

2018

EAC Election Readiness Summit



October 3, 2018
Rooms SVC 208/209 & SVC 215

Summit Agenda

8:30 a.m.

Registration opens

9:00 – 9:05 a.m.

Opening Remarks

EAC Chairman Thomas Hicks

9:05 - 10:00 a.m.

PANEL 1: Investing in Security

Best Practices In Spending to Secure Election Systems

EAC Chairman Thomas Hicks, Moderator

Secretary of State John Merrill, Alabama

Joe Rozell, Elections Director, Oakland County, Michigan

Meagan Wolfe, Administrator of Wisconsin Elections Commission

Secretary of State Kim Wyman, Washington

10:00 a.m.

Remarks from Senator Roy Blunt (R-Missouri)

10:15 a.m.

Remarks from Amy Klobuchar (D-Minnesota)

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**PANEL 2: Putting Voters First – Best Practices
in Election Administration**

Paul Lux, Supervisor of Elections, Okaloosa County, Florida

EAC Vice Chair Christy McCormick, Moderator

Sherry Poland, Director, Hamilton County, OH, Board of Elections

Secretary of State Mac Warner, West Virginia

Secretary of State Wayne Williams, Colorado

11:30 – 11:45 a.m. Break

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

A Conversation with National Security Experts

Secretary of State Jim Condos, Vermont, Opening Remarks
William Evanina, Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center

Christopher Krebs, Under Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security's National Protection and Programs Directorate
EAC Vice Chair Christy McCormick, Moderator

12:45 – 1:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks/Afternoon Preview

EAC Chairman Thomas Hicks

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Lunch Break

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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Election Vendor Open House & EAC Demonstrations

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

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EAC Presentation 1: Risk Limiting and Other Post Election Audits

Jerome Lovato, EAC Election Technology Specialist

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.

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EAC Presentation 2: EAC Trainings and Exercises

Ryan Macias, EAC Sr. Election Technology Specialist

4:00 – 4:15 p.m.

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EAC Presentation 3: EAC Testing and Certification Overview

Brian Hancock, EAC Director of Testing and Certification

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Senator Roy Blunt

R-Missouri

Building on a background as a public servant, university president, and teacher, Roy Blunt was elected to the United States Senate in 2010.

Senator Blunt serves on the Appropriations Committee; the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee; the Select Committee on Intelligence; and the Senate Rules Committee. He is the Chairman of the Rules Committee and Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. He is also the Chairman of the Commerce Subcommittee on Aviation.

The people of Southwest Missouri overwhelmingly elected Senator Blunt seven times to the U.S. House of Representatives. Senator Blunt was elected the Majority Whip earlier in his career than any Member of Congress in eight decades and was elected to the Senate leadership in his first year in the Senate.

Before serving in Congress, he was a history teacher, a county official, and in 1984 became the first Republican elected as Missouri's Secretary of State in more than 50 years. Senator Blunt also served four years as the president of Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri.



Jim Condos

Vermont Secretary of State

Jim Condos is Vermont's 38th Secretary of State. First elected in 2010, he has an extensive background in business as well as both municipal and local government. Jim has one daughter, Chelsea.

Although born in Orange, NJ, in 1951, Jim moved to Burlington with his family when he was four years old. He later moved to South Burlington and graduated from South Burlington high school and then the University of Vermont.

With over 30 years of business experience gained working in a variety of diverse companies—from a global Fortune 100, to a Vermont-based, family-owned, grocery distribution company, to a Vermont regulated utility—Jim understands Vermont business needs.

“In government, as in business, I focus on the customer experience. If there is anything that I learned in my thirty plus years working in the business sector, it is that information and accessibility are key.”

Initially, getting involved in local government to help solve a local zoning issue, Jim began reading up on statute and involving himself in municipal government and has been an avid advocate for the people's right to know ever since.

Jim served for 18 years (1989 to 2007) on the South Burlington City Council, the last eight years of which he served as chair.

