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The following is the verbatim transcript of the United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Standards Board Meeting that was held on Friday, April 20, 2018.

CHAIRMAN KING:

This meeting is reconvened. Thank you for your attendance and for all of the work that you accomplished yesterday. We are going to begin this morning with a report regarding the work of the Executive Board, which met last night, and among other things elected officers for the coming year.

Our bylaws provide for three officers, a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary who each serve a one-year term that ends on April 29th of this year. That date is magical because that is the day that the Board was reconstituted in Williamsburg, Virginia in 2015. And so that is our term expiration date. I am going to report on the results of the election and ask those chosen to come forward.

The new Chair beginning April 29th of the Executive Board will be Greg Riddlemoser of Virginia. Greg if you will come forward. The new Vice-Chair will be Sally Williams of Michigan, and the new secretary will be Ray Valenzuela. Please come up. (Applause) I will ask each of them if they would like to say a few words.

MR. RIDDLEMOSER:

Thank you Brad. I want to thank the assembly here for the vote of confidence, although you had nothing to do with me being

selected. You have nominated me to the executive committee in the past, and it's those on the Executive Committee that asked me to serve as next year's chairman, which I am more than happy to do. It's going to be hard to follow in Brad's footsteps and other past Presidents, but as I mentioned last night in that smaller meeting I will repeat now. And that is my main concern next year is twofold.

One is to continue the work of the VVSG and the TGDC with the things that we did yesterday, and perhaps even more importantly than that, to encourage you in the field if you will, to encourage your federal officials, your Senators and your members of the House of Representatives -- to ask their leadership to appoint into the vacancies that are at the EAC.

It is really hard for Brian and Christy and Tom to do the things that they are supposed to do when they are a couple of soldiers down, if you will. I think it is important for us as election administrators in the field. Some of us are far more political than others. If your state allows all kinds of partisanship, then please use your partisanship and contact your partisan officials in Washington and encourage them to encourage the leadership of the House and the Senate to appoint to fill those vacancies, because I think that is going to be important going forward. So, that is something that you will hear me continually remind you to do, and I look forward to working with Christy and Tom and Brian and

the rest of the staff at the EAC to put on another one of these great conferences about a year from now. Thanks.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Hi, I am very happy to serve and to step up as Vice-Chair next year. I have been on the board now for the last two years. I have been a member here since 2011, though we had a little jump in time, so it's just wonderful to have been a part of the board, part of this group, see it reconstituted.

There has been a lot of great progress. I am very happy to see us moving forward with VVSG and so much important work to do there. And others, this is just a great consortium of state and local officials. I think it is one of the most valuable groups that we have with all of this representation, and just proud to serve alongside Greg and Ray next year.

MR. VALENZUELA:

Thank you all. Although there is no small roll, although I am only playing Secretary, but it is -- things are going to change as far as the letterhead and such that said Jerry was Secretary, that's about it. (Laughter) That is about it as far as changes go.

But I do appreciate Jerry Schwarning (phonetic), I know who was the pervious secretary, and I appreciate Brad, all the service he has done. I know he's done a yeoman ship job as far as

chairing, and I look forward to working with Greg and Sally as far as Vice-Chair.

When the elections were held, it was who stepped back faster. (Laughter) Sally was just a little bit slower. (Laughter) But I do appreciate and look forward to -- I genuinely echo what Sally said. It is amazing to have such a consortium of election officials and it's an honor to, even as the role as Secretary, to serve. So, thank you.

CHAIRMAN KING:

Thank you everyone. Let's have another round of applause to welcome our new officers. (Applause) As I mentioned earlier, the terms of officers run until April 29th of this year, and all of you know that we had the two vacancies as the Secretary position, based on the retirement of Jerry Schwarning, and then Vice-Chair based on my becoming Chair in succession to Edgardo Cortez.

The Board last night also acted to fill those vacancies for the short period of time that remains until April 29th of this year. Ray valiantly agreed to serve as Secretary for the unexpired term, and I assured him that neither minutes nor roll calls were to be expected for today, and so I think he accepted that with grace. We also took the opportunity to fill the vacancy in the office of Vice-Chair by appointing Genevieve Whitaker, and I would like to ask her to come forward and make a few remarks at this time.

MS. WHITAKER:

Good morning everyone. I want to first thank fellow Board members and everyone in this room for all of the work that we are all engaged in. I know that the work that we do is really important. I want to thank my fellow Executive Board members for the consideration of appointing me as Vice-Chair for the remainder. And also, to announce at this time that in a few weeks I will be taking a leave of absence from my position at the elections system of the Virgin Islands as I am running for Senate. And so, with that, once I file my nomination papers, I will be no longer an official employee and it will also mean that I will be stepping down from the Standards Board. I wanted to thank -- so that is what I also wanted to say. It has been a pleasure. I have learned a lot, and I just hope that the work continues and thank you.

CHAIRMAN KING:

Thank you and best of luck. (Applause) The other major item of business at the Executive Board meeting last evening was to designate committees and their chairs. I want to begin by thanking everyone who took the time to fill out the survey gizmo that the EAC circulated. We have found that to be extremely useful.

In the designation of members and chairs of committee, the Executive Board takes a number of factors in to account to try to get a good balance. Whether that is between state or local.

Different regions of the country. Partisan affiliation if any. So, I appreciate everyone who submitted a request to serve on a Board.

We had a difficult decision in some cases to try to strike the right balance, to choose the right person to achieve it. But I think we have setup ourselves for success in the coming year with the composition of these committees. So, our process for letting you know about the results of our work will be for the individual who is a Chair of that committee, which except in the case of the clearing house, which Genevieve currently chairs Will read off the names of the members as appointed. So, I will begin with bylaws and then I will turn it over to the appropriate designated Chair to announce their membership. Bylaws has seven members. I chair. The members are Wanda Hemphill of South Carolina, Maria Pangelinan of Guam, Dennis Parrott of Iowa, Chris Piper of Virginia, Howard Sholl of Delaware, And Brittany Westfall of West Virginia. Genevieve, if you will read clearinghouse.

MS. WHITAKER:

Sure. We have appointed Rudy Santos to Chair the clearinghouse, and Brad will be serving as the liaison to the Executive Committee. We have Joe Gloria from Nevada, Lynn Jones from Louisiana, Doug Kellner from New York, Brad King from Indiana, Bernadette Matthews from Illinois, Aulii Tenn from Hawaii, Patty Weeks from Idaho, and Brittany Westfall from West Virginia.

CHAIRMAN KING:

Thank you. The Cybersecurity Committee is chaired by Mark Goins.

MR. GOINS:

The Cybersecurity Committee has ten members. Essentially, it's the Executive Council and those that serve on the GCC that are Standards Board members. Obviously, myself, Marci Andino, Bob Giles, Neal Kelley, Brad King, Gary Poser. Steven Reed, Greg Riddlemoser, Reynaldo Valenzuela, and Sally Williams will make up that committee. That committee is subject to the call of the Chair and will not be meeting today.

CHAIRMAN KING:

Thank you. And Mark I will ask you to continue since you also serve as chair of EAVS.

