

Advisory Committees Descriptions

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IT Systems Testing Committee

The technical advisory committee is comprised of county staff tasked with giving input on technical issues relating to the VRDB and WEI and helping with testing processes. It was created in conjunction with the VRDB/WEI Advisory Committee which consists of auditors who advise on policy decisions concerning the VRDB and WEI systems.

VRDB/WEI Advisory Committee

The VRDB/WEI advisory committee is comprised of county auditors who meet periodically to discuss policies concerning the VRDB and WEI systems. They help determine the direction of future development. The committee embodies large and small counties, and counties with each voting system and each voter registration system.

Design for Democracy Committee

The Design Committee was formed to support the work of the OSOS Design for Democracy fellow and maintain the [Design Center](#) (requires login). The committee members act as contributors to the Design Center, which is a collaborative online space for Washington State elections staff to share information and resources to improve usability of election materials for voters.

Combined Voters' Pamphlet Committee

The members of this committee design or coordinate vendors to design their local voters' pamphlet. The process starts by gathering candidate information such as photos, biographies and statements, as well as ballot measure statements. After assembling all that information into a complete local voters' pamphlet, the pages are emailed to OSOS and are printed and mailed together with the state voters' pamphlet in one book for the convenience of the voter.

Clearinghouse Committee

[Clearinghouse Notices](#) are published to explain newly enacted legislation and relevant judicial decisions affecting election administration. Before a notice is issued statewide, committee members have an opportunity to analyze a draft and provide feedback. Whenever possible, members raise questions, express concerns and make suggestions on a typically tight

deadline. This collaboration strengthens our state's approach to new policies that impact election administration.

Voter Intent Committee

Comprised of counties that represent each of the certified tabulation systems, the Attorney General's Office and OSOS, this committee was formed to adopt uniform standards for voter intent. Members of the committee provide ongoing input, generate visual examples, and share perspectives on marks that may or may not constitute a vote. In 2012, committee members reconvened and their contributions will lead to a revision of WAC 434-261-086 and a new edition of the voter intent manual, [Statewide Standards on What is a Vote](#).

Translations Committee

County and state staff members work together to ensure accurate and consistent translations across the state and from one election to another.

WAC Committee

The WAC Review Committee suggests changes to elections WACs, reviews and edits drafts of elections-related rulemaking, and provides input on elections policy issues. County Auditors and elections staff from large, medium and small counties are asked to serve on the Committee by the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's Office. Staff from the Elections Division also serves on the Committee.