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In 2001, Jim was elected as a Senator for Chittenden County. He served four terms and chaired three integral committees: Education (2003–2004); Government Operations (2005–2006); Joint Legislative IT (2008).

Since his election as Secretary of State in 2010, Jim has worked tirelessly to bring greater transparency to all levels of government.

During each non-election year, Jim tours the state on his “Transparency Tour” discussing open meeting and public records laws with local officials and the public. While the official tour is biennial, he will gladly bring his presentation to any town that requests it, at all times of the year.



William Evanina

Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center

William R. Evanina is the Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, an organization he has led since June 2, 2014. He serves as the head of

Counterintelligence (CI) for the U.S. Government and as the principal CI and security advisor to the Director of National Intelligence.

As the Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center (NCSC), Evanina is responsible for leading and supporting the CI and security activities of the U.S. Intelligence Community, the U.S. Government, and U.S. private sector entities at risk from intelligence collection or attack by foreign adversaries. He oversees national-

level programs and activities such as the National Insider Threat Task Force; personnel security and background investigations; continuous evaluation; information technology protection standards and compliance; CI cyber operations; supply chain risk management; threat awareness to sectors of the U.S. critical infrastructure; national-level damage assessments from espionage or unauthorized disclosures, CI mission management, and national CI and security training programs.

Under Evanina's leadership, NCSC produces the President's National Counterintelligence Strategy of the United States of America, which is instrumental in raising foreign intelligence threat awareness, and closing critical CI and security gaps in Executive Branch departments and agencies. The Strategy was enhanced by a highly visible national outreach campaign "Know the Risk, Raise Your Shield," raising public awareness of the threats posed by foreign intelligence services. Evanina chairs the National Counterintelligence Policy Board, and the Allied Security and CI Forum of senior CI and security leaders from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom. His CI and security expertise is sought by the White House, Members of Congress, Executive Branch officials, private sector executives, and U.S. allies.

Prior to his selection as the Director of NCSC, Evanina served as the Chief of the Central Intelligence Agency's Counterespionage Group where he led Intelligence Community agencies in identifying, preventing, and neutralizing espionage-related activities by foreign intelligence services. In 2013, Evanina was appointed to the Senior Executive Service.

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Thomas Hicks

Chairman U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Thomas Hicks was nominated by President Barack H. Obama and confirmed by unanimous consent of the United States Senate on December 16, 2014 to serve on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

Prior to his appointment with EAC, Commissioner Hicks served as a Senior Elections Counsel and Minority Elections Counsel on the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration, a position he held from 2003 to 2014. In this role, Hicks was responsible for issues relating to campaign finance, election reform, contested elections and oversight of both the Election Assistance Commission and Federal Election Commission. His primary responsibility was advising and providing guidance to the committee members and caucus on election issues. Hicks has talked with Americans in every state about their voting experiences. In addition, he has worked with state and local election officials across America to address critical election concerns.

Prior to joining the U.S. House of Representatives, Hicks served as a Senior Lobbyist and Policy Analyst from 2001 to 2003 for Common Cause, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that empowers citizens to make their voices heard in the political process and to hold their elected leaders accountable to the public interest. Hicks has enjoyed working with state and local election officials, civil rights organizations and all other stakeholders to improve the voting process.

Hicks served from 1993 to 2001 in the Clinton Administration as a Special Assistant and Legislative Assistant in the Office of Congressional Relations for the Office of Personnel Management. He served as agency liaison to the United States Congress and the President's Administration on matters regarding Federal personnel policies and regulations.



Senator Amy Klobuchar

D-Minnesota

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar is the first woman elected to represent the State of Minnesota in the United States Senate.

Senator Klobuchar has built a reputation of putting partisanship aside to help strengthen the economy and support families, workers and businesses. Since arriving in the Senate, Senator Klobuchar has led the effort to pass landmark pieces of legislation to end human trafficking and to combat the opioid epidemic. She fought to pass the most significant consumer product safety legislation in a generation, keeping foreign toxic products off our shores and out of our stores, and pushed cell phone companies to enact more consumer-friendly policies. In 2015, she was appointed Chair of the Senate Democratic Steering Committee, where she brings together senators, businesses, community leaders, policy experts and intergovernmental organizations to help develop policies to strengthen the economy and move the country forward.

