

EAC Board of Advisors Review of Activities
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This has been by far one of the most interesting and busy years that the EAC has encountered thus far. But it has definitely kept us engaged with our stakeholders and made cooperation and communication between the EAC and our stakeholders so much more important. We have been utilizing our boards to secure a quality set of comments for our research projects which have been posted on the EAC virtual website. The launch of the virtual website has been a great tool to disseminate information and allow the public to be involved in the process.

One of our stakeholders, the EAC Board of Advisors, has gone above and beyond the call of duty in their service this year. Their dedication to the EAC and their support of fair and transparent elections has been admirable.

During my tenure as Chair during calendar year 2007, the Board of Advisors convened two meetings of the full board. The first meeting took place here in Washington, D.C. January 22 and 23rd at the Four Points Sheraton. That meeting had an excellent turnout and the board received reports and testimony from EAC staffers, Congressional staffers and a representative from Pew Charitable Foundation. Some of the topics included ongoing EAC research, the EAC certification manual, and the voluntary voting systems guidelines (VVSG). At the meeting the Board passed 6 resolutions which are available online.

The second meeting, which was just held at the start of FY08, was hosted from December 12th-14th in Austin, TX. We had a fantastic turnout and a very productive meeting. The priority and central focus of the meeting was to review and vet the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) version of the next iteration of the VVSG. It was a follow up to a NIST event in Boulder, CO in October, where an ad hoc committee did preparatory work on the document in order to give presentations and comments in Austin. The Board worked for 3 days and finally voted on and passed 20 resolutions which have been posted at www.eac.gov.

Thanks again for the Board's hard work and time. I understand that many of the board members were going into their primary elections and had no time to spare. So we appreciate your dedication and commitment.