

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT TO
U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION STANDARDS BOARD
For the Period June 2008 – January 2009

The Executive Board held four meetings via conference calls on the following dates: July 1, 2008, September 26, 2008, November 20, 2008, and January 5, 2009. The Executive Board experienced a reduction in the number of conference calls throughout the fall during the busy Presidential Election cycle. Along with DFO Beach and Special Assistant Edwards however, we hit the floor running shortly after the November Election. Initially, Commissioner Caroline Hunter was the Standards Board Designated Federal Officer (DFO) until July 2008, at which time Commissioner Rosemary Rodriguez briefly stepped in to act as the Board's DFO and served the Board until the arrival of Commissioner Gineen Beach in October 2008.

The Executive Board utilized their meetings to establish the February Standards Board Agenda. Initially, the Board reviewed report outlines, and discussed replacement members for the Technical Development Guidelines Committee (TDGC) for the vacancies created by the resignation of Alice Miller and Secretary John Gale. The Executive Board made recommendations of Standard Board Members to the EAC to fill the two vacancies. The Executive Board, on behalf of the Standards Board, would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Alice Miller and Secretary John Gale for their service on the TGDC.

Early on in our meetings, Commissioner Rodriguez reviewed the Election Day Workshop / Survey and EAC staff member Matt Masterson presented updates on the progress of the VVSG to the Executive Board. Potential topics for the February Standards Board meeting were also discussed and more thoroughly discussed as the meeting neared. The subsequent Executive Board meetings were dedicated to reviewing the topics, preparing the February Agenda, and assuring that the HAVA and Bylaw provisions would be satisfied at the meeting. While there were only four meetings, there were a flurry of emails and phone calls bringing us to what looks to be a very interesting February Standards Board meeting.

Executive Board Functions – The Executive Board function is to make recommendations to the Standards Board for deliberation and action. Unfortunately, the Executive Board will not be bringing reviews or recommendations forward to the Standards Board at their February 2009 meeting, due to HAVA requirements dictating the election of officers be completed within a very tight time constraints, as well as a delay in the delivery of the materials to the Executive Board. The Board would have

desired the meeting to be more productive in the actual review of the 2005 revisions, however the process shifted slightly and the update on 2005 revisions will be presented to the Standards Board prior to Executive Board review. It is the understanding of the Executive Board that progress on the revisions to the 2005 iteration will be presented and review of the iterations will take place later this year.

In light of the tight time table associated with the election of officers, the Executive Board would like to propose a Bylaw Amendment which would enable the Standards Board to conduct the Election of Officers via mail elections. In doing so, the time constraints would be relaxed and thus allow the Standards Board meetings to be scheduled more in keeping with the timeline of the adoption of VVSG iterations.

Committees - The Bylaws Committee reviewed the Bylaws as requested at the last Standards Board meeting. Specifically, the Committee reviewed the potential Bylaw section governing Executive Board Member disclosing a change of political party affiliation. Their report and recommendation are included in the meeting booklet.

The Nominations Committee was also very active over the past several months. Their report and nomination materials are also provided in the meeting materials.

EAC Commissioner and Standards Board DFO Gineen Beach and her Special Assistant Sharmili Edwards have been a great asset to the Executive Board and Standards Board Committees over the past several months. The Executive Board sincerely thanks them for their contributions and assistance.