MR. GOINS:

The EAVS Committee will be meeting today and that committee has twelve members including myself. Lynn Bailey, Nikki Charlson, Kristin Gabriel, Stuart Holmes, Keith Ingram, Gary Poser, Jan Roncelli, Howard Sholl, Michelle Tassinari, Carol Thompson, and Patricia Wolfe make up that committee.

CHAIRMAN KING:

Thank you. The next committee is one that I sometimes refer to as in the unlikely event of a water landing committee. The

Executive Director search committee is required when a vacancy occurs in the office of Executive Director. The Standards Board has input to the Elections Assistance Commission with regard to filling the vacancy and having participated in one executive search committee earlier, it seemed prudent to have members in place rather than try to recreate the wheel.

The members of that committee are myself as Chair. Josie Bahnke of Alaska, Dana Corson of Montana, Carri Crum of South Dakota, Steve Harsman of Ohio, Rob Rock of Rhode Island, and Jan Roncelli of Michigan.

The next committee is the Nominating Committee which is chaired by Gary Poser. Gary?

MR. POSER:

The Nominating Committee is by bylaws a five-member committee so in addition to myself it will be DeAnn Buckhouse of North Dakota, Steve Harsman of Ohio, Rob Rock of Rhode Island, and Eric Spencer of Arizona.

CHAIRMAN KING:

Thank you. And Gary if you would continue with the Proxy Committee.

MR. POSER:

The Proxy Committee is also a five-member committee and it will be the same committee that did its work diligently yesterday

morning. So, in addition to myself, its Marci Andino of South Carolina, Tim DeCarlo of Connecticut, Elaine Manlove of Delaware, and Patricia Wolfe of Ohio.

CHAIRMAN KING:

Very good. The Resolutions Committee consists of five members. I serve as chair. The remaining members are Marci Andino of South Carolina, Dana Debeauvoir of TexaS, Lisa Harris Moorhead of the Virgin Islands, and Holly Robertson of Washington.

And with regard to the TGDC representative, I will announce that our current representatives are continuing. Robert Giles of New Jersey and Greg Riddlemoser of Virginia. The next committee is USPS, which is chaired by Sally Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Our members are Josie Bahnke of Alaska, Kenny Barger of Kentucky, Barbara Goeckner of Wisconsin, Jackie Gonzales of Wyoming, Brad King of Indiana, Maria Pangelinan of Guam, Sandy Pinsonault of Vermont, Peggy Reeves of Connecticut, Dak Robinson of Oregon, and Justus Wendland of Nevada.

CHAIRMAN KING:

Thank you. And our final committee is VVSG, which is chaired by Greg Riddlemoser.

MR. RIDDLEMOSER:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The VVSG is made up of fifteen members. Veronica DeGraffenreid of North Carolina. Robert Dezmelyk from New Hampshire. Heather Doxon from Nebraska. Kari Fesquez from New Mexico. Robert Giles from New Jersey. Lance Gough of Illinois. Tim Hurst of Idaho. Keith Ingram of Texas. Paul Lux of Florida. Jonathan Marks of Pennsylvania. Dwight Shellman of Colorado. Steve Trout of Oregon. Ray Valenzuela of Arizona and Brian Wood of West Virginia.

CHAIRMAN KING:

Thank you again for everyone who submitted a nomination, and there will always be opportunities to serve. We appreciate your assistance with the work of these committees.

At this point, we have an opportunity for the newly appointed committees to have breakout sessions in the appropriate cases. If you notice on the agenda, the five that are listed, and the locations. VVSG, EAC Clearinghouse, EAVS, USPS and Bylaws have designated locations here in the hotel.

But for those who wish to attend a session with the commissioners, that will be held here in this room, and so please feel free to stay and have an open mic event with both of those individuals. I think we have -- we can take the time certainly that we need to hear the deliberations of the committees when they are

ready to reconvene, but I would say let's try to allow for about 45 minutes if necessary.

So, we will stand in recess for those committees, and I invite the EAC commission members to come forward for the open mic.

Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR MCCORMICK:

I have invited Brian Newby up. Our Executive Director if you have any questions for Brian Newby as well.

(There were no questions for commissioners during the open mic.)

CHAIRMAN KING:

Welcome back, everyone. I hope that your committee meetings were productive, and that you had an opportunity to visit with other members as well on a variety of topics. If we could take our seats, please, we'll begin.

We wanted to provide an opportunity for the committees to report on their discussion and any particular information they wish to convey to the entire membership. I'm going to go in reverse order on the agenda for those who are preparing to present here. I'll begin by talking about the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee met, discussed the structure and role of the bylaws in relationship to both FACA as Cliff explained it earlier yesterday. Our own statute, and the process for amendments. Amendments are considered by the entire membership after a solicitation is sent

out inviting any member to submit proposed amendments. Those are then considered by the full membership and requires supermajority to pass. I'll mention we have no specific reports today, but we discussed the potential for an amendment to address a succession of officers issue, to make certain that those of you who are familiar with the television series Designated Survivor that we have a procedure in place to ensure that there is always an officer who is available to act on behalf of the Board.

And with that, I'll turn to Sally to speak with regard to USPS.

MS. WILLIAMS:

Thanks, Brad. We had as usual, in the USPS Committee a very active conversation. There's always plenty of issues to talk about. We welcomed two of our new members Maria from Guam and Kenny from Kentucky. Went through some of the work we've done in the last several months.

I mentioned yesterday we did produce a very nice one-pager. It's on the EAC website votebyemail.gov. It came out with your newsletter. There is a great deal of good information packed in here in a way that is easily understandable. It's a separate PDF document. So, if you go to votebyemail.gov under EAC resources, it's the first file there.

I just want to reemphasize, it's a great tool for those of you here if you could do whatever you can to pass on to your local

officials in your state, because we do find there's still a lot of people out there that are confused about a lot of key things that could really help them. And then also the work that we did with Sean and the EAC last year to revamp the vote by mail website just a little bit.

There's also an area out there for best practices for states and locals. Really encourage people to participate there. We got a great update from Tammy Patrick of the Democracy Fund. Many of you know Tammy and work with her. She's a great liaison for the election officials with the U.S. Postal Service. She gave us an update, including a USPS postal forum meeting is going on in San Antonio next month. They have one day dedicated to election issues, with the discounted rate, if anyone is interested in going to that. But we will be bringing information back from there. I have a local election that day.

But you know just the overall goal of the committee will be to continue to collect these key messages, try to summarize them in an easy-to-understand way, and continue to communicate out to our members. So, we look forward to continuing that work.

CHAIRMAN KING:

Thank you, Sally. Mark, would you be prepared to deliver a report regarding EAVS?

MR GOINS:

Yes. The EAVS committee met and we had active discussion as well. Sean Greene from the EAC was there and helped lead some of the discussion. And we presented an opportunity to think about forming a working group to look at section A. A working group had been formed before to look at section B and certainly made some suggestions. There was a consensus to go forward and explore and do a working group for section A. We will be having some subsequent meetings to define timelines and those things. But essentially the goals that were kind of set kind of prematurely, not prematurely, at this point, before we dive into a little bit more. So, I wouldn't say prematurely.

