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EAC Advisory Boards Select Officers for 2016

SILVER SPRING, MD – Members of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission’s Standards Board and Board of Advisors recently selected officers for new terms at their annual meetings. The two EAC advisory boards met to present views on election administration, and formulate recommendations to guide EAC in carrying out its mission and statutory mandates.

The Standards Board meeting was held April 14-15 in Carlsbad, CA, and was attended by election officials from across the United States. Members selected new officers and members to a nine member executive board that is also chosen by the full body. The new chair is Mark Goins, coordinator of elections, Tennessee Division of Elections. Edgardo Cortes, commissioner, Virginia Department of Elections is vice chair. J. Bradley King, co-director, Indiana Election Division is secretary. The board represents state and local election administrators from each of the 55 states and territories. For more information about the Standards Board and for a complete membership roster, [click here](#).

The Board of Advisors meeting was held May 4-5 in Chicago, IL, and was attended by election administrators and representatives of key election stakeholder organizations in the United States. The new chair is Neal Kelley, registrar of voters in Orange County, California. Sarah Ball Johnson, city clerk in Colorado Springs, Colorado, is vice chair. Michael B. Winn, county director of elections in Travis County Texas, is secretary. For more information about the Board of Advisors and for a complete membership roster, [click here](#).

“We look forward to working with the executive officers to further the mandates of HAVA and to advance the voting process for both election administrators and voters,” EAC Chairman Tom Hicks said.

The EAC Standards Board and Board of Advisors are permanent advisory committees established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) to assist EAC in carrying out its mandates under the law. Under HAVA, the boards are charged with reviewing and advising EAC on voluntary voting system guidelines, election best practices recommendations, and research studies and other activities to promote the effective administration of federal elections.

The EAC is an independent bipartisan commission created by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. HAVA was passed by the U.S. Congress to make sweeping reforms to the nation's voting process, address improvements to voting systems and voter access that were identified following the 2000 election, and to provide federal funding to states for new voting equipment. HAVA mandates that the EAC test and certify voting equipment, maintain the National Voter Registration form, conduct research, and administer a national clearinghouse on elections that includes shared practices, information for voters and other resources to improve elections. More information is available at EAC.gov.