

**A NATIONAL ELECTION REFORM CONFERENCE**

**NASHVILLE, TN, APRIL 8-10, 2005**

**TENTATIVE AGENDA (MARCH 20, 2005 draft)**

**Friday, April 8:**      **9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.**      **Conference advisory group meets**  
                                 **10:30 a.m.–noon**                      **Pre-conference press conference**  
                                 **Noon – 5:30 p.m.**                      **Conference registration**  
   **Jefferson Street Missionary Baptist Church**  
   **2708 Jefferson Street (615/329-2990)**

**1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.**                      **Pre-conference discussion groups:**  
   **Tennessee State University (pending)**  
   **Directions at registration desk**

**(Two 90 minute sessions: see the end of the agenda for list)**

**4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.**                      **Dinner      break      and      conference**  
   **registration**

**5:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.**                      **Welcome and opening remarks:**  
   **Reverend Tex Thomas**  
   **TN Gathering grassroots members**  
   **Bernard Ellis**  
   **(other dignitaries)**

**6:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.**      **What It was Like -- Fighting for the Vote**

**A remembrance from 1960s civil rights veterans,**  
**with acapella ensemble intermingled: Dr. Sonnye Dixon, Dr. Charles Kimbrough**

**Bridging the Gap -- What We Now Face: Michael Grant**

**6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.**                      **The Front Line – A Report from Ohio**

**Leatrice Tolls, Cliff Arnebeck, R.H. Phillips, Joanne Roush, and Bob Fitrakis**

**8:00 p.m.–8:15 p.m.**                      **Break**

**8:15 p.m.–9:15 p.m.**                      **Other Front Lines – Reports from Other**  
   **States**

**Florida: Bernard Windham**

**Washington: Paul Lehto & John Gideon**

**New Mexico: Judith Alter (et al)**

**North Carolina: Andrew Silver (or sub)**

**9:15 p.m.-9:45 p.m. And Even More Front Lines (5 minutes apiece)**

**Arizona: David Griscom  
Pennsylvania: Mary Beth Kuznik**

**Georgia: Phyllis Huster  
New Hampshire: Sharona Merel**

**(Attn other states: if you would also like to “report out” on serious election problems in 2004 in your state, contact Bernie Ellis ( [tracevu@bellsouth.net](mailto:tracevu@bellsouth.net) ) ASAP. )**

**9:45 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Wrap-up and preview of Day 2**

**Saturday, April 9: 8:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m. Keynote address and/or music (TBA)**

**8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. The 2004 Election – A Review of the Evidence**

**Bernard Windham, Data analyst, national data sets (including EIRS & Common Cause)  
R.H. Phillips, Ohio election fraud investigator  
Kathy Dopp, U.S. Count Votes  
Jonathan Simon, exit poll researcher (and others)**

**10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Break**

**10:15 a.m. - 11:40 p.m. The Response of the Media in the Post-Election Period**

**Robert Koehler, syndicated columnist; Brad Friedman, BradBlog/Velvet Revolution;  
BobFittrakis, freepress.org; Democratic Underground spokesman; (and others)**

**11:40 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. R. Lee Wrights, Vice-Chair  
Libertarian National Committee**

**11:50 a.m.-12:20 p.m. David Cobb  
2004 Green Party Presidential Candidate**

**12:20 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch**

**1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Election reform: What now?**

**Barbara Burt, Common Cause; Lara Shaffer, Open Voting Consortium;  
Phil Fry, CASE-Ohio; Larry Quick, National Ballot Integrity Project;  
Teresa Hommel, Where’s The Paper; Larry English, Information Impact Intl  
John Gideon, Voters Unite (and others)**

**3:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Break**

**3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m. Election Justice: Options for Redress**

**Lowell Finley, Help America Recount; Paul Lehto, WA state lawsuit;  
Susan Truitt, CASE-America; Brad Friedman, VR Divestiture Campaign;  
Clinton Curtis, Whistle-Blower; David Lytel, Left.org (and others)**

**4:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Keynote address and/or music) (TBA)**

**5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Conference wrap-up**

**6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Post-conference press conference**

**Sunday, April 10:**

**9:00 a.m.-noon Post-conference discussion groups  
Fisk University Civil Rights Institute  
Vanderbilt University Black Cultural Center**

**(Two 90 minute sessions. The same topics will be  
available for the pre-conference discussion groups.)**

**Topics:**

- 1. Worthy (or emerging) state-level election reform models -- Speakers and discussion leaders from Utah, Maryland, Georgia, New Mexico, Tennessee & other states**
- 2. Conducting election audits -- Paul Lehto, Judy Alter, Phyllis Huster & others**
- 3. Be the media: Strategies for increasing public awareness of election reform -- John Gideon, votersunite.org; Gary Beckwith, Solar Bus; filmmakers, & others**
- 4. A status report on Tennessee's election reform legislation -- Deborah Narrigan and the TN Gathering legislative committee (TN legislators invited also)**
- 5. Essential elements of a free, fair and verifiable election -- Michael Grant, Larry English, Lara Shaffer, Sharona Merel & others**
- 6. Thinking & Acting Nationally: Election Reform Strategies & Movements -- Barbara Burt, Susan Truitt, Lara Shaffer & others**
- 7. Election Statistics 301: An even more detailed review of the "data" -- Bernard Windham, Kathy Dopp, R.H. Phillips, Jonathan Simon & others**
- 8. Electronic voting: the good, the bad and the really bad (and what to do about it) -- Lowell Finley, Teresa Hommel, John Gideon & others**
- 9. Legal strategies for election justice (Sunday only) -- Paul Lehto, Phyllis Huster & others**