

**NIST/EAC Future of Voting Systems Symposium – February 26-28, 2013**  
**Panel: “The Evolving Nature of State Certification”**

**ABSTRACT:** This panel is an opportunity to hear from several different states with certification programs. Each state invited to speak on this panel handles certification differently from the others on the panel. We look forward to hearing about how your process works, how you developed your process, how your process has changed over the years and any best practices you have to share.

**Moderator: Jessica Myers** has served on the staff of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) since April 2010. As Certification Program Specialist, Jessica serves as a project manager for testing and certification of voting systems, works with the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) of NIST to accredit independent testing laboratories, and assists with the development and maintenance of the EAC’s Voluntary Voting System Guidelines.

From June 2006 through November 2008, Jessica served on the staff of the Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation (BCEL) at the Pennsylvania Department of State. Jessica first joined BCEL as the Chief of the Division of HAVA. In this capacity, she oversaw the distribution and use of Pennsylvania’s Federal HAVA funds. In addition to reviewing and approving financial requests and county plans, Jessica was responsible for working with voting system manufacturers and state examiners to test and certify voting systems for Pennsylvania. In March 2007, Jessica was promoted to the Chief of the Division of Campaign Finance and Lobbying Disclosure at BCEL. In this position, she handled all of the registration and reporting requirements for the campaign finance, as well as implementing the newly created lobbying disclosure law for Pennsylvania.

**Merle King** is Associate Professor Emeritus and the Executive Director of the Center for Election Systems at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. An active researcher in election administration, Professor King is the 2005 recipient of the National Association of Secretaries of State Medallion Award for his work in Georgia elections. King is a mediator and is a frequent invitee to the Election Assistance Commission’s roundtables as moderator and discussant. Together with his colleagues at the Center, King has led the development of one of the nation's best resources for election administration support. The Center for Election Systems provides voting systems technical support to the Georgia Office of the Secretary of State and to the 159 county election supervisors in the Georgia.

**Ryan Macias**, has been with the California Secretary of State’s Office of Voting Systems Technology Assessment (OVSTA) since its inception in 2005. During that time, Ryan has been integral in shaping the current voting system testing and approval process in California. He was involved in the Secretary of State Debra Bowen’s Top-to-Bottom Review of California’s voting systems. He also worked on the development and maintenance of the Voting Systems Defect, Failure and Fault database, which States throughout the U.S. have used to discover issues with their voting systems.

**Joseph Losco** is professor and chair of Political Science at Ball State University where he teaches and publishes in the areas of political theory and American Government. He is also a member of the Voting System Technical Oversight Program (VSTOP) whose mission includes recommending voting systems for certification to the Indiana Election Commission.

**Robert Warren.** I am the certification project manager for the New York State Board of Elections (NYSBOE), and in such capacity I am fully familiar with election equipment and procedures. I have a computer science degree from Siena College, and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Union College. I have twenty years' experience in the software industry including software implementation, software development and project management. I have held the position of voting system certification project manager with the Board for six years, working exclusively with all aspects of the certification, deployment and implementation of the State's new voting systems to insure the integrity and accuracy of the systems. As such, I am fully familiar with the electronic voting machines currently being used throughout the State of New York and which have been fully implemented and used in State, Local and Federal elections since 2010.