

Commissioner Christy McCormick:



Christy McCormick was nominated by President Barack H. Obama and confirmed by unanimous consent of the United States Senate on December 16, 2014 to serve on the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC). She was quickly elected by her fellow Commissioners as Chairwoman of the reconstituted Commission for the 2015-2016 term. As the agency's first chairperson in four years, she re-established the operation of the Commission itself, as well as the Commission's three advisory boards: the EAC Standards Board, Board of Advisors, and Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC). Chairwoman McCormick executed a new management policy, secured a long-overdue update to the Voluntary Voting Systems Guidelines (VVSG), obtained the accreditation of a new Voting System Testing Laboratory (VSTL), oversaw the hiring of the Executive Director and General

Counsel, and led the reaffirmation of accessibility in voting as a top priority for the Commission. She instituted the EAC's first Language Accessibility Summit, first Election Data Summit, and established a working relationship with the United States Postal Service (USPS) to address postal issues in elections. As Chairwoman, Ms. McCormick also launched a continuing effort with the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) and the Council of State Governments (CSG) to improve the Election Administration and Voting Survey (EAVS), and diligently and successfully worked to restore the Commission's standing with Members of Congress, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), the National Association of State Election Directors (NASSED), local election officials, and other stakeholders in the election community.

Prior to her appointment with the EAC, Commissioner McCormick served as a Senior Trial Attorney in the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice, a position she held from 2006 until joining the Commission. In that role, Ms. McCormick was responsible for investigating and prosecuting violations of federal voting statutes, including the Voting Rights Act, the National Voter Registration Act, the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) and the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE). Additionally, Ms. McCormick worked with election officials to monitor compliance with federal voting statutes, especially the Voting Rights Act and its minority language requirements, and fair administration of elections. She has observed numerous elections, and worked with election officials all across America.

Ms. McCormick was detailed by the Deputy Attorney General to be Senior Attorney Advisor and Acting Deputy Rule of Law Coordinator in the Office of the Rule of Law Coordinator at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq from 2009 to 2010, where she worked as the U.S. elections expert overseeing the Iraq national elections (including an extensive election re-count), as well as on numerous U.S. and coalition Rule of Law efforts. She was the Rule of Law liaison to the Kurdish Regional Government as well as liaison to rule of law advisors at the Provincial Reconstruction Teams.

Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Ms. McCormick served as a Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Elizabeth A. McClanahan in the Court of Appeals of Virginia from 2003 to 2006. Ms. McCormick was an Assistant Attorney General and Assistant to the Solicitor General in the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia from 2001 to 2003. She was a member of the U.S. Supreme Court legal teams for *Black v. Virginia* (defending the Commonwealth's criminal statute against cross-burning) and *Hicks v. Virginia* (defending a 1st amendment challenge to a state trespassing policy), as well as in cases on appeal to the

4th Circuit Court of Appeals. She was a Judicial Law Clerk in Virginia's Seventh Judicial Circuit Court from 1999 to 2001.

Ms. McCormick received her B.A. from the University of Buffalo, a J.D. with honors from the George Mason University School of Law (now Antonin Scalia Law School), and also attended the William & Mary School of Law.

J. Scott Wiedmann:



Mr. Wiedmann serves as the Deputy Director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program. The program administers the federal responsibilities of the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* for the Secretary of Defense, who is the Presidential designee. The *Act* covers the voting rights of all members of the Uniformed Services, Merchant Marine, and their family members, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and all U.S. civilian citizens residing outside the United States.

Mr. Wiedmann has been with the Program since 1993.

Mr. Wiedmann began his public service at the U.S. Department of the Treasury working as a Licensing Officer in the Office of Foreign Assets Control. The Office governed transactions with countries sanctioned by the U.S. Government.

