

Standards Board Report
Resolutions Committee
July 27, 2010 Meeting

Submitted by: Larry Lomax, Chair

The Resolutions Committee received two proposed resolutions by 11:59 PDT on Friday, July 16, 2010, both from the Standards Board representatives to the Technical Guidelines Development Committee. Don Palmer (FL) and Russ Ragsdale (CO) each submitted a resolution, one regarding the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act and one regarding Software Independence. These resolutions (attached) will be discussed during the Tuesday, July 27, 2010 Standards Board meeting to be held virtually.



U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
STANDARDS BOARD

RESOLUTION 2010-0____

Whereas, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission has tasked the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) and the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) with defining auditability, identifying the characteristics of an auditable election system, and evaluating alternatives to Software Independence; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Standards Board provide recommendations to the NIST and TGDC concerning the definition of auditability and the development of alternatives to Software Independence and that those recommendations be included to this resolution as amendments.

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A True Record Attest:

Leslye Winslow
Secretary of the Standards Board
Executive Board

Submitted by: **U.S. EAC Standards Board**, _____ **Committee**

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Whereas, the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA); and

Whereas, according to the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), the absentee ballot return rate is 67% for UOCAVA voters compared with 91% of regular absentee voters and the largest percentage of failure (74%) for UOCAVA absentee by mail voters takes place on the return transmittal of the ballot;

Whereas, the EAC, as required by the Congress as part of the Military and Overseas Voting Empowerment (MOVE) Act, has created a “UOCAVA Roadmap” (hereinafter Roadmap) in conjunction with the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) and the FVAP which requires the EAC to provide “best practices or standards in accordance with electronic absentee voting guidelines”;

Whereas, this Roadmap lays out a series of steps and deliverables, including pilots, with the ultimate goal of testable requirements for voting systems to serve the UOCAVA voting population;

Whereas, this Roadmap has set a goal for the EAC to identify high-level, non-testable guidelines for remote electronic absentee voting systems, focusing on the desirable characteristics of such systems and serve as a needs analysis for future pilot projects and

research, and driving industry to implement solutions to recurring problems of remote voting;

Whereas, this Roadmap provided to the Congress states the EAC will coordinate with its advisory boards, including the Standards Board) and NIST to apply the NIST Risk Management Framework and other methods in indentifying security controls and technologies to mitigate security concerns and use this information to compare the current process UOCAVA voters use to vote with potential remote electronic absentee voting processes and assess the desired security protocols for both in guidelines development.

Resolved, _____

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