Some of the goals, obviously looking at efficiency. Are we, is EAVS getting the right data not only for those in the academic world, but also information that we can use in the election world to improve what we do. Questions that may or may not make sense, take a look at those. And then also what about updating section A you know to incorporate OVR and automatic voter registration.

Those are some preliminary issues that we looked at in the time that we met, and we'll certainly explore going forward.

CHAIRMAN KING:

Thank you, Mark. Genevieve, if you could report on the Clearinghouse Committee.

MS. WHITAKER:

I shall defer to Rudy, as our new Chair. Deferring to Rudy as the new Chair. He's going to report on what we discussed.

CHAIRMAN KING:

It would be appropriate in either case.

MR. SANTOS:

Good morning Standards Board. Rudy, from the state of Colorado. I am now the new Chair of the EAC clearinghouse.

And during our meeting, we went ahead and appointed a Vice Chair, Joe Gloria from the state of Nevada and Dave Kunko from the state of New Mexico as Secretary. I'd like to thank them for actually stepping up and helping me out with this.

Also, we planned our meetings for next year. We plan on having bimonthly meetings, and what we would like to bring forth is we'd like to I guess maybe try to educate the election officials from the other parts of the country that aren't involved with the election center or the EAC on the services that are out in the clearinghouse and how to best convey those such as the newsletters or something along those lines.

So, we'll be brainstorming and look forward to working with David Kuennen from the EAC as far as best getting that information out there. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KING:

Thank you, Rudy. Greg, if you could give a report with regard to the VVSG Committee please.

MR. RIDDLEMOSER.

Mr. Chairman. Thank you. We met upstairs, and had 100% attendance because Bob Giles was there with several proxies. [Laughter] We also had several guests that I was very happy to have had.

When you put somebody on the spot, Mr. Chairman, that's usually called asking them to speak impromptu. That's not possible to do with the EAC and the NIST staff, so I asked them to be extemporaneous, and the only difference being, surprised or not, the staff of the EAC and the staff of NIST are always prepared.

So, we basically had a really good discussion for about 45 minutes, almost every member of the committee participated in one form or another, and Brian Hancock and Mary Brady gave further meat to the bones of some of the things that we talked about yesterday. And that discussion was good and the main suggestion that came out of it is one that I will take to heart.

I had originally announced when the meeting started that it was my intention to hold quarterly webinars. And Steve Trout, my good friend from Oregon, thought that absent commissioners, that we probably ought to do that more often. So, I'm taking his

suggestion, and announcing it here it will be my intention to hold webinars monthly, which means I'll have to be in constant contact with the NIST and EAC staff, so when we do have our webinars I'll actually have something to pass on to them. Thank you, sir.

CHAIRMAN KING:

Thank you to all the individuals who served as Chairs for your work in organizing the committees for the coming year. It's greatly appreciated. At this point, I'll turn to Brian Newby to begin an overview of the EAC mission and objectives for 2018 and beyond. Brian.

VIDEO:

So, what is the EAC? Glad you asked. EAC stands for Election Assistance Commission. And simply put, our goal is to make your job easier. Now, seriously, we were established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 as an independent bipartisan commission charged with helping Americans vote.

The primary way we do that, by ensuring election officials have the support and resources they need. We help in a few ways. We craft and adopt the voluntary voting system guidelines, accredit test laboratories and certify voting systems. Serve as a nation's clearinghouse of information and best practices related to elections. We also maintain the national mail voter registration form, which can be used to register to vote, update registration information with

a new name or address, or register with a political party. And develop recommendations and standards that address the needs of voters, state and local election leaders and other election stakeholders.

At the end of the day, we work to ensure every eligible American has the opportunities to vote independently, privately and with confidence in our nation's election system. We do everything in our power to make sure election officials have what they need to support that. Learn more at [EAC.gov](https://www.eac.gov).

MR. NEWBY:

Good morning. From this side, it looks like I'm at a wedding and the groom doesn't have as many friends as the bride has. [Laughter] What I'm going to do today, first of all, is start with a couple what I call and said to some people in the past yarns. As a local election official I'd tell stories at times, and we'd all have stories, and we created this no yarn zone when we got close to elections because they were too time-consuming. and they kept us from getting stuff done. So, I'm going to be fast with a couple of them, but I'll pass those on.

First of all, just to talk about the work the staff did to have this meeting. And I don't see, other than the people you have here and a couple people staff back there. Henry Botchway. I don't see Robin Sargent, Shirley Hines, Bert Benavedes (phonetic), Ashley

Williams. They're all here, but if you think about, for those of you -- there's Robin and others. I think they're just wonderful. And if you can imagine doing a research paper back in college and then finding out it didn't save, and having to start it over again. That could be the equivalent of the January meeting, and then starting over again for April. And they were just wonderful. I really, especially, I know many of you have had contact with all of them. But Shirley, let me tell you a story. I cut my thumb just the day before we were traveling out, and I didn't pack scissors because I thought that might be a TSA issue, so I knew I would need them to bandage. So, Shirley got me the scissors, and then was willing to wrap, asked me if she wanted me to wrap up the wound, and I said no that's a little too much. But that shows how much Shirley was willing to go above and beyond to wrap up and just take care of everybody here at this meeting. So, please, they're all back there now. If you wouldn't mind, please. [Applause]

So number two yarn, or actually that is not really a yarn ,that's a thank you, but let me go into a yarn. When I was a local elected official I was fortunate to be part of many meetings that a lot of you have been part of by Pugh, and back in the day I guess. And when I went to those meetings, I was very impressed with whoever I bumped into at that election practice. At the time I remember Zach Markovitz, Amy Cohen, who I think is here, Sean

Greene, who is up here. Many others. There was one after another very impressive people. And that's kind of what I aspire to create as I came to the EAC and I wanted our staff to reflect. And I hope that you see that, I hope today you'll see that from the people on the stage, and I hope that also you'll realize that there's many people on the stage who actually are not here and are just as impressive working at the EAC.

And another thing, the final yard I guess. Wherever I worked seemed there's a common theme of reliability and responsiveness. I used to work at Sprint for a long time, and we wanted to be the reliability of a major carrier but responsive of a small carrier. We had different strategy and themes that you'll see throughout today, but that reliability and responsiveness is something I hope you will see from us. So, the reliability of a federal agency, and also the responsiveness of an agency or a small group, just like you, you're used to.

Election people get stuff done if we want to be nimble -- the idea being nimble means that we work on the right things. So, it's one thing to have few decision layers. Another thing to say that we want to make sure that what we're doing is the right thing for you because we really can't, with few resources, we can't afford many false moves.

When I go back in time before I was at the EAC, I have to admit we didn't use in Johnson County very many EAC resources, we just didn't. I didn't think it was relevant. I thought some of the stuff EAC did didn't speak to me. And what I want to make sure we do is not repeat that. I want to make sure we do things that speak to you. So, we can do a lot of stuff that may make us feel good, but if it's not the right result it's a waste of time. And so please don't be afraid to tell us that, and also steer us in ways that we make sure we use our resources in the right way. And so that's today what I hope you'll see some of the stuff we're working on in 2018 and get a flavor of it, but to the extent you have other thoughts please share it with us today. We run out of time, I understand and please talk with us afterwards.

