



ELECTION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

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***ELECTION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP***

**Houston, TX – January 6, 2009** - The Election Technology Council (ETC), a national trade association representing providers of voting system technology hardware products, software and services to support the electoral process, recently appointed its new Chair and Executive Officers.

The new Chair of the ETC is Ian Piper, Compliance Officer for Premier Election Solutions, and Vice-Chair is John Groh, Senior Vice President of Election Systems and Software. Marcus MacNeill, Vice President of Marketing for Hart InterCivic will continue to serve as Treasurer for the Council. The outgoing Chair is Michelle Shafer, Vice President of Communications and External Affairs for Sequoia Voting Systems.

Ian Piper, the incoming ETC Chair summarized the upcoming year for the Council this way, "Now that the 2008 General Election is behind us and was deemed to be a success in its implementation, we as an industry must continue to address our common concerns as we confront very real challenges associated with operating in this marketplace." Mr. Piper added, "There is a tremendous value and role for industry to play as a partner in the election process and so our work continues to educate others on how best to balance the interests of the public, remain responsive as an industry to the needs of our customers, and maintain a healthy marketplace."

The ETC Board of Directors also applauded the leadership of Michelle Shafer as the outgoing Chairperson for the energy and effort she put forth to lead the Council during its transition to a formal trade association.

**About the Election Technology Council ([www.electiontech.org](http://www.electiontech.org))**The Election Technology Council (ETC) consists of companies that offer voting system technology hardware products, software and services to support the electoral process. These companies have organized as an industry trade association to work together to address common issues facing the industry. Membership in the ETC is open to any company in the election systems marketplace. In total, the ETC's membership represents products covering all facets of the election landscape including over 90% of the voting systems used in the United States.

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