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As a member of the Joint Economic Committee and the Senate Commerce Committee, Senator Klobuchar has been a leader in working to implement a competitive agenda to ensure businesses have the tools they need to grow and create good jobs in their communities. She has authored legislation to lift the trade embargo with Cuba as well as legislation to help small businesses tap into new markets abroad. She has successfully advocated for the Administration to take action to combat illegal steel dumping. She has also passed a significant amendment aimed at boosting funds for STEM education for American students and led national initiatives to boost American tourism, including a series of regulatory reforms adopted by the Administration.

Senator Klobuchar also serves as the Ranking Member on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, where she has worked to advance policies that protect consumers from anti-competitive behavior and make sure businesses are able to compete on a level playing field. She has introduced legislation to crack down on “pay-for-delay” agreements, the practice of brand-name drug manufacturers using pay-off agreements to keep more affordable generic equivalents off the market.

Senator Klobuchar is also the Ranking Member of the Senate Rules Committee, where she works to ensure fairness, transparency, and efficiency in government. Before serving in the Senate, Senator Klobuchar headed the largest prosecutor’s office in Minnesota for eight years. As a private citizen and before being elected to public office, Senator Klobuchar was the leading advocate for successful passage of one of the first laws in the country guaranteeing 48-hour hospital stays for new moms and their babies.



Christopher Krebs

Under Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security's National Protection and Programs Directorate

Under Secretary Christopher Krebs was sworn in on June 15, 2018 as the Under Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security's National Protection and Programs Directorate

(NPPD). Krebs was nominated for the position by President Trump in February 2018.

Before serving as NPPD Under Secretary, Mr. Krebs was appointed in August 2017 as the Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection. In the absence of a permanent NPPD Under Secretary at the time, Mr. Krebs took on the role of serving as the Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary for NPPD until he was subsequently nominated as the Under Secretary and confirmed by the Senate the following year.

Mr. Krebs joined DHS in March 2017, first serving as Senior Counselor to the Secretary, where he advised DHS leadership on a range of cybersecurity, critical infrastructure, and national resilience issues. Prior to coming to DHS, he was a member of Microsoft's U.S. Government Affairs team as the Director for Cybersecurity Policy, where he led Microsoft's U.S. policy work on cybersecurity and technology issues.

Before Microsoft, Mr. Krebs advised industry and Federal, State, and local government customers on a range of cybersecurity and risk management issues. This is his second tour working at DHS, previously serving as the Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection and playing a formative role in a number of

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national and international risk management programs.

As Under Secretary, Mr. Krebs oversees NPPD's efforts to defend civilian networks, secure federal facilities, manage systemic risk to National critical functions, and work with stakeholders to raise the security baseline of the Nation's cyber and physical infrastructure.

Mr. Krebs holds a bachelor's degree in environmental sciences from the University of Virginia and a J.D. from the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University.



Paul Lux

Supervisor of Elections Okaloosa County, Florida

Paul Lux moved to Okaloosa County with the military in 1997. He came to the elections office in 1999, serving in various capacities until he was elected Supervisor of Elections in 2008. He currently serves as President of the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections.

Paul has kept Okaloosa County on the leading edge of the elections community, participating in voting equipment beta testing and certification testing, voting equipment upgrades, and election audits and recounts in other counties. He has worked with the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and the Florida Secretary of State and Division of Elections to improve voting processes and technological alternatives for military and overseas voters.

Paul has been deeply involved in research to improve voting for absentee military and overseas voters. He has participated in: the

Voting Over the Internet (VOI) Project (2000), the Secure Electronic Voting and Registration Experiment (SERVE) (2004), the Okaloosa Distance Balloting Pilot (ODBP) Project (2008), and an electronic ballot delivery project (2010). Paul currently heads a consortium of 34 Florida counties known collectively as Our Mission: Your Vote, a new blank ballot delivery project being conducted under the EASE-I and EASE-II grants from FVAP.