So, the biggest thing kind of tying into that is this make it real button you see on the screen here and there. And last year if you might remember we made a make it real stamp and it really speaks to what I just said. That what we do, we want it to be relevant to you. So, if everything we do today I hope will reflect that. If not, again please set us straight.

Here's some of the things we've done in the past, in 2017, if you want to look at by the numbers, and it gets to an issue for us of measurement. So how do we know if we're doing a good job? Bob Sweeney who is in the back, who might wave his hand, he's in the

back, he's also been vital to this meeting. He's now tasked with this idea of segmenting the market, if you think of it that way. I come from a marketing background. And what we really need to understand is how do we reach -- who do we need to reach.

So, let's think about the common way look at needs are state and local. Maybe that's not the right way. Is it local by size? Is it local by language? Is it local by geography? Is it state? What are the commonalities? How are you similar and how are you different, and where's the sweet spot for most bang for the buck of EAC resources? It could be, my intuition says that the people who could benefit the most from EAC resources are registered voter communities of say 50 to 150,000. That is just intuition. I don't know that. Let's go farther to say a million and a half voters like Lance Gough. It could be that the EAC needs Lance Gough more than Lance Gough needs the EAC, but by sharing Lance Gough's best practices smaller communities are empowered and see what Lance is doing and therefore we can come up with new ideas.

One thing about all of this, beyond the segmentation, is we want new ideas. It makes a lot more sense for us to be able to share your best practices than to try and identify what we think are best practices. The one thing that we really have sought out to do is get more people involved. We would like to have fresh faces, so when you come to our website you see our webisodes, you see

other material's we do, the more new faces we can have, the more influence you have over some snappy election administrator that maybe we don't know about, getting that person visibility, we'd like that.

But this right now gives you an idea of the stuff we have done this past year by the numbers because we don't know any other way to measure right now other than just volume. But that's what we're going to try to figure out, is what's the right way to measure what we're doing, what's the best way.

We've done all these things in the last year, I guess, or last even in the beginning of this year, and started off the year with a summit. I think many of these photos are things we picked up earlier part of the year which was very very successful. We brought together a lot of you, a lot of others in the community to discuss major issues including cybersecurity. And I think it was really impactful. I saw a lot of tweets. I think we were trending on Twitter. I don't know that the EAC has ever trended on Twitter before, but we were for a few hours, we were in the top 10. It was a big event. That was a great way to kick off this year.

I'm going to now hand it off to Sean Greene who is going to talk about EAVS and then the whole panel here is going to go on down the path and introduce one after the other from there. Is that the plan?

MR. GREENE:

Yeah, no. Can you pass the clicker down? I think we're just going to --

MR. NEWBY:

Oh, okay.

MR. GREENE:

Good morning everyone. Again, I'm Sean Greene. I'm the Director of Research at the EAC, and I'm going to talk a bit about our election administration and voting survey, which I assume many of you are very familiar with, and hopefully like it's not that huge of a pain for you. But we're going to talk about how we're going to make it better and it more useful and impactful for you. What we've been doing and what we'll be doing in the future. Had a really good conversation as Mark mentioned with the EAVS community this morning. We've got some good plans going forward there as well.

So just -- most of you know what the EAVS is, but generally speaking every two years we come to you, all states and territories, and just ask a bunch of questions and six different sections. Hundreds of different questions about all sorts of election data points. What's really good about this survey is it's gotten better over time. The data has gotten more accurate, and we're asking we think some really important questions. And what's great about this every time we do it, it's gaining power over time. Every time we

get a good iteration of good data we can look to the past and start comparing even more and more. Which allows us and you to do things saying what are other states doing, how do policy choices impact what we're doing. Sometimes that's very clearly reflected in the data. And that's where we think the EAVS has its power.

As Brian mentioned, our goal has been, throughout the agency and specifically on EAVS is trying to make the EAVS more impactful and relevant to you, especially to you, but to voters and others as well. We know you take a lot of work to provide this data. This data is really important. So, we're trying to do a couple of things.

One is each time around we know it's a challenge to complete this survey. We're trying to think of ways to make it easier. And we're also trying to think of ways to, what Mark mentioned this morning at section A working group, thinking of ways to potentially even get better and more relevant data.

So other things that we're doing to make the EAVS more impactful. I hope some of you have seen -- you can go to our website EAC.gov. We've got a series what we call deep dives. Where we take a specific issue or data point in the EAVS, and since its release last year we've issued several about voter registration, about early and absentee voting, about poll workers and polling places. Diving into those sections of data and trying to

provide both a national, state and even some local variation and show why this data can be useful, what it tells us in more detail.

Right now, we're in the next week or so going to release our next deep dive on election technology. That's that huge section F which asks a whole bunch of questions about voting technology, which is a little messy, but we're really going to try to pull out this theme of not just voting machines, but how election technology has shifted over the years and the impact on elections. So, online voter registration, E poll books, changing technology.

So, we hope those are useful for you and the field as well. We'll be doing one more deep dive. Clearly, we're already getting close to the next iteration of the EAVS, so looking back to 2016 is still helpful but we'll start looking forward. The next deep dive is going to be about provisional ballots and going in more depth as to why they're issued, why they're rejected. And we hope to continue that in the future with next iterations of EAVS.

We also, what was -- two of the big changes for 2016, which are really part of our goal to make this more impactful. If you go to our website, we have fact sheets for all the states and territories. So, we have a one-page fact sheet you can use and print out which gives you high-level data from the EAVS, voter registration turnout, how people voted by mode, by mail, by early. You'll have the data.

Just really quick one pagers that show some nice visuals of what's happening in your state.

And then secondly, which was a really fun and sort of a bigger lift for us, was we rolled out for the first time our data interactive. If you go to our website you go to the research page you can find this interactive which we built using public tableau which maybe some of you all use which is a great tool. And put every single EAVS data point into a visualization. And I think the most powerful part of it, you can look at the state level. You can look at the county level. What we really like and what we've heard good feedback on, is there's essentially a comparison section where you can actually find what we say -- find your sister jurisdiction. So, you can pick your jurisdiction, you know how many registered voters you have, and you can say I want to find other jurisdictions in my state or in other states that have the same number of registered voters and see how they issue provisional ballots, or something along those lines. It allows you to see what other similarly situated jurisdictions are doing.

We hope in the future to enhance that tool, to build that out. We're always looking for feedback on how to make that better, but again this is part of our goal. You give us all this great data. We want to turn it around for you to make it useful for you when you need to share and have data discussions with whomever.

So, moving forward, as I said, we'll have more deep dives in the future. We do have -- we had some small but important changes coming in the 2018 survey. Nothing major. Nothing that's going to involve changing programming and how you respond. But things that to some degree were influenced by -- some of you may know about the section B working group, which was formed by council of state governments and FPAP, a few years ago, which helped us make some good changes to section B, and we applied some of those principles. Some of what that was is cleaning up language and clarifying language.