Mr. Wiedmann has a Master of Arts in International Business and Bachelor of Science Degrees in Management and Marketing from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

Rebecca Boone:

Rebecca Boone is the supervisory correspondent for The Associated Press' Boise bureau, overseeing the AP's news operations in Idaho. Her investigative reporting work has won several regional and national awards, including the Society of Professional Journalists' Sigma Delta Chi award for Public Service Journalism and AP's top honor, the Gramling Award. Boone, 42, attended the University of Idaho and worked at the Lewiston Tribune before joining the AP in 2002. In addition to covering the news in Idaho and beyond, Boone directs Idaho's election night coverage, working with a team of researchers and data analysts to call the races for AP's member news outlets.

Ravi Kallem:

Ravi Kallem is a senior IT executive turned entrepreneur with strong leadership and technology skills and has delivered mission critical systems in the private and public sector. In 2012, Ravi joined Tenex Software Solutions and led the technology trend in the US Elections market for new and innovative products. Ravi has correctly anticipated that the trends of mobility and handheld computing sweeping the rest of the economy will be of great interest to the elections communities as well. Ravi is actively involved in increasing Tenex's day to day operations but is most excited about evolving Tenex to become a one-stop shop for all systems for managing elections. Previously, Ravi was at Verizon IT, where he held

several senior roles and managed 300+ member teams to deliver multimillion-dollar ROI programs. At Verizon, Ravi was heavily focused on Broadband, Dispatch, and Mobile Workforce Automation systems.

Valerie Varadi:

Valerie Varadi has been the Elections Director for Twin Falls County since September of 2012. Her work in elections started in March of 2011 with Lincoln County as the Elections Clerk shortly after election consolidation started. She is currently a member of Election Center and is working towards her Certified Election Registration Administrator certification.

Valerie lives in Dietrich and has been married for 21 years. She and her husband have two girls; Rosalyn, 18 and Layla, 9.

Phil McGrane:

Phil McGrane currently serves as the Ada County Clerk of the District Court Elect. Phil was born in Pocatello, but grew up in Boise. After graduating from high school, he spent a year with AmeriCorps working to support programs that bring low-income individuals and communities out of poverty.

Phil has a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from the University of Washington, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Boise State, and a law degree from the University of Denver. Phil is also an active member of both the Idaho and Colorado State Bar Associations.

Phil believes his greatest accomplishment, however, is in the world of competitive barbecue, including finishing 18th in the nation on the Sam's Club National BBQ Tour in 2013. Phil's wife, Angella (who happens to be a vegetarian), his two daughters and young son enjoy traveling around with family to these events.

Anthony Lock-Smith:

Anthony joined the Ada County Clerk's Office in February of 2012 in the newly created role of Performance Analyst and is responsible for finding beneficial information from the mountains of data that the Clerk's Office produces. He then translates that data into insightful visualizations that are used by Clerk's Office management to drive change in the organization. Anthony's elections responsibilities include estimating the number of resources needed at each polling place, tracking absentee and early voting numbers, monitoring registered voter data and producing election night results.

Alison Steven:

Raised and educated in the UK, Alison Steven gained a degree in Music at Bristol University before moving to the United States with her husband and four kids in 1998. In Boise, Idaho, she worked as a music teacher at Riverstone International School for 12 years, developing the K-12 music curriculum during that time. She gradually lost her vision due to a progressive degenerative disease of the retina, eventually becoming a student at the Assessment and Training Center of the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually-Impaired. Following this training, Alison volunteered with blind children and youth, as well as teaching on a temporary basis at the ATC. She opted to enter an online Masters Program in 2015 and in November 2017 she graduated with a Master of Arts in Teaching the Visually-Impaired from Louisiana Tech. While completing her Masters she was hired on as the Transition Coordinator at the Commission for the Blind working with blind and visually-impaired students aged 15 through 21, developing and implementing programming aimed at improving student independence and

preparedness for college and employment. In her spare time Alison enjoys playing and singing music, hiking, reading and spending time with her family.

Corey Cook:

The School of Public Service was founded in 2015 to inspire and equip students to be innovative, principled and effective public service leaders, promote meaningful community engagement and civil discourse, and serve as an objective and unbiased resource for citizens and decision-makers.

Corey Cook is Dean of the School of Public Service at Boise State University and Professor of Political Science.