



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

**Candidate for 2011-2013 Term on Executive Board**

<b>Name: Robert Dezmelyk</b>	
<b>Title: Moderator, Town of Newton NH</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>State Official</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Local Official</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointed</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Elected</b>
<b>Party Affiliation: Republican</b>	
<b>Organization: LCS/Telegraphics</b>	
<b>Local Jurisdiction: Town of Newton</b>	<b>State: New Hampshire</b>

**Candidate Statement of Interest:**

**I would be honored to work with the other state and local election officials to continue the work of the EAC Standards Board. I think I can provide particular insight into both the details of election activity from the perspective of the people performing the work, and the technology used in election systems.**

**I think my experience in computer technology, and industry standards efforts can assist the Standards Board in its mission.**

**Thank you for considering me to serve on the EAC Standards Board Executive Board.**

**Candidate Bio (Not to exceed one page):**

My first exposure to the election process was watching the tallies being read from mechanical voting machines at the fire station in my hometown in Pennsylvania where my father served in a number of elected offices.

I moved to New England to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where I graduated from a special program concentrating on the application of digital computers to instrumentation and control systems in 1979. Since that time I have been continuously developing software, and designing and implementing computer based hardware products.

I started my business, now known as LCS/Telegraphics, in 1980, to develop computer based measurement tools for scientific research, and to provide engineering development services. Most of the projects I worked on involved the interaction of people with computer systems and required very high reliability and accuracy. During that time I had the opportunity to conduct experiments and research how users interacted with computers they were using to perform complex tasks. A few years later I lead an effort to develop an early version of a modern web browser which gave me the opportunity to learn a lot about graphical user interfaces, and how people interact with computer systems that use graphical interfaces.

Subsequently in the 1980s my company changed it focus to the development of software related to input devices such as mice, touch screens, scanners and joysticks. I have developed products for very high volume commercial sales, as well as more specialized assistive technology input devices. Today, I am still actively involved in the development of software, firmware, and hardware products, as well as providing consulting and expert testimony related to input device and software technology.

I have lead and participated in a number of industry standards groups, including serving as the chairman of the Universal Serial Bus Human Interface Device Working Group, the group which wrote the standard that is used by USB mice, keyboards, and other input devices. I am very familiar with the process whereby commercial organizations determine key technology standards.

I have served as the Moderator for the Town of Newton, New Hampshire since 2002, where I am responsible for conducting all elections in the town. In New Hampshire this means hands-on participation in the process, including voting machine testing, set-up, staff training, and election day absentee ballot processing, vote counting and reporting.

In 2005 I served on the New Hampshire State Disabilities Access and Voting Systems Task Force which evaluated voting machine systems.

I am personally interested in ways to improve the technology used in the election process, and ways to ensure that the technology used enhances the accuracy and reliability of the election process.



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<b>Name:</b> Julie A. Freese	
<b>Title:</b> Fremont 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	
<b>Organization:</b> Fremont County Government	
<b>Local Jurisdiction:</b> Fremont County Clerk	<b>State:</b> Wyoming

**Candidate Statement of Interest:**

I have been a County Clerk for 16 years and have just been elected to another 4 year term. Prior to that I was in charge of the County Elections since 1986. I have worked in Elections for 32 years and have been involved in a variety of issues during this time. Most recently, we were sued by the ACLU and 5 Native American plaintiffs and have had to implement court ordered Commissioner lines and hold 2 additional elections during the 2010 Election cycle. I have been a member of the Standards Board since its inception and have worked on both the Bylaws and Nomination Committees. I think a voice from the West in a small state with diverse issues would be a plus on the Executive Board.

**Candidate Bio (Not to exceed one page):** 32 year employee of elections, 16 years as County Clerk. Worked on the State Voter Registration System, State Complaint System, and the HHS Grants under HAVA. President of the Wyoming Clerk's Association in 1996-1998 and am currently a Legislative Co-Chair and Chairman of the Elections committee in Wyoming.



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<b>Name:</b> <b>Shelly Growden</b>	
<b>Title:</b> <b>Election Systems Manager</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>State Official</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Local Official</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointed</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Elected</b>
<b>Party Affiliation:</b> <b>Non-partisan</b>	
<b>Organization:</b> <b>State of Alaska, Division of Elections</b>	
<b>Local Jurisdiction:</b>	<b>State:</b> <b>Alaska</b>

**Candidate Statement of Interest:**

I have been an election administrator in Alaska for nearly 20 years. Unlike the other states, Alaska's state and federal elections are conducted at the state level by the Alaska Division of Elections. We have just under 500,000 registered voters and 438 voting precincts, of which about a quarter of them are not on the road system. We are a paper ballot state that uses optical scan. Our touch screen is equipped with VVPAT and is used to meet accessibility requirements. About 1% of our voters use the touch screen.

