

NIST/EAC Future of Voting Systems Symposium – February 26-28, 2013
Panel: “Exploring Alternative Methods and Goals for Federal Testing and Certification”

ABSTRACT: This panel will explore alternative methods of product certification and discuss the pros and cons of incorporating these into the certification of voting systems.

Moderator: 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. Brian Hancock, Director of Testing and Certification, EAC

Edwin Smith is Vice President for Certification and Compliance at Dominion Voting Systems, a manufacturer of optical scan voting systems. At Dominion, Ed leads all aspects of federal and state government voting system testing and statutory compliance. Prior to this Ed worked at Sequoia Voting Systems and Hart InterCivic, also makers of voting systems, as well as leadership positions in contract manufacturing. Ed is also a member of the Technical Guidelines Development Committee.

Christopher Thomas is employed by the Michigan Secretary of State as the Director of Elections and has served in this capacity since 1981. He administers the Michigan election law, campaign finance act and lobbyist disclosure law. Chris began his election administration career in 1974 in Washington, D.C. with the U.S. House of Representatives and the Federal Election Commission.

Chris is a founding member of the National Association of State Election Directors (NASSED) and was elected NASSED’s President in 1997. At the NASSED Conference in January 2013, he was elected NASSED’s President for the second time. He served as Chair of the Board of Advisors to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission from 2006-2008. This Board was created by the Help America Vote Act to review guidelines and studies before they are issued by the Election Assistance Commission.

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