Another thing we did with the survey this year, you may in the past we had a separate document that involved the instructions. We now have the instructions inside the survey itself, just to make that a little more smooth. So, some small changes like that.

There also has been discussion about -- we've heard from a number of states that can we administer the survey online. We are -- it's something we've thought about. It's something for those who don't know when we do the EAVS, we work with a contractor to do that work. The previous contractor gave us a report discussing what would be some possibilities about how you can go about doing an online instrument. So, it is something we're entertaining. It may not happen for 2018. We're hopeful it would happen by 2020. And part of that goal is that we really will hope it will both

make it easier for states who can, and locals to respond that way. And also, on our end, it will actually just make the back end of managing data a lot easier too. But again, we'll sort of keep you updated.

The other update that's happening right now, just so you all know, and I gave this update at the committee meeting this morning is that we do work with a contractor to do the EAVS. That contract has generally been every two years, so right now as we speak the contract is out for bid and we will likely have -- the hope is to have a contract signed and someone ready to go by June. And after that, they will hit the ground running like last time, and we will start reaching out to established points of contact for EAVS and be ready to go. Because clearly the election is coming.

So, as Mark already mentioned I think, thinking beyond that, thinking 2020, 2022, 2024, you know one of the things we've talked about for a little while is the section B working group worked really well and we also know that section A is just a big chunk of the survey too, the voter registration section. And we really thought it would be good to sort of give it that same treatment. Just to really comb over it in detail and revisit it.

As Nikki Charlson pointed out this morning in our meeting, a lot has changed since the survey began in 2004. A lot has changed with how people and how states and locals administer

voter registration. So, you want to think about are we asking the right questions? Can we improve the questions that we have? What are we missing? So, we will keep you up to date. We're going to work with the EAVS committee, how we can make that happen. How we can actually think, and again this is probably a pretty long timeline. This is probably not for 2020. Probably more for 2022 and beyond, because we know when we make significant changes to the survey there's on your end there's a lot of changes you have to make in how you respond to that survey. So, we're aware of that and we're definitely going to keep you -- we definitely would love to have feedback on your thoughts on that. Somewhere down the line potentially the idea of revisiting the entire survey.

But again, on our end, when we change the survey, it takes some significant effort, and we know on your end when we change the survey that has repercussions in your offices. But we're excited to be engaged with the EAVS committee and excited to be moving forward. The next EAVS is coming soon. So that is it on EAVS.

Before I pass it on, I am going to pass it on to David to talk a bit about the clearinghouse and just, by the way, what we'll do is we'll all present and then we'll save questions from you all to the end on anything that we talk about. Most of you -- some of you know this, but on a personal note, I will be leaving the EAC in June for the very fun reason that my wife got a job in Italy and that's

where I'll be moving. So, that's pretty fun for me. [Laughter]. But just so you know all is in good hands. In that time period of changeover, David is going to be your contact for EAVS and for clearinghouse, and is really excited and super capable and looking forward to doing this. So, thank you. I will now pass the clicker down to David.

MR. KUENNEN:

Good morning everybody. My name is David Kuennen. I work on the research and clearinghouse projects at the EAC. I'm glad these microphones are connected, because I thought Sean might drop it. At his last Standards Board meeting -- maybe we can gavel him out, or find some way to thank him for his service when this panel is over.

So, I'm going to share with you today some of our recent clearinghouse activities and much of what we have until store for 2018. We use the term clearinghouse to describe a wide span of our activities and projects. The clearinghouse functions and serves to collect members of the election administration field to one another, to share knowledge and experience, and we create new products in-house. Clearinghouse products in-house, using input from you all and other experts in the field and EAC research.

So, the clearinghouse activities range from large scale convenings of election officials to smaller scale efforts like blog

posts and white papers. The image on your screen here is from Colorado's risk limiting audit last year as an example of some of the things we do. We highlighted this experience through social media, blog posts from our commissioners and a guest blog post and white paper from Dwight Shellman and Jennifer Morele (phonetic) from Colorado.

The first effort I want to share with you this morning is some updates we're making to the voter information and registration page on our website. This winter we put a decent amount of thought and effort into how we could improve voter facing information on this page. Our website gets a lot of traffic from individuals looking for information on how to register to vote, or update their registration. We want to make sure we give this to them, we give them the right information and send them in the right direction, and do it in a user-friendly way.

So, the first phase of this was to create a calendar of federal election days for 2018. You'll see that on the screen. And a user-friendly map tool that will direct the visitors to basic information about voter registration and those dates. The information provided at this stage includes federal election dates and voter registration deadlines as well as links to election and voter registration pages for all the fifty states.

Also, in this phase of the effort we began collecting analytics on links, the links that are on this page, so we could get a sense of how many people we're sending your direction. Since we began collecting the data in March, we send between 600 to 1200 unique visitors each week to the state election voter registration pages. I get this analytics report in my in-box every Monday morning and it makes me feel really happy. I get teased by my colleagues up here for my exuberance, but I love that we are serving you in this way, however marginal it is.

And now we have just begun the second phase of this effort, which is to update this page to include more information and visualization of voter facing information. The first thing that we've added to this is information on online voter registration. So, we can show some of the policy and practice variance between the states with a visualization of the map. As the year continues, we will add to this, likely other voter facing information like modes of voting, early by mail, et cetera, and then as a general election gets closer we'll probably add polling hours and other things that we think will be helpful for voters. But the main goal to give basic information and send people to you.

The second activity I want to share with you is our annual clearinghouse awards, affectionately known as the CLEARIES. This happened in 2017. I think this was the third time we did it or

the second time. That was the second time, so 2018 will be the third. We had three categories in 2017, outstanding innovation in election administration, improving accessibility for voters with disabilities, and best practices for recruiting, training and retaining election workers. The judges selected winners from across the country including – and I wanted to recognize them here a little bit today, including Denver County, Colorado, Indian River, Florida, Indian River County, Florida, Pierce County, in my home state of Washington. The Washington Secretary of State's Office, El Paso County, Colorado. We also awarded two disability rights organizations who partnered with Colin County, Texas. We also recognize Minneapolis, Minnesota and Port Huron Township in Michigan.

And then – so let me offer congratulations to these folks, and also send a big thank you to the five members of the EAC Standards Board who served as judges for the CLEARIES. That was Lynn Bailey from Georgia, Michelle Tassinari from Massachusetts, Justus Wendland from Nevada, Kristin Gabriel from South Dakota, and Nikki Charlson from Maryland.

So we'll continue this in 2018, and we'll be reaching out to those of you on the standards board and the particularly the clearinghouse committee, looking for ideas for categories for 2018

as well as we're always looking for folks who are willing to serve as judges.

Beyond the CLEARIES, we highlight and share good practices in a number of additional ways. Notably this summer we're going to organize two events for election officials. First is on July 12th. It will be another iteration of our data summit. This will be co-hosted with the Pennsylvania Department of State and be held in Philadelphia in connection with the NAS and NASV meetings that are held there. This event will offer a platform for state and local election officials from Pennsylvania and around the country to share information on how they use data to improve election processes in their jurisdiction.

