

# STATE OF NEBRASKA

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## BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Officers, Committee Appointments, New Board Member announced by the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy for 2010/2011

The Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy recently re-elected member **Mr. Douglas W. Skiles, CPA, McCook, Nebraska** as Chair for 2010/2011. Mr. Skiles is a corporate shareholder within the CPA firm McPherron, Skiles & Loop, P.C. Skiles graduated in 1977 with honors from the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a degree in Business. Skiles is currently a member of the National Association of State Board's of Public Accountancy (NASBA) Education Committee. He has been a CPA member of the Board since 2004 and served as Chair of the Board last year. He also served as the Board's Vice-Chair for three years.

Member **Mr. Michael W. Wassinger, CPA, Hastings, Nebraska** was re-elected Vice-Chair for 2010/2011. Mr. Wassinger is currently a shareholder in the CPA firm McDermott & Miller, P.C. and located in the Hastings, NE office. He has practiced public accounting for over 25 years. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. Wassinger has been a member of the Board since 2006. He served as the Board's Vice-Chair last year.

Mr. Wassinger was recently appointed to a second four year term to the State Board by Governor Dave Heineman.

Member **Ms. Anne K. Fuhrman, CPA, Gretna, Nebraska** has been re-elected Secretary of the Board for 2010/2011. Ms. Fuhrman is a principal in the firm Fuhrman, Smolsky & Furey, P.C. located in Omaha, NE. She attended Kansas State University and is a graduate of Buena Vista University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree/ emphasis in accounting. She has been a member of the Board since 2003. She has served as Secretary for the last four years.

**Mr. Bernie Gutschewski, Omaha, Nebraska** has been appointed by Governor Dave Heineman to serve a four-year term as a public member on the State Board. Mr. Gutschewski recently retired from the Union Pacific Corporation as Vice President of Taxes. He holds a business/ accounting and law degree from Creighton University. He also is a certificate holder and current inactive registrant with the Board.

Mr. Gutschewski replaces member **Mr. Jim R. Titus, Esq., Lincoln, Nebraska** Mr. Titus served two four year terms as a public member on the State Board. The Board, at their September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting, acknowledged Titus for his service to the citizens of the State of Nebraska, the CPA profession, and the Board.

***At the September 16, 2010 meeting, Chair Doug Skiles made the following Board Committee appointments for the 2010/2011 Board term:***

- Executive: Doug Skiles, Chair, Michael Wassinger, V. Chair, Anne Fuhrman, Secretary
- Legislative: Doug Skiles, Chair, James Rieker
- Enforcement: Dick Zacharia, Chair
- Licensing: Tom Obrist, Chair, Anne Fuhrman, Kate King Wu, Bernie Gutschewski
- CPE: Dick Zacharia, Chair, Tom Obrist, James Rieker
- Exam & Education: Kate King Wu, Chair, Michael Wassinger, Bernie Gutschewski , Doug Skiles
- QEP: Anne Fuhrman, Chair, Michael Wassinger

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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