Christy McCormick

Vice Chair U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Christy McCormick was nominated by President Barack H. Obama and confirmed by unanimous consent of the United States Senate on December 16, 2014 to serve on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

Prior to her appointment with EAC, Commissioner McCormick served as a Senior Trial Attorney in the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice, a position she held from 2006 until joining the Commission. In that role, McCormick was responsible for investigating and prosecuting violations of federal voting statutes, including the Voting Rights Act, the National Voter Registration Act, the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) and the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE).

Additionally, McCormick worked with election officials to monitor compliance with the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE), the Voting Rights Act minority language

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requirements, and administration of elections. She has observed numerous elections, mentored and worked with election officials all across America.

McCormick was detailed by the Deputy Attorney General to be Senior Attorney Advisor and Acting Deputy Rule of Law Coordinator in the Office of the Rule of Law Coordinator at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq from 2009 to 2010, where she worked on the Iraq national elections and on rule of law matters. McCormick was a U.S. elections expert in Iraq observing and monitoring the 2010 Iraq National elections, providing assistance and advice to the Independent High Electoral Commission and witnessing an extensive 12-day election re-count. She was a rule of law liaison to the Kurdish Regional Government and a liaison to rule of law advisors at the Provincial Reconstruction Teams.

Prior to joining the Department of Justice, McCormick served as a Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Elizabeth A. McClanahan in the Court of Appeals of Virginia from 2003 to 2006. Ms. McCormick was an Assistant Attorney General and Assistant to the Solicitor General in the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia from 2001 to 2003. She was a Judicial Law Clerk in Virginia's Seventh Judicial Circuit Court from 1999 to 2001.



John Merrill

**Secretary of State
Alabama**

Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill has dedicated his life to public service, from his youth as an Eagle Scout and SGA President

at The University of Alabama to his professional career in the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce and Tuscaloosa County public schools.

A native of Heflin, Ala., he was first elected to public office as a representative of Alabama House District 62 in 2010 with 87 percent of the vote. He was elected as Secretary of State in 2014 with 65 percent of the vote, and he has dramatically enhanced the efficiency of the office through a series of reforms and innovations.

Since he took office, Alabama has more than one million newly-registered voters, setting new state records for voter registration and participation in elections. He has traveled internationally representing the state and is frequently requested to appear on local and national media networks.

He serves as a church deacon and either leads or is a member of more than 30 civic, community and professional organizations.

He and his wife Cindy, a native of Phil Campbell, Ala., and former public school educator, have two adult children and reside in Tuscaloosa.



Sherry Poland

**Director, Hamilton County, OH,
Board of Elections**

Sherry Poland was appointed Director of Elections in Hamilton County, Ohio in June of 2014. Hamilton County is the third largest county in a state often watched nationally

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in presidential elections. In this role, Ms. Poland is responsible for the day to day operations and administration of all local, state, and federal elections. Hamilton County was among the first counties in Ohio to implement electronic poll books, automate the Election Day Help Desk, and create a Youth at the Booth Challenge for High School Seniors to work the polls on Election Day.

Ms. Poland began her career with the Board of Elections in March of 2004. Prior to becoming Director, she served as the Board's Operations Administrator, where she was responsible for all aspects of the vote counting process. Ms. Poland has administered over 45 elections, including 4 presidential elections.

Prior to joining the Board of Elections, Ms. Poland was a Paralegal and Grand Jury Coordinator for the Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office from 1993 to 2004. During that timeframe, she also held the position of Adjunct Professor at the Mount Saint Joseph University where she taught Criminal Law for Paralegals.

Sherry has been married to her husband, Dale, for over 25 years. Together they have two daughters. She has served her community by volunteering for various organizations, boards and committees. She is a lifelong resident of the City of Cincinnati.



