Karen Brinson Bell
Karen Brinson Bell has served as executive director of the North Carolina State Board of Elections since June 2019. She has worked in elections administration since 2006 in county, state, and national roles. As North Carolina’s chief elections official, she leads about 95 full-time employees at the state agency, which is charged with administering elections and campaign finance compliance, overseeing the 100 county boards of elections, and ensuring voting for more than 7 million voters.

Keryn Cadogan
Keryn Cadogan serves as the Chief Information Officer for the Information Technology Division for the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s Office in Massachusetts. She has spent the last five years in this role, and has worked for the Secretary’s Office since 2001. Keryn has worked in numerous roles within the IT Division since joining the organization, with much of that time dedicated to supporting elections and voting in Massachusetts. She is a graduate of Merrimack College with a degree in Political Science.

Judd Choate
Dr. Judd Choate is Colorado’s State Election Director, a position he’s held since 2009. He served as President of the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED) in 2017. Judd is on the board of University of Minnesota Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs Certificate in Election Administration where he teaches courses on election law and election security. Judd has a J.D. from the University of Colorado and a Ph.D. from Purdue University. In a previous life, Judd was a scout for the Kansas City Royals.

Matt Crane
Matt has worked in election administration in Colorado for 21 years, working at both the state and county levels. From 2013 through 2018, he served as the elected Clerk and Recorder for Arapahoe County. While serving as Clerk, Matt worked collaboratively with all parties and stakeholders to improve transparency and trust in the election process. Under Matt’s leadership, Arapahoe County was recognized a leader in election administration, providing citizens with innovative tools to create better access to the ballot and to provide better information about the election process. Matt was also a statewide leader, serving as President of the Colorado County Clerks Association in 2016 and as the Legislative Co-chair for the Colorado County Clerks Association from 2015 through 2018. Matt currently serves as the Executive Director of the Colorado County Clerks Association and as an election administration consultant.
Renée DiResta
Renée DiResta is the Research Manager at the Stanford Internet Observatory. She investigates the spread of malign narratives across social networks, and assists policymakers in understanding and responding to the problem. She has advised Congress, the State Department, and other academic, civic, and business organizations, and has studied disinformation and computational propaganda in the context of pseudoscience conspiracies, terrorism, and state-sponsored information warfare.

Brendan Donahue
Inspector Donahue began his career as a Postal Inspector in 2012 in the Boston Division, Albany, NY Field Office. As a field Postal Inspector, Inspector Donahue’s investigations focused in large part on transnational organized crime, elder financial exploitation, international money laundering, mass marketing fraud and public corruption.

In 2019 Inspector Donahue was promoted to the Inspection Service’s National Headquarters to the position of Program Manager with national oversight of the Inspection Service’s Mail Fraud Program. In that role, Inspector Donahue provides strategic direction and oversight to the agency and its personnel on fraud investigations, fraud prevention, fraud investigations training and public private partnerships.

Inspector Donahue provides national oversight of and strategic leadership for the Inspection Service’s investigation of election offense allegations pertaining to the U.S. Mail and U.S. Postal Service. Inspector Donahue served as the Inspection Service’s National Headquarters’ Election Crime Coordinator (ECC) during the 2020 Presidential Election.

Prior to his career with the Inspection Service, Inspector Donahue served as a Police Officer in Shrewsbury, MA and Watertown, MA. Inspector Donahue is a graduate of Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA.

Monica Evans
Monica Holman Evans is the Executive Director of the DC Board of Elections. She previously served as the Senior Policy Advisor at DCBOE and assisted the Executive Director with election operations and policy implementation. She also provided direct oversight over the Voter Education and Outreach and Election Worker Divisions.

Prior to DCBOE, Ms. Evans served as the Director of Grants Management at the U.S. Election Assistance Commission where she provided oversight responsibilities for the Office of Grants Management and Payments. She also worked in a senior position at the Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families and at the Legal Services Corporation. She was the Deputy Director of AmeriCorps at the Corporation for National and Community Service and started her professional career at the Maryland Governor’s Commission on Service.
Patrick Gannon
Patrick Gannon is public information director at the North Carolina State Board of Elections. He has overseen communications at the State Board since 2016. Prior to this, he worked as a reporter and editor at various daily news publications, including the Wilmington, NC, StarNews and the Raleigh News & Observer. He is a 1999 graduate in journalism and communications from Kent State University in Ohio. He grew up in Akron, Ohio, and now lives with his 11-year-old daughter in Raleigh.

