## Saturday, August 26th CERA Courses

**9am-4:30pm**      **Courses**

## Sunday, August 27th CERA Courses, Committee & Working Groups, Reception

**8-11am**      **Courses** continued

**1-2pm**      **Legislative Committee Meeting** (Poinciana A)
(open to all attendees)

**2-3pm**      **Postal Committee Meeting** (Poinciana A)
(open to all attendees)

**2-3pm**      **Security Committee Meeting** (Palm A-F)
(open to all attendees)

**3-4pm**      **#ElectionGeek Tech Working Group** (Palm A-F)
(open to all attendees—focus on IT managers & line staff)

**4-5pm**      **Communications Working Group** (Magnolia A-C)
(open to all attendees—focus on PIOs & Outreach Coordinators/staff)

**5-6pm**      **Program Development & Awards Committee Meeting** (Poinciana BCD)
(*open to current Committee members only*—Awards Ceremony Planning!)

**6-6:30pm**      **Newbie Orientation & Reception** (Lacoquina & Alcove)
(open to all attendees—focus on first-time members/attendees)

**6:30-7:30pm**      **Opening Night Reception** (Lacoquina & Alcove)
(open to all attendees)

## Monday, August 28th Conference Plenary Sessions (Grand Cypress Ballroom)

**9am-5pm**      **"Election Administrators: Hidden Designers" Stanford d.School Exhibit**

**9am-5pm**      **Research & Academic Poster Exhibit**

**9am-5pm**      **Media Room: Available for interviews & High Turnout, Wide Margins Podcast**

**9-9:45am**      **Welcome & Updates from Executive Team**

**9:45-10 am**      **Legislative Committee Update**

**10-10:30am**      **Security Committee Update (w CISA)**

**10:30-11am**     **Break**

**11-11:30pm**     **Postal Committee Update (w USPS)**

**11:30-12pm**     **Panel: Technology & Security Breakouts**
EI-ISAC, CISA, USPIS, CSSE, DOJ/FBI

**12-1:30pm**     **Lunch (no host lunch)**

**1:30-2pm**     **Panel: Communication & Outreach Breakouts**
CSG/FVAP, Vet the Vote, NVRD/Vote Early Day, Issue One, USPS/CCD

**2-2:30pm**     **Panel: Research, Reports, & Policy Breakouts**
Institute & JEARP, BPC, NCSL, Reed College & Brennan Center, MEDSL

**2:30-3pm**     **Break**

**3:30-4pm**     **Panel: Management, Training, & Logistics Breakouts**
EAC, USDR, Elections Group, ERIC, URI/CID

**4-4:30pm**     **Panel: Connections, Associations, & Open Sessions Breakouts**
d.school, CTCL, Carter Center, Facilitated Sessions

**4:30-5:30pm**     **Hall of Fame & Lifetime Achievement Awards**

**6-8pm**     **BBQ**

**7-8:30pm**     **Movie: No Time to Fail**

**8:30-9pm**     **Movie Discussion with filmmakers and election official STARS!**


**Tuesday, August 29th Conference Breakout & Workshop Sessions, CERA Graduation & Awards**

**9am-5pm**     **"Election Administrators: Hidden Designers" Stanford d.School Exhibit**

**9am-5pm**     **Research & Academic Poster Exhibit**

**9-12pm**     **Conference Breakout & Workshop Sessions (see chart below)**

**12-2pm**     **Graduation** (Grand Cypress Ballroom)

**2:15-3pm**     **Conference Breakout & Workshop Sessions (see chart below)**

**3:15-4:30pm**     **Awards Ceremony & Presentations** (Grand Cypress Ballroom)

**4:30-5pm**     **Closing Plenary Session** (Grand Cypress Ballroom)

**Sessions highlighted in yellow are staged as workshops, others are classroom set-up:**

| Tuesday | | | | |
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| **Tech & Security** | **Comms/Outreach** | **Studies, reports, policy** | **Mgmt, Training, & Logistics** | **Connections, Assocs, & Open Sessions** |
| CISA | CSG/FVAP | The Institute & Journal | EAC EMGs | dSchool Workshop |
| USPIS | Vet the Vote | NCSL | USDR:Air Table | Open Session |
| Break | | | | |
| DOJ / FBI | NVRD / Vote Early Day | Reed & Brennan EO studies | URI & CID | CTCL Alliance |
| CSSE | Issue One | BPC | EG Proofing Workshop | State Association Workshop |
| EI-ISAC | USPS / CCD | MEDSL | ERIC Workshop | |
| Graduation | | | | |
| CISA / CIS / DOJ / IT Mgr Workshop | Media Panel | Postering Session | EG: Sig Ver workshop | Carter Center |
| Break & Reconvene Plenary Session | | | | |

## Technology & Security Tract

**9-930am** **U.S. Dept of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)**
Agency representatives will share their most recent resources, materials, and support for securing your office, elections, and voters.

**9:40-10am** **United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS)**
Agency representatives will provide a history of the agency's role in securing mail, how they monitor the mail-stream and electionmail, and how they can support election officials when threats come through the mail.

**10:30-11am U.S. Dept of Justice (DOJ) & Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Task Force**
This session will cover an update on Task Force activities and prosecutions and share what resources are available to election officials.

**11:10-11:30am Committee for Safe & Secure Elections (CSSE)**
Working with state and local law enforcement is a critical facet of securing our elections. We will hear from CSSE members about their work and how to leverage it in your own jurisdiction.

