

# STATE OF NEBRASKA

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## BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Officers, New Member & Committee Appointments announced by the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy for 2015/2016**

The Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy elected Member **Mr. Bernie Gutschewski, Omaha, Nebraska** as Chair of the Board for a third year. Mr. Gutschewski is retired from the Union Pacific Corporation as Vice President of Tax. He holds a business/ accounting and law degree from Creighton University. He also is a certificate holder and current inactive registrant (retired) with the Board. Mr. Gutschewski served as Vice Chair and has been a member of the Board since 2010.

**Ms. Lori J. Druse, CPA, Lincoln, Nebraska,** was elected Vice Chair of the Board for a third year. Ms. Druse is currently an Audit Director with Deloitte & Touche LLP and has 20 years of public accounting experience. She is a graduate with honors from the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting. Ms. Druse was recently appointed to a second term four-year term to the Board by Governor Pete Ricketts. Ms. Druse has been a member of the Board since 2011.

**Ms. Marcy J. Luth, CPA, Grand Island** was elected Secretary of the Board. Ms. Luth is a corporate shareholder with the CPA firm Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C., located in Grand Island. She is a graduate of Hastings College and earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Ms. Luth has served on the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Society of CPAs and as chair of the NSCPA State and Local Governmental Accounting and Auditing Committee. Ms. Luth has been a member of the Board since 2013.

**Mr. Kenneth E. Brauer, Lincoln** was appointed to the State Board as a public member by Governor Pete Ricketts and will serve a four year term. Mr. Brauer is the owner and President of the tax and accounting firm Kenneth E. Brauer & Associates located in Lincoln. He is an Air force veteran and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with an accounting major from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Mr. Brauer is an Enrolled Agent before the Internal Revenue Service

and an accredited tax preparer. He is also a long time member and current board member of the Nebraska Society of Independent Accountants (NSIA).

Mr. Brauer replaces *Ms. Jan Glenn, LaVista* who completed her term on the Board.

***At the September 10, 2015 Board meeting, Chair Gutschewski made the following Board Committee appointments for the 2015/2016 Board term:***

Executive: Bernie Gutschewski, Chair, Lori Druse, Vice Chair, March Luth, Secretary

Legislative: Bernie Gutschewski, Chair, Lori Druse

Enforcement: Michele Stomp, Chair,

Licensing: Lori Druse, Chair, Marcy Luth, Bernie Gutschewski, Ken Brauer

CPE: Thomas Purcell, Chair, Michael McClure, Glen Waltemath

Exam & Education: Marcy Luth, Chair, Michele Stomp, Thomas Purcell, Ken Brauer

QEP: Michael McClure, Chair, Lori Druse, Glen Waltemath



Board Chair Gutschewski swears in new member Ken Brauer

The Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy administers public accountancy law in Nebraska. Six of the eight Board Members are certified public accountants with active permits to practice and two are members of the public. Information about licensed CPA's can be obtained by calling the Board office at (402) 471-3595.

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