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Founder and former Vice Chair and Chair of Democracy for New Hampshire, current Chair of the Fair Elections Committee (NH), and Legislative Coordinator of Election Defense Alliance (EDA, a national organization). Widely considered among national activists to be a leading expert on the Holt Bill and the Election Assistance Commission. Full time professional position as product manager for online education product.

You can read some of my writings here:

<http://www.opednews.com/author/author2302.html>

Bev Harris wrote about me in a recent article on BlackBoxVoting.org:

<http://www.bbforums.org/cgi-bin/forums/board-auth.cgi?file=/1954/47342.html>

Bio and Credentials

2003: Organized and ran (local) Souhegan Meetup activist group focused on election integrity

2004: Founded Democracy for New Hampshire with 24 other activists. Ensured that the DFNH mission statement includes a focus on election integrity.

2004: Invited by Secretary Gardner to serve on NH HAVA State Plan Task Force

2004 - 2006: Vice Chair, DFNH

2004 - 2007: Researched and wrote about the Holt Bill (then HR550, now HR811), HAVA, and the Election Assistance Commission. Worked with senior election officials and other experts to synthesize groundbreaking analysis on these subjects. In early 2005 my critiques of the Holt Bill stood alone while most of the national activist community supported the bill. Today, our analysis has been accepted by many early supporters and is the basis for widespread opposition to HR 811.

2005: Established Fair Elections Committee

2006: Elected DFNH Chair, but have resigned to focus on Fair Elections Committee. Appointed Legislative Coordinator, EDA.

Additionally, I have volunteered my time in my local election polls; I have been honored to be called to service as a hand counter in our NH state recounts, and I have taken considerable time listening to, observing, and learning from state and local election officials nationwide.

With the generous financial assistance and many small donations from other activists (many citizens whom I have never even met!), I have taken myself to be the sole public witness of the very disturbing deliberations made among our national "election assistance" commission, and their advisory groups, and I have done a fair amount of listening to American voices on the subject of what matters in our democracy. If I am able to secure continued financial assistance, I plan to continue to attend EAC and other national meetings, as it is critical that we have a citizen witness to these proceedings, and because attendance at these meetings informs the integrity of my research and writings in this widely ignored but essential area.

Significantly, I have personally hand delivered hard copies of my articles about the EAC to EAC Director of Certification Program Brian Hancock and to EAC consultant NIST Division of Software Diagnostics and Conformance Testing Chief Mark Skall, with the open invitation for them to critique and advise on any inaccuracies or errors, and they have not responded in any finding any factual errors in what I have written.

Personal references

Following are some people you may contact to inquire about my credibility. I will be happy to provide additional names if needed.

In New Hampshire

- 1) Deborah Pignatelli, NH Executive Councilor
- 2) Pamela Walsh, Communications Director, NH Governor's office
- 3) Bud Fitch, NH Deputy Attorney General
- 4) Paul Twomey, Attorney, Executive Board Member, NH Democratic Party
- 5) NH Secretary William Gardner
- 6) NH Assistant Secretary Anthony Stevens
- 7) NH Deputy Secretary Dave Scanlan
- 8) Peter Glenshaw, former Chair, DFNH
- 9) Sue Mayer, Senior Policy Analyst, Representative Carol Shea Porter
- 10) Joshua Meirowitz, UNH Director Communication Dept.

Nationally, you may contact the following people to inquire about my personal credibility and my credentials in the field of election integrity and national activism:

- 1) Tom Hughes, Executive Director, Democracy for America
- 2) Jim Dean, Chair, Democracy for America
- 3) Bev Harris, Investigator, Author and Founder, Black Box Voting
- 4) Mark Crispin Miller, NYU Professor, Author and activist
- 5) Steven Freeman, U Penn Professor, Author and activist
- 6) Rebecca Mercuri, Computer Scientist, inventor of "verified voting" technology, activist, and consultant to Congressman Rush Holt
- 7) Joan Brunwasser, Voting Integrity Editor, OpEdNews.com
- 8) Brad Friedman, activist and blogger, BradBlog
- 9) Bob Fittrakis, Attorney, former candidate for Ohio Governor, and activist, FreePress.org
- 10) Harvey Wasserman, Author, FreePress.org

Travel Angel Budget Proposal

Bev Harris of BlackBoxVoting.ORG has this to say about Nancy Tobi:

“Nancy Tobi, co-founder of Democracy for New Hampshire, refers to the [Federal voting system] testing and certification system as a "Ponzi Scheme." It involves investment of taxpayer money into a system that never quite catches up to itself; by the time local governments buy a voting system it is already in violation of changed guidelines, which carry with them the obligation to make new voting systems that comply, making the system you just bought obsolete as of preordained dates (usually just 24-36 months later), which will require a repurchase most purchasers were unaware of. This hidden repurchase cycle requirement is secreted in a Byzantine interconnecting set of guidelines generated by an assortment of federal and state bodies.

In what has to be the citizen homework assignment from hell, Tobi ventured into the belly of the beast. She decided to attend voting industry and politician-laden meetings

and read all the obscure documents and regulations. When she put the whole picture together, what she found was a Ponzi Scheme.