And second, we'll be hosting another iteration of our language summit on July 27th. This will be co-hosted with Democracy Fund Voice and will be held in the Washington D.C. area. This is very similar to previous years, and we're hoping to help election officials share information on how to better serve their voters with limited English proficiency. So please be in touch with Sean and myself if you would like more information about these events. Particularly if you have experiences in your jurisdiction that you would like to share, and potentially we can get you on a panel or in attendance.

We also use our website in many ways, and my colleagues Natalie and Brenda will share a little bit more about this, but one of the ways we've been doing this recently is through a blog series. Question and answer style blog series. We did it recently on the issue of recounts in the aftermath of the 2017 elections while it was still fresh in voters' minds. We lifted up the experiences from six different local and state elected officials. A few of you are in this room. Thank you, Gary. And we use this same style of blog series earlier in the year, or last year on the issue of list maintenance. It's something we call Maintenance Mondays. Natalie will share another example of this momentarily.

Accessibility for voters with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency continues to be a big focus of the clearinghouse effort, and of course is a founding principal of the Help America Vote Act. We had commissioners and EAC staff regularly participating in accessibility focused events and contributing to the discussion on these issues. Last fall, a commissioner and some of our staff members went to my hometown of Spokane Washington. Go Zags. Organized by the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living. This summer we expect to participate in a conference organized by the National Disability Rights Network in Baltimore in June. And regarding language access, I talked to you earlier about the language summit that we'll be cohosting with

Democracy Fund Voice. And we also intend to develop a resource, maybe not a one-pager, but a two-pager or three-pager on how election offices can serve voters with limited English proficiency and stay in compliance with Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act.

And finally, I wanted to lift up once again the work of the USPS, the Standards Board USPS committee and especially Sally. You and your efforts on this have been very, very helpful and it shows the kind of results we can get with a committed Standards Board committee.

We have updated our website. Votebymail.gov will take you to a page where all of our resources on voting by mail and working with the US Postal Service are included, and this very helpful one pager is on that page. Thank you again.

I'll just close just echoing something Commissioner McCormick said on Wednesday and Brian said in his introductory remarks tonight. We want to hear from you. Clearinghouse is our opportunity to be creative. I get a lot of energy from discussions with you all. It was really nice talking with the clearinghouse committee and the EAVS committee this morning. I'm getting hokey again. I just love getting – we've got some creative capacity on this stage, but really our work is best when the ideas come from you. And we want to hear from you. and I love this part of my job I can't believe it's my job to do this. So, give us your ideas, and

hopefully we can come up with some great opportunities to serve voters in 2018 and beyond.

MS. LONGWELL:

All right. Thank you. For those of you that I've not met in person, my name is Natalie Longwell and I'm on the public affairs team at the Elections Assistance Commission. We're going to jump now to the website, some of the resources the EAC has developed and the growth we've seen in our online engagement and following as a result.

So, one of the biggest factors to this growth is highlighting your stories and elevating the wisdom and experience in this room as we've done with Q and A blogs such as the women in elections series which Brenda will talk more about later. Our goal for 2018 and beyond is to update and professionalize and create a common look and feel to our products.

There's been a great deal of reevaluating materials. Long-time products such as the EAVS which is a cornerstone of the EAC's work are being reimaged, and leading to more interactive tools and briefs which mine the data present in this survey to make it more relevant and impactful for election officials and other election stakeholders. The more personalized and specific our resources are, the more likely election officials such as you are to

reference and return to these products as you refine your systems and your processes.

So, we're also asking what new materials we can create that election offices and the voters they serve can benefit from. There is a lot that we have already seen, such as the EAVS data interactive and more to come. And in 2018, what you can expect are more materials from the EAC to help you prepare for the increasing demands of administering elections.

One of the ways the EAC plans to do this is by convening leaders and election administration, and giving them a platform to share best practices and lessons learned. We'll do it through the CLEARIE awards, online campaigns and meetings and summits such as this one. There's a lot that can be learned from the shared wisdom of the election community, and in 2018 one of our primary goals will be to continue to promote those voices as election officials prepare for the 2018 federal election and beyond.

So, our call to you as Brian has said, David has said, is to give us your feedback. What would you like to see from us, and how can we make our products more accessible and relevant to your work. We want to hear from you and we will use that feedback to create better resources.

MS. SODER:

Good morning. For those of you who I have not yet had the chance to meet, I'm Brenda Soder. I am the Director of Communications and Public Affairs, and I thank all of you for patience yesterday during our photo. It's back!

So earlier this year Brad and I worked together to reboot the Standards Board newsletter. This is a tool that he will use, and we will work with him to use to communicate with all of you. So, there's a lot of great information as you have heard coming out of the EAC and coming out from your committees and from the community. We want to use this as a vehicle not only to share important internal standards board-related information, but also resources and links to upcoming events and things that we want to highlight for you so that you can really stay on top of what we're doing and we can highlight the great things that you are doing as well.

So, I'm looking forward to working on that with you. My coeditor up here. So that was a lot of fun, and if you have suggestions for things you'd like to see in that resource, please feel free to pass those along so we can make sure that it reflects what you are hoping to get.

So, before I dive into this a little bit I also want to -- back home in DC, holding down the fort, we have Simona, who many of you met last year, who is webmaster and social media guru. And a

lot of the growth you saw earlier is in big part thanks to her as well and to all of you for your contributions to that. I will talk a little bit about that, but I wanted to also mention her and Natalie, who is our new addition this year. So, stay tuned, who knows who we will have next year. I'm just kidding.

So, as Brian mentioned yesterday -- and you watched the security video, this is the kind of resource that we think we sort of heard folks are interested in. When you go out in your communities, and you have to talk about some of these difficult issues you're facing now, and sometimes it's hard for folks to wrap their head around and they don't really know all of the intricacies behind what you do, we want to make that as easy for you to talk about as possible.

So, the security video is just one example of the kind of resource we're hoping to provide. It is something that we want you to tailor when you go out into the world. So, some of you have already said can I use just part of it? Sure. I don't care. That's fine. This is really something for you. It will be accompanied by, as you go on the website, you'll see a presenter's guide that just provides some helpful talking points and things that you might want to think about and a pamphlet as well that you'll be able to leave as a leave-behind that you can share with your community. And security is a big issue. This is just one example of us trying to

make it more accessible for everybody as we all try and get on the same page.

So, I think that that's going to be the kind of thing you'll see more of in the coming year. We're looking for additional topics. We'd love your feedback on that. Things that you'd like us to help you boil down.

Natalie mentioned our women in election series. This is something that was really fun we worked on with Commissioner McCormick. We highlighted in March women from across the elections community. So, these are some familiar faces to you. We have found, and I warned you last year when I spoke, that when we really tap into this community and ask you to help us tell the stories of elections and what's working and what's good and all the things that voters need to know, that is the content for us that is the best performing content, because it is so personal and it's interesting and it's not just us talking at people. It's really the interaction of the community, and I think the social media numbers you saw earlier over 200% growth in some fields. That's a real testament to the conversation that we are facilitating here. We are not talking at you. We are talking with you now. And I think that's a really important development, and something we really want to continue. This women in elections series was a top performer so far this year. Really done well.