I have been Alaska's local representative on the Standards Board since the board was initially formed. Throughout my tenure on the Standards Board, I have been actively involved in the review and recommended changes to the VVSG through my membership on the VVSG ad-hoc committee. I have also served on the election certification committee.

I have been a consistent member of the Standards Board and would be honored if selected to serve as a member of the Executive Board.

**Candidate Bio (Not to exceed one page):**

**Shelly Growden  
Election Systems Manager**

Shelly has worked as an election manager for the Alaska Division of Elections since 1991. From 1991 - 2007, Shelly served as one of four regional election supervisors for the State of Alaska. As a regional election supervisor, Shelly was responsible for all voter registration and election activities in the interior of Alaska. Her region was comprised of 101 urban and rural voting precincts throughout over 60 different communities, many of which are Alaska native villages that are not on Alaska's road system. As an election supervisor, Shelly was involved in Alaska's statewide implementation of the division's optical scan and touch screen ballot counting system, fax voting, early voting, development of poll worker training materials and development of training materials for municipal clerks.

In 2007, Shelly was appointed to serve in a statewide role for the division to oversee and manage the division's compliance with federal requirements such as the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and the Voting Right Act. In her role as Election Systems Manager, Shelly is responsible for managing the division's voter registration system, ballot tabulation system, voter outreach programs, accessibility and language assistance programs, Department of Justice preclearance, media plans and the HAVA Alaska State Plan. Shelly also served as the project manager for the replacement of the statewide registration system, for the Election Security Study conducted by the University of Alaska, Anchorage and for the Yup'ik language assistance program which included the formation of a Yup'ik translation panel consisting of seven expert speakers of varying dialects to create a Yup'ik glossary of election terms and sample ballot in this historically unwritten language.

Shelly has served as an active member of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) Standards Board since 2004. As a member of the Standards Board, Shelly has served on the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines (VVSG) ad-hoc committee responsible for reviewing and providing recommendations to the full Standards Board for changes to proposed voting system guidelines. Shelly has also served on the Election Certification Committee for the Standards Board and in 2007 was asked to serve as a member of the EAC Native American and Alaska Native Language Working Group.



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<b>Name:</b> Donald R. Merriman	
<b>Title:</b> Saline County Clerk/ County Election Official	
<input type="checkbox"/> State Official	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Official
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elected
<b>Party Affiliation:</b> Democrat	
<b>Organization:</b>	
<b>Local Jurisdiction:</b> Salina/ Saline Co.	<b>State:</b> Kansas

<b>Candidate Statement of Interest:</b> I am interested in serving on the Executive Board to further implement the HAVA requirements. I have served on the Standards Board since 2004 as a local elections official and also on 2 AD Hoc Committees.
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# **Donald R. Merriman**

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- Objective** Candidate for Executive Board of EAC Standards Board – Local Representative (Democrat – Saline County)
- Experience** January 1, 2000 – Present - Saline County Clerk and Election Officer
- Appointed to State Voter Registration Vendor Selection Committee (RFP review) to comply with HAVA. Established Saline County as a Beta Test Site for the new Election Voter Information System (ELVIS). Currently, serving on the Secretary of State Election Voter Information System (ELVIS) enhancement committee.
- Served on the EAC Standards Board since its inception in 2004. Also have served on 2 Ad Hoc Committees:
- 2007 – Review of various sections of WSG
  - 2010 – Elections Operations Assessment Project
- Selected DRE Voting Equipment with Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) for the Saline County, Kansas Elections to comply HAVA.
- Current President of Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association.
- Certified Kansas County Clerk and Election Officer.
- 1972-1999 Salina Supply Company – Heating/Cooling Engineering
- Personal** I have one son, Craig, who is 31 years old. My wife, Dawn, passed away in February 2010.
- Hobbies** Bike riding, walking, stain glass, and gardening.
- Education** 1970 – Kansas Wesleyan University – Salina, Kansas
- B.A., Business Administration
- Interests** Election Systems and Processes.



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<b>Name:</b> <b>Linda von Nessi</b>	
<b>Title:</b> <b>Clerk of the Board</b>	
<b>State Official</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Local Official</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointed</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Elected</b>
<b>Party Affiliation:</b> <b>Democrat</b>	
<b>Organization:</b> <b>Board of Elections</b>	
<b>Local Jurisdiction:</b> <b>Essex County</b>	<b>State:</b> <b>New Jersey</b>

**Candidate Statement of Interest:**

**The HAVA established Standards Board and its Executive Board face on going challenges in their advisory roles. That is why we need strong and vigilant members willing to give their time and energy to important current issues. As a clearinghouse for vital information, the EAC and its boards play vital roles in the development of voluntary voting system guidelines as well as furthering recommendations.**