**11:40-Noon Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC)**
Representatives will provide an update on their work and share a new program that provides no cost endpoint protection to county/town administration in addition to election offices.

**2:15-3pm** **Security Workshop with IT Staff**
This workshop will provide attendees with time to interact with other IT managers and those responsible for COOP, Security, & Recovery plans. Table discussion around experiences, areas of concern, and potential issues on the horizon will be explored with some of the nation's top experts to provide resources, perspectives, and ideas.

## Communication & Outreach

**9-930am** **Council of State Governments (CSG) & Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)**
For the last few years the Overseas Voter Initiative has focused on how to best serve the UOCAVA population. This session will cover where the work has been and what is on the horizon for 2024.

**9:40-10am** **Vet the Vote**
Nonprofit bridging the gap between veterans and election engagement, Vet the Vote will present ways to partner for voter education and worker recruitment.

**10:30-11am National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) & Vote Early Day**
Two actual voting holidays! Come find out what resources are available and how to best leverage all of the excitement for voter engagement in your own jurisdiction.

**11:10-11:30am Issue One**
Communication around election administration is more critical than ever as we head into 2024.  Come hear from Issue One how they are elevating the voices of election officials and the messaging that tests well with voters.

**11:40-Noon United States Postal Service (USPS) & Center for Civic Design (CCD)**
Voter notifications, ID cards, applications and forms—election mail is so much more than "just" ballots. This session will cover strategies to design mailings to most effectively travel through the mailstream.

**2:15-3pm <Social> Media Panel (Panelists TBD)**
The landscape is STILL changing! Platforms are shifting, media channels are multiplying. National and local newsrooms provide voters with pertinent information that they use to inform when they vote, how they vote, and if they trust the results. Covering elections is a growing beat for reporters, this session will be a frank discussion on how this can be done to the greatest advantage and where we can meet the voters with the official message.

## Research, Reports, & Policy

**9-930am    Institute of Election Administration, Research, & Policy**
The formal home of the partnership between Election Center and Auburn University, members of the board will discuss changes being contemplated for the CERA/CERV program, the Journal, and the upcoming Symposium.

**9:40-10am  National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)**
Come get an update on legislative trends and tips on how to work effectively with your state legislators.

**10:30-11am Reed College & Brennan Center**
Surveys of election officials help us keep our fingers on the pulse of what is happening across the country.  Join this session to hear the results of those surveys you (hopefully) filled out!

**11:10-11:30am Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC)**
Come learn about what the Task Force of Election Officials has been up to and their newest report: *Policy to Carry Us Beyond the Next Election* which covers a number of policy areas (funding, workforce, audits, security, ballot processing, etc.).

**11:40-Noon MIT Election Data Science Lab (MEDSL)**
From the Election Performance Index (EPI) to the Survey of the American Electorate (SPAE) and all the data in between!

**2:15-3pm    Research Postering Session**
There is a lot of interest in election administration—more than ever we need to partner with academics in the field to inform research, leverage relationships, and base administrative decisions on facts and data.  This postering session will be an opportunity to speak with researchers on their work and findings.

## Management, Training, & Logistics

**9-930am** **Election Assistance Commission (EAC)**
Topic TBD

**9:40-10am** **U.S. Digital Response (USDR)**
Topic TBD

**10:30-11am University of Rhode Island (URI) & Center for Inclusive Democracy (CID)**
There are a variety of tools available to help inform many administrative decisions. Academic partners share a few tools on polling place and drop-box siting, polling place layouts, mail processing and more!

**11:10-11:30am Elections Group: Proofing Workshop**
The proofing of election materials is an art AND a science! Join this workshop to pick up skills to improve the accuracy and efficiency of proofing in your office.

**11:40-Noon ERIC Workshop**
Meet with ERIC leadership and staff to discuss the current state of play with the only state-run consortium for voter registration and list maintenance. This workshop will allow for time to talk to other officials from ERIC states on how frequently they run the EBU reports, best practices for mailings, and how to gain efficiencies with working with the DMV.

**2:15-3pm Elections Group: Signature Verification Workshop**
What makes for good signature verification programs, policies, and procedures? This workshop covers approval structures, training strategies and exercises, and the foundational qualities good verification administration.

## Connections, Associations, & Open Sessions

**9-9:30am** **Stanford d.School Workshop**
The d.School sessions at the spring conferences were a huge hit so we've asked them back for more!

**9:40-10am** **Election Administration Open Session Workshop**
Bring the topic(s) that YOU want to talk about to this open session—time to connect with other election professionals to discuss how others have tackled some of the same issues and to share your own successes for those seeking answers.

**10:30-11am Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) Alliance Workshop**
Hear from CTCL and election official colleagues about the new Alliance for Election Excellence.

**11:10-11:30am State Association Open Session Workshop Pt 1. Leadership & Administration**
Join other association leaders to talk about secession planning, financial policies, committee structures, and communication strategies. Bring your questions, share your experiences.

**11:40-Noon State Association Open Session Workshop Pt 2. Content & Programs**
Join other association leaders and partners to talk about conference agendas, training curriculum, and what association members need heading into a busy 2024.

**2:15-3pm Carter Center: Observation & Maintaining Mental Health in a Caustic Environment**
Election observation is the cornerstone of transparency. Establishing the proper protocols, perimeters, access and restrictions is key. This session will cover internationally accepted standards for observation as well as what to consider in maintaining balance in a sometimes contentious environment.

**Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

**10-Noon    Tour of Orange County, FL Supervisor of Elections Facility**