

Announcement, Meeting of the IEEE Standards Working Group P-1622 on Voting Systems Electronic Data Interchange

October 24-25, 2011

Location: Building 222, Room A314, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg MD

IEEE Standards Working Group P-1622 on Voting Systems Electronic Data Interchange will hold a two-day meeting in Gaithersburg MD, beginning October 24th at 9 AM until mid-afternoon on October 25th. The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Gaithersburg MD, Building 222, Room A314. The agenda for the meeting can be viewed at http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/1622/p1622_upcoming_meetings.html.

The purpose of the meeting is twofold: to present an overview and in-depth tutorial on the P-1622 draft Standard on Blank Ballot Distribution for Voting Systems, and to discuss next use cases proposed for development and to examine the aspects of OASIS Election Markup Language (EML) corresponding to these use cases. Other P-1622 working group business will be conducted at the meeting as well.

Manufacturers of election equipment and election officials are especially urged to attend this meeting, as their input is vital to the standardization process. The tutorial on the draft Standard on Blank Ballot Distribution for Voting Systems will be of interest to those manufacturers and U.S. States supporting the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) and the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act. The meeting will be of interest in general to those wishing to better understand the importance of a common data format for election systems and how to assist with this standardization effort.

If you have further questions regarding meeting details, please contact John Wack, 301-975-3411, john.wack@nist.gov or Arthur Keller, 831-459-1485, ark@soe.ucsc.edu. There are security restrictions to the NIST campus, therefore please register in advance by emailing John Wack (john.wack@nist.gov).

Agenda Monday, October 24 – P-1622 EML Tutorial

9 AM – Opening and Welcome

- a. Arthur Keller, P-1622 chair
- b. Mary Brady, NIST
- c. John Wack, NIST

9:30 – Introduction and P-1622 Status – Arthur Keller, P-1622 chair

- a. Discussion of IEEE PAR process
- b. Status of draft standard for blank ballot distribution
- c. Other IEEE P-1622 business

10:15 – Break

10:30 – Overview of Draft Standard for Blank Ballot Distribution – John Wack, NIST

12:00 – Lunch (on your own)

1:15 – Tutorial on EML Schemas for Draft Standard for Blank Ballot Distribution – David Webber, Oracle

3:15 – Break

3:30 – Tutorial (continued)

4:30 – Wrap up and closing business for Day One – Arthur Keller, P-1622 chair

4:45 – Adjourn

Dinner (on your own, possibly meet at local restaurants)

Agenda Tuesday, October 25 – Discussions on CDF Issues for Next P-1622 Use Cases

9 AM – Opening – John Wack, NIST

9:15 – Discussion of CDF for election reporting – Paul Stenbjorn, Executive Director/CTO, DC Board of Elections and Ethics

10:15 – Break

10:30 – Discussion of CDF issues related to the States Voter Registration Modernization project – John Lindback, Senior Officer, VRM, PEW Center on the States

11:30 – Discussion of event logging CDF issues and schema development – Carmelo Montanez-Rivera, NIST

12:00 - Discussion on Audit Use Case issues – Neal McBurnett, Colorado

12:45 – Wrap up and closing business for Day Two – Arthur Keller, P-1622 chair

1:00 – Adjourn