We have -- right now we're highlighting poll workers, so we're asking you, if you are following us on Twitter, to help us celebrate your poll workers. You'll notice that some of these campaigns, list maintenance is an example of this, they follow -- it's something we've worked with Brian on, election administrators, which I'm not. But to help us really follow that calendar of what you're working on, and so that our materials that are coming out are synced up with the things that you're thinking about at any given time. It's really important to us, and if there are things or ideas you have that you like to see us highlight moving forward, always open to those ideas.

The website is now over a year old. We launched it and I think it's also been sort of transformational in the sense that it's a little easier to find things. We still have a lot of content and we're still trying to refine how you find the content you need faster, quicker, and all that good stuff. But we're really proud of it. And this section we just launched of course when the new funding was announced. You'll see at the top of that home page, there's now a payments and grants button you can go straight to. This will take you to all that information Mark talked about yesterday. So, the information about how you apply for the money, what you need to know, the frequently asked questions, how much each state has been awarded. All of those questions can be answered sort of on

that one stop shop page. Again, this is indicative of sort of as easy as we can make it for folks. And we're really trying to drive you off the home page to the exact content you're looking for at any given moment.

Also reflective in that approach is we've added sliders to the home page, which we did not have in the old version of the website. So, when you go to the website at any given day it may look different up top. So those sliders are what we call key content. There's usually three to four, and right now I think they lead to this meeting, to the HAVA funding, some of our new resources that have come out. So that's really your place to look right away if there's something you think is breaking or that you know we have coming out. That's your best bet for fast interaction with the website.

So again, if you have anything you want to see on the website, anything feedback, that kind of thing. Now that we're a year in, we're really looking to fine tune it. So, we're open to that and would welcome that.

Just wanted to give you briefly, because I know the best thing I can give you is your time today. But briefly I just wanted to talk a little bit about sort of how we're looking at our communications work. The thematic approach that I just talked about is really instrumental, and that's driving our interactions with

research, its driving our interaction with you, our social content, thinking about where election officials are at any given moment and what they might need is the approach that we're taking. We hope you've enjoyed that. If you have ideas for us, let me know.

You're going to hear probably a little bit more from -- Mark and Brian previewed this -- but the segmentation of the market. This is a pretty sophisticated thing to do as you may or may not know, and it takes some time to get it right and to figure out what we want to do. But we're super excited to be able to provide resources that make it easier for you to find the content that speaks directly to your voting jurisdiction, your needs, what you are trying to do, and to create materials that you can use that are more ready for your specific type of jurisdiction. So, we're really excited about that project. I'm hoping to engage some of you as we get down the road on how you consume your information. For me that's very important. So, anecdotes but also maybe I'll be asking many of you at one time or another to sort of tell me. I love to hear how people get our stuff. So are you finding it on Twitter, are you coming to the home page how are you getting our information. That's super important for us to know and really looking forward to working with you on that.

Our targeted public outreach continues. Earned media, social media, all of those efforts support what we're trying to do at

any given time. So, you should be looking for additional opinion placements and press releases and things highlighting the great work of all of our programs including testing certification, research. We really try and amplify all of that. And as I mentioned last year, if you need assistance, whether it's a quick phone call that you want to just run something by a communications person, or you're looking for some advice or you want us to come out and help you out a little bit, that's still an available option and we're happy to do it. One of my favorite things is interacting with all of you so we hope to do it more in the year ahead. Thank you so much for your support and your feedback.

MR. LISTES:

Good morning. My name is Mark Listes, and I am the EACs Director of Policy. What that means is that I wear a number of hats, and today I want to talk about one of the hats that I wear, the long-term planning hat.

I have one very simple message, and it's one I'll be the 5th person to say, and that is that we want to hear from you. We want to hear from you. I'm trying to make it as easy as possible, and that's my email and phone number.

How we get to that -- in February the EAC published its four-year strategic plan. And part of that plan, and the plan is available on our website on EAC.gov, and part of that plan calls for a new

annual strategic planning cycle. And what that means is that every year we're going to be looking at how we did last year and how we can do it better the next year, and how we can meet your needs better next year.

As we do that, we want to hear from you. The only way that we can really meet your needs is when we know what your needs are. And what we're doing that's working and what we are doing that is not working. I invite you to please check out our strategic plan us online and give us your feedback. Call us and email anybody on the stage you know and talk to the commissioners. They're great resources. And let us know how we're doing and how we can do it better. That's it. My quick message.

MR. NEWBY:

So, I'm going to do two yarns. One yarn and then questions and then a final yarn. But the one yarn is about a year ago, maybe a little longer, I was at an Apple store in Bethesda, and just kind of looking around. All of a sudden, they said attention everybody we have an employee who it's her last day and we have a tradition we clap them in and clap them out. It was very emotional watching this, and I thought that's very cool. So, we started doing it at the EAC. As we have new employees we clap them in, and we're not going to let Sean get off the stage here -- so we're not going

actually going to clap him out, but please join me in clapping for Sean Greene. [Applause] So, for now, then questions. Yes, Greg.

MR. RIDDLEMOSER:

Thank you, sir. For Brenda and Natalie. The cooler your stuff is the more site visits you get because people like to go to cool and informative places. As a retired military guy who spent a lot of time with the military voting community, because all of us are, I have a challenge for you that you don't link to places that provide inaccurate information.

Now, that doesn't mean that I'm asking you to take over the job of FVAP, but if you're going to provide things, think about that if you will, because you will link to other folks and it's not your responsibility necessarily to make sure their stuff is accurate. But let me say this about that.

The clicking public doesn't understand that you guys have a federal charter. They don't understand that FVAP has a federal charter, so when FVAP is only accurate for 180 days every two years because they only need to be ready for, quote/unquote, federal elections, that means they're inaccurate the other two, almost two years. And that has always aggravated me, because as a military guy who wants to find out how to vote in Florida, the information is only current for, quote/unquote, federal elections. Now any guy in the military can go to their state's election page, if

you know what I mean, but because you are creating this cool space where people can get informative answers, there's going to be some responsibility on you to provide information that's outside your federal charter, such as you have a list of 2018 federal elections, but that's not what I'm looking for, if you know what I mean.

MS SODER:

Sure. The federal government is nothing but cool, obviously. We pride ourselves on our level of coolness. No, it's a great point. Absolutely. I think by federal standards, certainly I think we have a pretty conservative world view on what we do link to.

We are very careful because you can't get it wrong when you're talking about someone's fundamental right to vote. But I think that we are, it's a great reminder to us, especially because sites get stale, sites get stagnate and the maintenance that we have to do on the links that we have do actually do, it's a great reminder for us and I appreciate the feedback. We're for sure we work very closely with FVAP.

We have their strategic communication plan for the year, so we're able to time our information going out with their information going out and amplify their voice and vice-versa. But you're right, there are people just like the IRS ramps up between January and April. There are government agencies that do the same thing, so

we'll be cognizant of that moving forward and remain the coolest kids on the block however.

MR. NEWBY:

Any other questions? Yes?