Joe Rozell

**Elections Director,
Oakland County, Michigan**

Joe Rozell is the Director of Elections for Oakland County, Michigan. He received his Master's degree in Public Administration

from Oakland University and earned his Certified Elections/Registration Administrator certification from Auburn University. He is a member of Election Center (National Association of Election Officials) and the Michigan Association of County Clerks. Rozell is an adjunct faculty member at Oakland University teaching in the Department of Political Science. He also serves as an elected non-partisan City Commissioner in Huntington Woods, Michigan.



Mac Warner

Secretary of State West Virginia

On November 8, 2016, Andrew McCoy "Mac" Warner was elected to become West Virginia's 30th Secretary of State.

Secretary Warner graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and West Virginia University's College of Law. He has two Master of Law Degrees, one in Military Law from The Army Judge Advocate General's School and one in International Law from the University of Virginia Law School.

A decorated soldier, Secretary Warner served as the Chief of International Law for the United States Army Europe, was an instructor at the Army Judge Advocate General's School, and served on the Staff at the U.S. Army War College. He has been both a defense attorney and a chief prosecutor. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before his retirement after 23 years in the United States Army.

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After retirement, Secretary Warner was called upon to use his professional, legal and military expertise to run the Organizational Capacity Building Section of the world's largest Rule of Law Program in Afghanistan for the U.S. Department of State. There, for five years he mentored the Afghan Supreme Court, Attorney General's office, the Ministry of Justice, and the Ministry of Women's Affairs.

A sixth generation West Virginian who has spent his life promoting American ideals of democracy and freedom around the globe, Secretary Warner understands a vibrant, free market economy only occurs when clean, fair elections and a predictable court system under the Rule of Law have created a safe environment where investment can flourish.



Wayne Williams

**Secretary of State
Colorado**

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Meagan Wolfe

Administrator of Wisconsin Elections Commission

Meagan Wolfe was appointed as Interim Administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission on March 2, 2018. In that position, she serves as Wisconsin's chief election official and manages a staff which administers and enforces Wisconsin laws related to elections and voting. Meagan served the agency as Assistant Administrator since April 2017, managing the WisVote staff and IT team, and supervising the implementation of initiatives related to WisVote and other IT applications of the Commission. She has also headed the Commission's efforts on elections security planning. In addition, Meagan assisted with the overall management and leadership of the WEC staff.

Meagan joined state service as Voter Services Election Specialist in 2011. Initially, she developed and implemented voter outreach communications and resources, both on a public information scale and in assisting individual voters.

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Meagan conducted countless presentations about the Photo ID law and other voting and registration rules and processes, and developed many resources used by local election officials and organizations to educate voters. Later, she led the multi-year effort to assess the usability and accessibility of the MyVote Wisconsin website and to relaunch the website so that it is easier for voters to use and easier for clerks to assist military and overseas voters. Prior to joining state service, Meagan worked as a project coordinator and an intellectual property assistant at Madison area law and engineering firms. She has a bachelor's degree in English and Legal Studies from the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater.



Kim Wyman **Secretary of State** **Washington**

Kim Wyman is Washington's 15th Secretary of State. First elected in 2012, she is serving her second term and is only the second female Secretary of State in Washington's history.

Prior to being elected to this office, Secretary Wyman served as Thurston County Elections Director for nearly a decade and was elected Thurston County Auditor from 2001-2013.

Secretary Wyman's responsibilities include overseeing elections, corporation and charity filings, the Washington State Library, the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library, the Washington State Archives, and a number of special programs including the Combined Fund Drive for charitable giving by public employees, the Address Confidentiality Program to protect survivors of domestic violence

and stalking, and Legacy Washington, an oral history and exhibit program that tells the state's most intriguing stories.

Secretary Wyman is a graduate of California State University, Long Beach and holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Troy State University. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Leadership from City University, Seattle in 2015. Secretary Wyman is also a Certified Elections and Registration Administrator (CERA) from The Elections Center and Auburn University, and a Washington State Certified Election Administrator.

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