

## **2011 Voting Systems Certification Review Board Biographies**

### **Debbie Cook Director, Washington Assistive Technology Alliance**

Debbie Cook is the Director of the Washington Assistive Technology Act Program and is the consultant on technology accessibility issues and independent living for the Department of services for the Blind. Ms. Cook is nationally recognized for her expertise and leadership regarding a wide range of IT, policy development and service delivery issues including: accessible design of hardware, software and web-based technologies; telecommunications product design and service delivery; laws, regulations and best practices regarding access to IT and accommodation of people with disabilities in education and employment; and standards for provision of assistive technology services. Ms. Cook is a periodic contributor to AccessWorld and has conducted several research projects for the Foundation, has been a consultant to the National council on Disability regarding technology policy issues, and is past-Chair of the Information Access Committee for the American council of the blind. Ms. Cook served on the advisory committee to the federal Access Board charged with drafting regulations for Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended and served on the advisory committee charged with drafting recommendations to refresh the regulations for Section 508 and for Section 255 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

### **Kim Wyman County Auditor, Thurston County (ES&S)**

Kim Wyman has served as Thurston County Auditor since January 2001. Kim is a graduate of California State University, Long Beach and holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Troy State University in Alabama. Kim is a Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA) through Auburn University and the Election Center as well as a Washington State Certified Election Administrator through the Office of the Secretary of State. During Kim's tenure, the Thurston County Auditor's Office has won four National Achievement Awards for significant innovations in county government as well as two Government Finance Officers Association Certificates of Achievement for excellence in financial reporting. Kim served as a member of a national advisory panel for the Federal Election Commission in 2001. She traveled to Russia as a member of an international election observation team in 1997.

### **Patrick Pow Director, Information Technology, University of Washington Tacoma**

Patrick is responsible for administrative and academic computing, telecommunications, distance education technologies and student information system at University of Washington, Tacoma. He has managed database and web application projects; evaluated, designed and installed various campus networks, network infrastructure and production facilities; and supervised academic, administrative and technical staff in higher education for the past two decades. Patrick has a B.A. from the University of Washington, an M.Ed in Instructional Technology from the University of British Columbia, and has completed all graduate course works for a Doctoral Candidate in Adult and Distance Learning Technologies.

### **Robert Brown Retired**

Robert (Bob) Brown is a retired project management consultant. His extensive career began with the U.S. Army, and continued with planning and management of projects across a broad spectrum of companies and industries, including computer software and hardware companies. He attained certification as a Project Management Professional and was an adjunct professor teaching computer science.

### **Michael Rooney Elections Manager, Pierce County Elections (Dominion)**

Mike is responsible for all aspects of conducting federal, state and local elections, as well as voter registration, for the second largest county in Washington State, with a population in excess of 805,000 and over 409,000 registered voters. Mike is a graduate of Washington State University, is a Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA) through Auburn University and The Election Center and is a certified Washington State Election Administrator. He has worked in elections since 1988.