MS. WESTFALL:

Brittany Westfall, West Virginia. I have a question about the EAVS survey. It sounds like there's going to be some new questions coming up. And one of the reasons that we've been able to have better data from our local jurisdictions is I prepare them before the general, based on the older survey. So, as I prepare them, when will I know what the new questions will be on the EAVS survey?

MR. GREENE:

Great. Thank you, Brittany. For the 2018 survey, there's actually no new questions. So, there's some formatting and language change, but the actual questions themselves there's nothing, there's nothing new. So, the section B for the folks who filled out the UOCAVA, you know per the recommendation, some of those questions were still on the 2016 survey but were grayed out. Those will now be removed you don't have to answer. There's no new questions this time around. As I said, the changes are about tweaking some language in the instructions, so clarifying some language, but not actually new questions.

But per the discussion, we think down the road there likely could be new questions. That would more be 2020, 2022, and to your point Brittany, and Gary mentioned this morning too, we'd want to give you a lot of prep time for that, knowing that some of those questions like the voter registration questions involve the whole cycle. So, you're sort of collecting data the whole time, and we know that means you're actually -- that data you have to think about that really sort of two years ahead of time.

So, yeah, the 2018 survey it's not like there's new questions. We hope it's clear and it's going to be a little shorter because some of those UOCAVA questions will be removed but so that's the short term. Then the long-term you're right. We're very aware and it's good to hear the feedback. We know you are going to need some lead time if we make significant changes of adding questions, and that you have to prepare for how you do your queries and your system. However you respond, that you need time to plan that or talk to your vendors about how they do all that programming. But it's a great reminder.

MR. NEWBY:

Anybody have -- back to Greg's question, it's a little different, but one of the things we've been kind of working through with the EAC, is those who might want to have us link from our website, post materials on our website, and keeping in mind we're a federal

government. So, we're trying to figure out, I guess the right rules of engagement for that. Do any of you have opinions about that? Is that -- just curious. We're trying to figure out exactly a policy related to that. You're kind of giving that same (inaudible) that we have. We're trying to think through, exactly what organization, should we put a little disclaimer, this is not a nonfederal government. That kind of thing. I just wanted to ask. Any other questions? Any questions? Veronica?

MS. DEGRAFFENREID:

Veronica DeGraffenreid. North Carolina. I don't have a question, but I do want to comment. I don't know if anyone gave you this compliment from yesterday, but the video that was displayed was absolutely excellent, and I think you did a good job of that video could be shown in any jurisdiction, and then we can enhance beyond that. So, continue that type of great cool tools that you made available. So just wanted to give you guys that compliment. I did enjoy that.

MR. NEWBY:

Thank you.

MR. DEZMELYK:

(Inaudible)

MR. NEWBY:

So, the question if you hadn't heard it you know we might could have different versions? We sort of anticipated that, so we thought we might -- even though we kind of made it in a generic way, we might want to make a generic version B. Like cutting out certain things. We won't have the bandwidth I guess to make too many versions, so that's why we thought maybe making a different kind. So, it might be good to follow up with you and others if you have some concern. If we might be able to make a version B that might be abridged, especially if we can just cut out a little thing with that simple matter of editing, we might be able to make it, so it could be used so we'll be glad to try that.

MS. WILLIAMS:

I have a follow-up on that. Brenda, I thought you mentioned that we might be able to get a copy of it or use it. We have some developers that develop videos, and I would love to use a huge chunk of it. We have a couple of anomalies as well. If we could get it to you and use it. We can talk later.

MS SODER:

I'm happy to work with any jurisdiction. We've had a couple already that are in similar boats. We don't have this, we don't have that. Part of the materials that we provide to go along with it, as

you can imagine, it's sort of hard to, with all the jurisdictions in the states to figure out a video that worked for most.

It's sort of that follow-up, too, this is a video for -- this is sort of a holistic approach, and here is what applies to our state to some extent that may be at least until we get new versions, a way to be able to still use the cool parts that you want to use. But yes, I'm happy to work with you and get you filed. We've had that discussion with others. Folks say can I do this or that? I think it's you know great I think as long as it works for you. That's what we want.

MR. NEWBY:

So yesterday you saw Mark Abbott, you saw Brian Hancock and Ryan Macias. You've seen Cliff of course though. You've seen a good size group besides the ones I've introduced of our office. I think everybody who has come to the EAC, or everybody at the EAC staff, I guess is the best way to say it. There's a risk to them in coming. The people who were there a couple years ago was there, when the EAC was reformed, if you want to look at it that way. Conventional wisdom might say. Sorry, Jerome Lovato is in the back. Sorry, I missed Jerome. You might say they were there because they couldn't go anywhere else, and that would be very untrue. Those were the most dedicated people. They were really committed to the mission of the EAC. And people who came

to the EAC, well they read the headlines. They read the papers. I joked, but the day Brenda started, the weekend she was starting on Monday the same day there's the front-page headline -- at least in some circles was about a bill that was going to be introduced to eliminate the EAC. So, I imagine how that had to be, driving into work the first day.

And everybody up here was wooed. Everybody, Jerome as well. All the people that have been hired in the last couple of years have been handpicked and sought after, and I recall back, and this gets to the other yarn. I go back to when I first started in Johnson County. The very first day, I had someone who worked there said will you fight for us. And I'm not sure how good we are at fighting, but we'll fight for you. And everything starts with a voter. You're the voice of voters, and we're your voice. So, if we're not your voice -- if there's a way we could be your voice in Washington please let us know. And if not -- if there's any other questions, no other questions, I'd like to say thank you for listening to us, and we'll pass it back to the chair of the Standards Board.

CHAIRMAN KING:

Well thanks again to our EAC panelists for presenting valuable information to all of us, for our work during the years ahead. I was reminded during this that Indiana and two other states have primaries coming up on May 8th. And so it's become

real, like the velveteen rabbit. It eventually becomes real, and we'll appreciate the help that the EAC can provide to each and every one of us in carrying out the duties leading up to November.

We have some announcements and some other procedures to undertake at this time. As a housekeeping measure, I want to mention that a member has misplaced her binder, and very good, if you would come up after and pick it up.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to officially welcome two new members of the board. We have certificates prepared. So, I will ask them to come up. Secretary Mark Martin, and Deanne Buckhouse. [Applause].

Those who have previously attended meetings at the Standards Board will recall that at some point shortly after this meeting you'll receive an email from EAC staff concerning post meeting documentation. So be prepared to receive that, and provide the information requested. I don't know if there are any other announcements from EAC staff that they'd need to convey to the membership at this time. No? Very good.

Let me ask if there is any further business to come before the Standards Board at this time. Seeing none, I will recognize secretary Martin for a motion to adjourn and then recognize Greg Riddlemoser for a second to that motion. Secretary Martin

MR. MARTIN:

I'd like to make a motion to adjourn.

CHAIRMAN KING:

Thank you. And a second?

MR. RIDDLEMOSER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KING:

Very good. All those in favor of the motion to adjourn, signify by saying aye. Opposed, no. The ayes have it. This meeting is adjourned. [Meeting adjourned].