Tobi wrote up her conclusions, annotated them with the evidence, and handed all this over in face-to-face meetings with various elections agency directors. They have never refuted or denied any of her findings.

"It might be a fraud," one official confided to Tobi, "but please don't call it a Ponzi Scheme."

Well whatever it is, the election industry vendors know it; they are licking their chops over the next round of profits. But rarely are the locals aware of the legally required but hidden repurchase cycles. Unreimbursed costs are forcing elections officials to close polling places, switch to forced mail-in voting, and dip into the county's general fund.

A note to my Angels: Nancy Tobi will be burrowing her way into several official meetings this summer and needs help with travel expenses (and/or airline miles). We will provide you with her contact information if you can help. Offers of assistance can be sent directly to Nancy Tobi at nancy.tobi@gmail.com, or mailed to her at PO Box 1215, Wilton, NH 03086. Tax deductible donations can be made to the Election Defense Alliance (www.electiondefensealliance.org) and earmarked for Ms. Tobi's ongoing travel, research and writings."

Purpose of Project

The purpose of the project is to enable me to travel to important meetings and conferences associated with election administration and policy on a national level. Attendance at the conferences allows me to continue to research, study, and write about issues pertaining to the election administration of our states and at the national level. Whenever possible, I will ask for opportunities to speak formally at conferences. The Winter conference for NASED is one such opportunity. Otherwise, I will use the time at the conferences establishing relationships and dialog with our nation's election officials. This will help us to reach consensus about our goals for meaningful election reforms at the federal, state, and local levels.

Tax deductible contributions earmarked for a travel fund for my work may be made to Election Defense Alliance.

Background

In 2007 I have attended 5 meetings of election-related officials and agencies. Most of the costs for attending these meetings were derived from small donors, with assistance from Democracy for New Hampshire (\$500) and from Election Defense Alliance (\$500), with an additional investment of roughly \$700 from my personal savings.

Here is my latest piece following a May meeting of the Technical Guidelines Development Committee:

http://www.opednews.com/articles/opedne_nancy_to_070526_voter_intent_trumps_.htm

I was initially encouraged to attend the meetings by a NH state election official, who told me that at most of these meetings there are no public witnesses, no citizen oversight at all. So I went, not really knowing what I would find, or why I was going, but feeling the responsibility of having been given the faith and support of so many people around the country.

What I learned was shocking. The Election Assistance Commission is a federal agency with broad powers and control over our nation's election systems. I have studied this agency for more than two years, but never really understood its power or intentions until I went to see for myself. Being present at the meetings at first placed a huge weight upon me. I felt physically weighted with the responsibility of being the only member of the public to witness the events. I still feel the burden of this, of being alone in witnessing and understanding the depth and breadth of the risks this agency poses to our system of democracy.

I feel it's important to continue to attend, to witness, observe, study, and to report back to the people of this country. What I learn at these meetings informs my understanding of the big picture, and informs everything I write for public consumption on the subject. It provides me with context, and depth of understanding of how federal decisions and legislation are influencing our democracy, more often than not putting it at risk. My attendance at these meetings allows me to see the relationships among meeting participants, it allows me to viscerally experience where these bureaucrats and decision makers want to take the nation. For instance, at the last meeting I learned that the agency intends to control the design of paper ballots, and not just technology. That they intend to ensure that even paper ballot systems are *technology-enabled*, that the paper ballots are designed in such a way to accommodate technology. This has broad implications for my home state, for instance, which has complex ballots and for which a federally-controlled paper ballot design would mean complete upheaval of our entire system of elections.

Your support will allow me to continue to be a citizen witness, researcher, and writer about this important issue. It will allow me to build relationships and bridges with many people who can help lead our country to the vision held by the Founders: a free and democratic republic sustained by free, open, and fair elections.

Here are the events I have attended thus far in 2007:

- National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), Winter Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- Election Assistance Commission Standards Board Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia
- Election Assistance Commission, Technical Guidelines Development Committee, Plenary Meeting
- The Election Center, ad hoc meeting, Washington, DC
- Election Assistance Commission, Technical Guidelines Development Committee, Plenary Meeting

Events I would like to attend in 2007 - 2008:

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NASED Summer Conference

<http://nased.org/conferences.htm>

Summer 2007: *New Orleans, LA* (Ritz Carlton Hotel)

with The Election Center 8/10-07 - 8/12/07

Registration: \$675

Hotel: \$139/nt X 2 nights = \$278 (plus taxes etc.)

Airfare: roughly \$450

Incidentals: \$100

Total costs: \$1,503

NOTE: I will be trying to drum up support for workable election reform legislation in place of the Holt-Feinstein bills.

NASED Winter Conference

<http://nased.org/conferences.htm>

February 2008

Approximate costs: \$1,500

NOTE: I will be able to speak at the NASED Winter Conference to formally address the election officials in attendance.

National Association Secretaries of State Winter Conference

<http://www.nass.org/>

Approximate costs: \$1,500

Trips to DC or other locales for EAC meetings:

Estimate around 10 trips costing \$200-\$500 over the next twelve months to attend EAC meetings and for meetings with other constituency groups about HR811 and federal election reform legislative efforts.

Total budget: \$4,503 + \$2,000 - \$5,000 = possible range of \$6,503 - \$9,503