Robert Giles
Robert Giles was appointed to the position of Director of the New Jersey Division of Elections on May 1, 2008. Prior to this, he was employed by the Ocean County Board of Elections beginning in 1995 working as an investigator, a voting machine technician, an assistant supervisor and supervisor. He served on the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council (GCC) which is responsible for sharing election threat information between the federal government and council partners. He co-chaired the GCC working group that was responsible for developing the Election Infrastructure-Information Sharing Analysis Center (EI-ISAC) Charter and currently serves as a member of its Executive Committee. He is an Adjunct Professor for Rutgers University’s Center for Government Services teaching Election Administration. Robert is currently a member of the Standards Board for the United States Election Assistance Commission. He is also serving as the Standards Board representative on the Technical Guidelines Development Committee which is responsible for developing the next set of federal standards for voting equipment. He served as a member of the Department of Homeland Security’s Cyber Unified Coordination Group for the 2016 Presidential Election. He is a Past President of the National Association of State Election Directors and served as Vice President of the New Jersey Association of Election Officials and was a member of its Legal and Legislative Committee.

Mandi Grandjean
Amanda (Mandi) M. Grandjean is the director of elections and deputy assistant secretary of state for Secretary of State Frank LaRose. Prior to her time with the LaRose administration, Grandjean served as an attorney at Bricker & Eckler LLP, where her practice focused on election law, campaign finance, public policy, ballot initiatives, ethics and compliance.
Before joining Bricker, Mandi interned for Speaker John Boehner of the U.S. House of Representatives. She has also served as a media liaison for the U.S. Embassy of the Republic of Iraq, worked as a legal intern with the Franklin County Prosecutor’s Office and as a law clerk for Judge Daniel R. Hawkins.

Mandi graduated Miami magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa in journalism and political science, where she was also a member of the Miami’s women’s swimming and diving team. She also graduated with honors from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She currently sits on the Miami University Pre-Law Alumni Advisory Board and the Miami Women in Law and Leadership Committee.

**Geoff Hale**

Geoff Hale leads the Election Security Initiative at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). Hale has been a key part of CISA’s election security mission since it began in 2016. Over the past five years, he helped to create the largest national election security exercise—Tabletop The Vote, establish the Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center, deliver tailored guidance to more than 6,000 election jurisdictions, and dispel election disinformation through the #WaronPineapple and CISA’s #RumorControl.

Hale is a graduate of the University of Virginia, earned his master’s degree in systems engineering from George Washington University, and is a Certified Information Security Manager.

**Stuart Holmes**

Stuart Holmes is the Acting Elections Director for the Washington State Secretary of State’s Office. Stuart joined the State Elections Division in 2014 after serving in County Elections Administration since 2005. He was instrumental in developing and launching VoteWA and providing essential support to counties throughout the transition to this modernized system.

**Bernadette Matthews**

Bernadette Matthews is the Executive Director of the Illinois State Board of Elections. Appointed by the eight-member bipartisan Board, Bernadette serves as the chief election official of the State of Illinois, overseeing the administration of federal, state, and local elections conducted by Illinois’ 108 election authorities. Prior to her appointment, Bernadette served as Assistant Executive Director and Deputy General Counsel.

Bernadette graduated from The Catholic University of America with a BA in Philosophy and earned her JD from Seton Hall University School of Law. Prior to her employment with the State of Illinois, Bernadette worked at the Law Firm of Dwyer Connell & Lisbona, a civil defense firm located in northern New Jersey.
Robert Mooney
Robert Mooney currently serves as a Supervisory Protective Security Advisor (PSA) within the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) for the Eastern Virginia District, overseeing the performance of half the region III PSAs. Mr. Mooney supports homeland security efforts, serving in an advising and reach-back capacity for State Homeland Security Advisor. He contributes to the development of the national risk picture by assisting with the identification, assessment, monitoring, and minimizing of risk to critical assets at the local level. As a Supv. PSA, Mr. Mooney facilitates, coordinates, and performs vulnerability assessments for local critical infrastructures and assets, and acts as a physical and technical security advisor to Federal, State, and local law enforcement and emergency management agencies.

Robert Parker
In 1996, Robert Parker began working as a Clerk at the United States Postal Service. Robert rose to the level of station manager, before accepting a Special Agent position in 2004, working for the USPSOIG as a Criminal Investigator. Robert has been a mail theft subject matter expert since 2009. Robert has worked complex mail theft investigations involving stolen credit cards, treasury checks, high value parcels, and election related mail to include ballots. Robert has over 26 years of employment with the Postal Service and utilizes his extensive working knowledge of the Postal Service to aid agents conducting mail theft investigations across the country. Robert currently serves as the mail theft program manager at the USPSOIG. Robert is a graduate of Northeastern University with B.S. in criminal justice. In his down time, Robert enjoys skiing, hiking, and playing with his Great Dane named Odin.

Chris Piper
Christopher E. “Chris” Piper was appointed Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Elections in January 2018 by Governor Ralph S. Northam. He is a Board member of the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED), Vice Chair of the Electronic Registration and Information Center (ERIC), Chair of the Election Assistance Commission’s (EAC) Standards Board, an Advisory Board Member of the Election Official Legal Defense Network, and a member of the Bipartisan Policy Center’s (BPC) Election Task Force.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in political science from Virginia Commonwealth University, Chris began his career in elections and government ethics as a manager of a large trade association’s federal PAC before leading the Virginia State Board of Elections’ Campaign Finance Division. He then served as a political compliance consultant for a multi-national law firm before he returned to the State Board of Elections to manage the Election Services Division. In 2014, Chris became the Commonwealth’s first executive director of the Virginia Conflict of Interests and Ethics Advisory Council. Today, Chris
leads the Department of Elections with a focus on election security and the uniform application of laws, regulations, and policies and defending the integrity of the Commonwealth’s elections at a time when the administration of elections in the country is under more scrutiny than ever before.

