## Help America Vote Act Local Election Professionals Working Committee July 22, 2003

## **Meeting Summary**

The Local Election Professionals Working Committee met Tuesday, July 22, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. in the offices of the Oklahoma County Election Board. Committee members present were: **Doug Sanderson**, Oklahoma County Election Board Secretary; **Shelly Boggs**, Tulsa County Election Board Assistant Secretary; **Joyce Smith**, Grady County Election Board Secretary; **Paula Roberts**, Cleveland County Election Board Secretary; **Pam Strawn**, Cleveland County Election Board Assistant Secretary; **Joy Naifeh**, Creek County Election Board Secretary; **Jason Rousselot**, Wagoner County Election Board Secretary; **Terri Thomas**, Rogers County Election Board Secretary; **Joyce Thornburgh**, Alfalfa County Election Board Secretary; and **Connie Parnell**, Cherokee County Election Board Secretary.

In addition, the following members of the State Election Board staff were present: **Michael Clingman**, Secretary; **Carol Slater**, Assistant Secretary; **Fran Roach**, Support Services Director; **Montie Fisher**, Information Services Director; **Carol Morris**, Training Coordinator; **Karen Mobly**, Regional Coordinator Supervisor; **Suzanne Cox**, Publications Editor; and **Vada Holstein**, Information Representative.

## Discussion

- 1. The Working Committee members have developed a proposal for the implementation of provisional voting in Oklahoma. While the long-term goal of their proposal is to use provisional voting to replace certain existing procedures and to streamline the duties of Precinct Officials, until state law is amended, provisional voting will be implemented as an additional procedure for the federal elections only in 2004.
- 2. The State Election Board has applied for a federal grant, established by HAVA, intended to improve the accessibility of election services for individuals with disabilities. The Working Committee members discussed various ideas for allocating the grant money to County Election Boards and for projects that might be funded by it.
- 3. Clingman also asked the group for a "wish list" of improvements in Internet-based services. Some of the ideas offered include online candidate filing, giving voters online access to their own registration information, especially polling place and district information; and internal supply ordering.
- 4. The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Friday, August 22, 2003. It again will be held in the offices of the Oklahoma County Election Board.