**As a proud member of the Standards Board, I would be honored to serve as a member of the Executive Board. I believe my experience as President of the NJ Association of Election Officials, NJ Delegation Director of IACREOT and my position of Administrator of Essex County Board of Elections for 27 years and my dedication and love of elections would be useful to the Executive Board of the EAC.**

**I pledge to commit my considerable experience, expertise and, above all else, my keen sense of duty and hard work to our collective efforts.**



**Candidate Bio (Not to exceed one page)**

**Linda von Nessi**

**Linda von Nessi is the Clerk of the Essex County, New Jersey Board of Elections. Essex County is the second most populous of the Garden State's 21 counties with nearly 450,000 registered voters.**

**During her tenure, Linda has worked tirelessly overseeing the duties of her office which include: appointing and training of poll workers and election day challengers; selecting polling places; redrawing election district lines; conducting recounts, tallying absentee and provisional ballots and being responsible for the overall conduct of elections at the polling places.**

**One of Linda's proudest accomplishments was the implementation of a Pilot Program allowing 16 & 17-year old students to immerse themselves in the electoral process as poll workers so as to encourage participation in advance of turning 18 and exercising their right to vote.**

**Linda is a vocal advocate for polling place accessibility for the physically impaired. As a result of her pioneering and award winning efforts, Essex County has proudly served as a model at Polling Place Accessibility workshops throughout the state of New Jersey.**

**Linda serves as President of the New Jersey Association of Election Officials , she is also Delegation Director for New Jersey at the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers and a Standards Board Member of the Election Assistance Commission.**

**Linda has worked closely with the State on training programs in collaboration with Rutgers, the State University. She has served as Chair of the Legislative Committee for NJAEO, member of Executive Board for implementation of Statewide Voter Registration System and State Elections Policy and Procedures Committee Member.**

**Linda is a member of the Essex County Woman's Caucus, the League of Women Voters and a host of other civic and professional organizations. She was inducted in the Essex County Democratic Committee's Hall of Fame in 2006.**

**She is the mother of two daughters and has two grandchildren.**



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<b>Name:</b> <b>SANDI WESOLOWSKI</b>	
<b>Title:</b> <b>DIRECTOR OF CLERK SERVICES/CITY CLERK</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>State Official</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Local Official</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Appointed</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Elected</b>
<b>Party Affiliation:</b> <b>NON-PARTISAN</b>	
<b>Organization:</b>	
<b>Local Jurisdiction:</b> <b>CITY OF FRANKLIN</b>	<b>State:</b> <b>WISCONSIN</b>

**Candidate Statement of Interest:**

Having been appointed to the U.S. Election Assistance Standards Board in 2003 and having served on the VVSG Ad Hoc Committee and Bylaws Committee, I am confident that I would represent the Standards Board with dedication needed to accomplish the duties of the Executive Board. I believe my involvement in election administration as an election official for the past 33 years shows my commitment to conducting elections which produce public confidence in the results.

Wisconsin elections are conducted at the municipality level, and all state and local election officials are non-partisan. As Wisconsin continuously involves local election officials in the development of initiatives to improve the administration of elections, I understand the fact that requirements and needs can be quite different. I value all points of view and consider what is best for those involved when making recommendations or decisions. I believe my experience with all aspects of elections will be helpful with the essential functions of the Executive Board, and I would be honored to assist in furthering the work of the Standards Board through service upon the Executive Board.

**Candidate Bio (Not to exceed one page):**

Sandra L. Wesolowski  
City of Franklin, Wisconsin, Director of Clerk Services/City Clerk

Sandi Wesolowski is currently the Director of Clerk Services and City Clerk for the City of Franklin, Wisconsin, and has been involved with the administration of elections since 1976. For a brief time in 2005, she also served as the State of Wisconsin Elections Director and HAVA (Help America Vote Act) Coordinator.

She received her Municipal Clerk Certification from the Municipal Clerks Institute at UW-Green Bay and previously was an Advisory Board member for the Institute. She is a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks; Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association; Metro Milwaukee Clerks Association; International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials & Treasurers; and currently serves on the Wisconsin Governmental Accountability Board Election Administration Council and the Statewide Voter Registration System Standards Board. She is a past president of the Metro Milwaukee Clerks Association. In addition, she represents all 1,850 Wisconsin communities as the local election official on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Standards Board, also serving as a member of the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee and Bylaws Committee.



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<b>Name:</b> Brad King	
<b>Title:</b> Co-Director, Election Division of the Office of the Secretary of State	
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<b>Party Affiliation:</b> Republican	
<b>Organization:</b> Office of the Secretary of State of Indiana	
<b>Local Jurisdiction:</b>	<b>State:</b> Indiana

**Candidate Statement of Interest:**

**With the ongoing work on revising the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines and the role of the EAC in the voting system certification process, the duties of Standards Board members have never been more important.**

**If re-elected 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. As a member of 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.**