Chris is an avid long distance runner and triathlete who has completed eleven marathons, a half ironman, and is a certified running coach. He mostly enjoys relaxing with his family and two pit bull rescue dogs. Fun fact: Chris spent a lot of his teenage years following the Grateful Dead and other bands around the country. What a long, strange trip it’s been!

Brendan Sonnecken
Inspector Soennecken began his career as a Postal Inspector in 2012, and was assigned to the Portland, Oregon, Inspection Service domicile. As a field agent, he investigated mail theft and identify theft, fraud, burglaries, violent crimes, and narcotics trafficking. Inspector Soennecken has served in various roles with the Inspection Service, including as a program manager for criminal investigations and in physical security; and as an instructor at the Inspection Service training academy.

In 2019, Inspector Soennecken was promoted to the position of program manager in the Security Group at National Headquarters. From Washington, DC, he coordinates and provides agencywide direction on various components of physical security for the Postal Service, including in the areas of retail, delivery, and transportation security.

Since 2020, Inspector Soennecken has served as the Inspection Service’s Election Mail Security Coordinator. In this role, Inspector Soennecken coordinates with election community stakeholders and the Postal Service and supports all efforts to ensure Americans who use the mail to receive or return their ballots, can do so securely, no matter where they are in the world.

Michelle Tassinari
Michelle Tassinari is the Director and Legal Counsel in the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s Elections Division. She is a graduate of Brandeis University and New England School of Law. Ms. Tassinari is the state appointee to the Election Assistance Commission’s Standards Board, Member of the Bipartisan Policy Center Voter Registration Task Force, Advisory Board Member of the MIT, Election Data and Science Lab, and Working Group Member of the Council of State Governments Overseas Voter Initiative. In 2020, she was named as one of 50 Top Women of Law by the Massachusetts Lawyer's Weekly. Ms. Tassinari is President of the National Association of State Election Directors.
**Todd Valentine**
Mr. Valentine received his Associate’s Degree at Nassau Community College, he went to the State University of New York at Albany for his Bachelors and Master’s Degrees. He taught high school social studies for a period of time before attending Albany Law School.

After law school, he was Counsel to the New York State Senate Consumer Protection Committee and worked in the Counsel’s office at the Department of Economic Development. Mr. Valentine joined the New York State Board of Elections as Special Counsel in March of 1997. In January of 2008 he was appointed as Co-Executive Director to the Board.

**Todd Watson**
Todd Watson is the Director of Network Processing at the OIG. Todd has 16 years of audit experience, all with the Inspector General. Todd has a bachelor’s science degree in accounting and finance from Colorado State University. Todd has been married to his lovely wife Ally for 7 years and is trying his best to help raise two children, Grant (6) and Naomi (3). Outside of work, Todd enjoys spending time with his family including monster truck rallies, museum trips and sports practices.

**Kim Wyman**
Kim Wyman joined the Biden Administration as CISA’s Senior Election Security Lead. As an expert on elections and experienced Secretary of State, her appointment speaks to the Agency’s dedication to working with election officials throughout the nation in a non-partisan manner to ensure the security and resilience of our election infrastructure. Kim Wyman was Washington’s 15th Secretary of State. First elected in 2012, she is only the second woman to serve as Secretary of State in Washington’s history. Prior to being elected to this office, Kim served as Thurston County Elections Director for nearly a decade and served three terms as the elected Thurston County Auditor (2001-2013). As head of one of the most multi-faceted offices in state government, Secretary Wyman responsibilities included overseeing state and local elections, corporation and charity filings, the Washington State Library, the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library, and the Washington State Archives.

**Mark Wlaschin**
Mark Wlaschin was appointed Deputy Secretary of State for Elections in October 2020. In this capacity he is responsible for overseeing the Secretary of State’s Elections Division and administering the state’s election processes, including enforcing state and federal election laws and procedures. Mr. Wlaschin previously served as the Deputy Secretary of State for Operations.
Mr. Wlaschin served 20 years in the United States Marine Corps. His assignments included numerous command and staff positions; overseas deployments and postings including peace keeping operations in Kosovo, combat tours to Iraq; more than six years as a leadership and warfighting instructor; and four years in Okinawa, Japan during which he lead the planning efforts and operations for an organization of 500+ personnel. Prior to joining the Office of the Secretary of State, he worked at the Nevada Automotive Test Center (NATC) as the Facilities and Logistics Operations Manager. He holds a BA in History from the University of South Carolina, an MBA in Strategic Leadership from New England College, and is certified as a Project Management Professional (PMP).