



Gold Standard Elections Conference
Dallas, Texas
Saturday, May 31st
American Journey Experience 400 E. Royal Lane, Irving, TX

8:00 AM open for check-in
Continental Breakfast Available

8:30–9:00 AM Pledge, recognition of service members, prayer- guest speaker Pastor Andy Thompson

9:00–9:45 AM Panel: Welcome to the Gold Standard Election Conference	Laura Scharr
What is a Gold Standard Election?	Hava Laudon
Many solutions based on the criteria of the Gold Standard	Beth Biesel
Recommendations for each phase of the process	Rick Weible
Goals for the day	Laura Scharr

9:45 AM -10:30 AM	
*Acu-roll-A new approach to voter roll maintenance	Mark Cook

***Hand-count Method “Ted Talks”:** Each of the 4 teams will briefly explain their method and what makes it unique

10:30 to 12:30 PM Break-out sessions – “Speed-dating” Hand Count demo rooms, each participant is encouraged to view each method and provide feedback (a scorecard/survey will be provided for each observer/attendee).

12:30- 2:30 PM Lunch Panel- Reflections on the methods observed
Representatives from each method will take questions/discussions/ideas from participants
Moderator: Laura Scharr

2:30 –3:30 PM Interactive Panel discussion
Goal for the session: Discuss the obstacles and risks that interfere with the states’ readiness for moving to a paper poll book and paper ballot hand-counted system for the ‘26 midterms. How can we make the Gold Standard a reality? Where are the issues and roadblocks we must overcome? What must states do to comply with the President’s EO?
Moderator: Rick Weible

3:30–5:00 PM Group Brainstorming: Moving to the Gold Standard-Actions Steps Needed
Goal for the session: This session is solution-oriented. What has been successful? What needs to be done to overcome the obstacles above and transition to the hand-counted paper ballots in 2026 smoothly?
Moderator: Hava Laudon

5:00 –5:45 PM – Tour of the museum