Election Task Force, also working with election issues affecting New Mexico. She is a Board Member and Vice President of the National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials (NALEO). She is a Board Member of the Rio Grande Credit Union, and is an Associate Member of the Fraternal Order of Police. In her capacity as Secretary of State she is a member of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), serves on the Public Employees Retirement Board (PERA), State Commission of Public Records, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission.

Madame Secretary Herrera works closely with New Mexico's thirty-three county clerks and enjoys a positive working relationship with them. She has gained the respect of all parties and is known throughout the state for her honesty, integrity, work ethic, and commitment to serving the public.

Madame Secretary Herrera has two children, Nathan and Monique.



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Name: Beth Chapman	
Title: Secretary of State	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Official	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Official
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elected
Party Affiliation: Republican	
Organization:	
Local Jurisdiction:	State: AL

Candidate Statement of Interest:

I have had the great opportunity to serve on the United States Elections Assistance Commission Standards Board during my term as Secretary of State and have found the insight which comes from being a part of that Board to be of great use to me as I serve the citizens of my state.

By participating in the EAC Standards Board, we all have the opportunity to serve not only our own citizens, but see the elections process from a more broad national scale. We are all able to make considerations and determinations about the process of elections by bringing individual thoughts and ideas to the table as a Board.

Being a part of the Elections Assistance Commission Standards Board Executive Board will increase the opportunities to learn from others and the Elections Assistance Commission and I look forward to serving should I be selected.

Candidate Bio (Not to exceed one page):

Secretary of State Beth Chapman was elected Alabama's 51st Secretary of State in November of 2006.

Secretary Chapman received her B.S. Degree from the University of Montevallo, and her Masters Degree, Magna Cum Laude, from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Secretary Chapman was the first woman in Alabama's history to serve as a Cabinet Member in the capacity of Appointments Secretary for a Governor and later as Press Secretary for a Lt. Governor. In addition, she has owned and operated a successful business. Elected as State Auditor in 2002, Secretary Chapman was responsible for \$1.6 billion in property assets. Under her leadership, the State Auditor's Office produced a record-breaking 96 % perfect audits among state agencies, holding them to the highest level of accountability.

Secretary Chapman has received numerous personal and professional honors and awards including two appointments by Congressman Spencer Bachus to the Women's Leadership Conference in Washington, DC, the Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award from the University of Montevallo and she is a graduate of the Executives in State Government Management Institute at Princeton University. She has worked with the Developing Alabama Youth Program, Family Connections, Shelby County Child Advocacy Center, and has served on the boards of the Shelby County Family Resource Center, the Children's Policy Council, the Crisis Center, the Court Appointed Special Advocates, Lifeline Ministries and Turning Point Foundation.

In addition, she has received numerous military commendations for her advancement of the patriotic spirit in America: the Seven Seals Award by the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserves (ESGR), two appointments by Governor Bob Riley and General Mark Bowen for the Partnership for Peace Program - representing Alabama in Romania, Belgium and Germany. Secretary Chapman was honored by the United States Selective Service Board, received an award of support from the Alabama National Guard, and was chosen to represent Alabama at the National Security Forum at Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base. She has been invited to speak and represent Alabama at numerous military events throughout the United States.

Secretary Chapman has served as a member of the Governor's Committee on Accountability and she was elected unanimously as a member of Alabama's Electoral College in 2004. Secretary Chapman is an active member in the National Association of Secretaries of State and the United States Election Assistance Commission. Secretary Chapman also chairs the Military and Overseas Voting Task Force, a cause near to her heart and one she has been involved with since the beginning of her term.

She is the author of three books. One, *The Power of Patriotism*, received national recognition and was awarded the distinguished George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. She has also written two patriotic speeches, which have been entered into the Congressional Record by Senator Jeff Sessions and Congressman Jo Bonner respectively.

Secretary Chapman is a highly sought after motivational speaker. She and her husband James have two sons, Taylor and Thatcher. They are active in their community and church.



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Name: Jim Silrum	
Title: Deputy Secretary of State	
X State Official	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Official
X Appointed	<input type="checkbox"/> Elected
Party Affiliation: Republican	
Organization: North Dakota Secretary of State	
Local Jurisdiction:	State: North Dakota

Candidate Statement of Interest:

I have served on the Standards Board at the request of my Secretary of State since the Standards Board was formed and I appreciate that we as members have an important role in determining the future of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines. We need to seek the balance between accurate, secure, and usable voting systems and election administration systems with which we can run elections that are affordable by the public.

I represent a state with a relatively small population. I understand that the needs of small population jurisdictions are quite different than the needs of large metropolitan areas, but still our voices need to be heard as the EAC moves forward in setting standards and providing best practices for election administration.

If elected, I promise to listen to all points of view and help to make decisions that are the best for everyone concerned.

Candidate Bio (Not to exceed one page): I have served as Deputy Secretary of State for North Dakota since 2003. During that time, I have been intricately involved with writing the RFP for a new statewide voting system, reviewing RFP responses from voting system vendors, interviewing vendors, writing the voting system contract, and working with the chosen vendor and their voting system through the 2004, 2006, and 2008 election cycles.

North Dakota is the only state without any form of voter registration. Rather than registering voters, we work to make sure that voters are qualified electors when they appear at the polls and we keep track of their voting history on a statewide basis through our Central Voter File. Prior to my time in office, that tracking was only done on a county by county basis, but we now have a centralized database that I helped to construct and implement and we have been using it effectively since 2006.

