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Dave Heineman Governor

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Officers, Board Member Reappointments, and Committee Appointments announced by the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy for 2008/2009

The Nebraska Board of Public Accountancy recently elected <u>*Mr. Jim R. Titus, Esq, Lincoln, Nebraska*</u> as Chair for 2008/2009 for the third year. Mr. Titus is a shareholder within the law firm Morris & Titus Law Firm, PC, LLO in Lincoln. Mr. Titus received his Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska, with an emphasis in accounting and passed the CPA examination in 1976. He entered the University of Nebraska Law College and graduated with distinction in 1979. Mr. Titus has been a public member of the Board since 2003.

<u>*Mr. Douglas W. Skiles, CPA, McCook, Nebraska*</u> was elected the Board's Vice-Chair for 2008/2009 for the third year. Mr. Skiles is a corporate shareholder within the CPA firm McPherron, Skiles & Loop, P.C. Mr. Skiles graduated in 1977 with honors from the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a degree in Business. Mr. Skiles is currently a member of the National Association of State Board's of Public Accountancy (NASBA) Education Committee. Mr. Skiles has been a CPA member of the Board since 2004.

<u>Ms. Anne K. Fuhrman, CPA, Gretna, Nebraska</u> has been elected Secretary of the Board for 2008/2009 for the second year. 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.

<u>*Ms. Kate King Wu, CPA, Omaha, Nebraska,*</u> has been reappointed by Governor Dave Heineman to serve a four-year term on the Board as an active CPA permit holder from the 2nd Congressional District.

Ms. King Wu is currently an accounting instructor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the Managing Director at Pacific Tradelink, Inc. located in Omaha, Nebraska. She also holds an MBA degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha obtained in 1984.

<u>*Mr. Thomas M. Obrist, CPA, Lincoln, Nebraska,*</u> has been reappointed by Governor Dave Heineman to serve a four-year term on the Board as an active CPA permit holder from the 1st Congressional District.

Mr. Obrist is currently the managing partner at Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP in Lincoln, Nebraska. He has been employed with Dana F. Cole for 32 years. He graduated in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska.

At the September 18, 2008 meeting, Chair Jim Titus made the following Board Committee appointments for the 2008/2009 Board term:

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

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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.