

5th Annual
Conference
on
State Certification of Voting
Systems

Seattle, Washington
May 19, 2015

Welcome

Program Steering Committee

Made up of previous years' local committee members

- Lori Augino
- Jerome Lovato
- Jay Bagga, Joe Losco, Ray Scheele
- Brian Hancock, Merle King



Opening and Closing

- Charge to the Conference
 - Principles, expectations, guidelines
 - Participation and Lightning Talks
- Closing of the conference
 - Reflections
 - Affirmation or change of guidelines
 - Considerations for next year's conference



Conference Principles

- To provide a venue and framework for the sharing of issues, methods, strategies, experiences and best practices in the testing and certification of voting and election systems
- To promote the free and unrestricted exchange of information among participants. This includes networking and the development of formal and informal lines of communication among participants
- To encourage all participants to engage and share information. There is an expectation that all attendees will come prepared to make presentations, serve on panels, or in some other way, share their work, insight and experiences



Conference Principles (cont.)

- To mentor, coach and provide encouragement to new comers to election administration and the discipline of testing and certification
- To encourage participants to explore new partnerships with colleagues and academic researchers to advance the body of knowledge of the discipline of testing voting and election systems
- To encourage the production of work product related to testing and certification of voting systems - papers, presentations, white papers, etc. Conference proceedings will be archived and disseminated within the testing and certification community and made available to the public via the web



Conference Principles (cont.)

- The conference does not have a conference fee and will avoid economic barriers to participation as well as the need to pursue economic sponsors
- The organization and facilitation of the conference is done by conference attendees
- Attendance of the conference is limited to those individuals who are 1) engaged in the testing of voting and election systems or utilize the work products of testing to inform certification decisions, 2) conduct research that contributes to the body of knowledge of the discipline



Considerations for Closing

- Location for next year's conference
- Location for 2017 and 2018?
- Possible changes to conference format
 - Waive paper/presentation for first-year attendees
 - Length of conference (2 days? 2.5 days?)
 - Concurrent sessions (permit more presentations in same time frame)
 - Juried presentations
 - Still accept all publications and publish in proceedings
 - Presentation time slots for those selected by jury
 - Continuing education?
 - Other improvements to the conference?



Proceedings

Send presentations to Jay Bagga at
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<http://bowencenterforpublicaffairs.org/institutes/policy-research/election-admin/conference/seattle-conference-2015>