In 2008, we worked to implement an electronic poll book solution for our larger population counties. This has proved to be the item having the greatest impact for reducing lines at the polls on election day. It has also rejuvenated poll workers who are now saying that their day of work at the polls is so much more fun and they can't wait to have the opportunity to work the polls again. Even businesses are offering their technically skilled employees to work as election clerks because they realize they have something to offer to make democracy happen.

During my time in office, we have implemented early voting precincts, vote centers, and vote by mail options for counties. We understand that there is no such thing as a one-size-fits-all solution. Our objective has been to provide options within the law that counties can utilize for whatever works best for their voters.

I have been a member of the Standards Board since it was formed and I have served as a member of the Nominating Committee since it was begun as well. I am a member of NASED and serve on the NASED Executive Committee. And finally, I serve as a founding member of the Advisory Board for ES&S, where we offer advice on the types of products and services that will be useful to election administrators.

Aside from my work in elections, I supervise all the additional areas of the Secretary of State's office in North Dakota. My work with these other areas, I believe, gives me a broader perspective on the work we do with elections. For example, we are currently re-writing all of the software to handle the business services, central indexing, and licensing aspects of our office. This helps me to understand the nuances of software creation that must adhere to established business, industry, and software design standards. I believe these are valuable interdisciplinary insights.



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Name: Donald Palmer	
Title: Director, Division of Elections	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Official	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Official
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointed	<input type="checkbox"/> Elected
Party Affiliation: R	
Organization: Florida Department of State	
Local Jurisdiction:	State: FL

<p>Candidate Statement of Interest:</p> <p>I would feel honored to work with other state and local election officials on working groups or other vehicles to provide helpful local and state advice to the EAC on proposed voting system guidelines, updates to current guidance or advisories, and input on recommendations on best practices. I think I can provide insightful input on such issues as the EAC Election Day Survey required by NVRA and UOCAVA, provisional ballots, disability accessibility at polling places and equipment, voter access and intimidation issues, federal database issues, and other EAC projects involving the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Florida's experience with the transition of over half our population to optical scan from DRE technology gives me insight on the challenges faced with the change of technology.</p>

Candidate Bio (Not to exceed one page):

Donald Palmer is the current Director, Division of Elections from the State of Florida. He resides in Tallahassee with his wife and three children. Prior to coming to the Department of State in Florida, he was a trial attorney with the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, where he enforced the Voting Rights Act (VRA), the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), and the Uniform and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). He also represented the United States in one of the first enforcement actions under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Don is a former Judge Advocate General and Intelligence Officer serving the Navy with tours onboard the USS John F. Kennedy and USS Eisenhower; as a reservist with United States Central Command; and overseas at Naval Station Naples, Italy. As a JAG, Don served in Europe and Southwest Asia as Senior Defense Counsel for Sailors and Marines in accused of military offenses, and he later handled criminal appeals for the Navy as an appellate government counsel. Don is still affiliated with the Navy Reserves supporting Norfolk, Virginia military prosecutors.



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Name: Leslye M. Winslow	
Title: Senior Counsel	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Official	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Official
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointed	<input type="checkbox"/> Elected
Party Affiliation: Democrat	
Organization: Missouri Secretary of State	
Local Jurisdiction:	State: Missouri

Candidate Statement of Interest:

For much of the last 16 years, I have had the privilege of being a part of the professional community responsible for the conduct of elections on both the state and local level. I am committed to ensuring elections are fair for voters and candidates and that election officials are provided the appropriate resources to perform their duties effectively.

I have worked at both the state and local level to implement the two major election reforms passed by the federal government in the last two decades – NVRA and HAVA.

As a Director of Elections for St. Louis County, I experienced first-hand the challenges faced by local election officials. I worked to serve the voters of my jurisdiction and to pass legislative changes that would benefit both the voters and the local officials charged with implementing state and federal election laws.

As senior counsel to the Missouri Secretary of State, I assisted in the implementation of the new statewide voter registration database and the development and administration of the process for qualifying new voting systems for use in the state.

As a member of the Standards Board for the last four years I have

witnessed the challenges and successes of election officials nationwide. I believe the perspective, skills and experience I can offer to the Standards Board as member of the Executive Board would be valuable in furthering the Standard Board's goal of promoting public confidence in the conduct of elections and its statutory mission to advise the EAC.

Candidate Bio (Not to exceed one page):

Ms. Winslow is originally from Massachusetts. She has lived in Missouri for almost 25 years.

Ms. Winslow received a Bachelor of Science in mathematics and computer science magna cum laude from Union College in Schenectady, New York in 1974. She received a Juris Doctor cum laude from St. Louis University School of Law in 1998. She is licensed to practice law in Missouri, Illinois and Washington D.C.

In 1993, Ms. Winslow was appointed Director of Elections for St. Louis County – Missouri's largest local election jurisdiction – by Governor Mel Carnahan. As Director, she was responsible for the administration of all aspects of state and local elections. She was active in working to amend state election laws to achieve compliance with the NVRA and to implement changes sought by local election officials to improve the administration of elections. She also implemented a series of technological improvements for her office and acted as liaison to state and county government offices.

From 1998 – 2005, Ms. Winslow clerked for a judge on the Missouri Supreme Court and was in private practice with a St. Louis law firm. Her practice included general local government law with an emphasis in election law and campaign finance law.

From 2005 to the present Ms. Winslow has served as senior counsel to Missouri Secretary of State, Robin Carnahan. Her primary responsibilities include election related issues and legislation. She has worked on implementing HAVA's requirements with regard to development of the statewide voter registration database and the purchase and use of HAVA compliant voting systems in all of Missouri's 116 local election jurisdictions.

She was selected by the Secretary as the state member of the Standards Board for Missouri in January 2005. She has attended every Board meeting since then and has represented the Secretary at Advisory Board meetings.