



**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.

