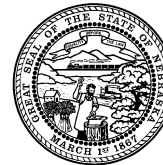


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Officers, Committee Appointments, New Board Member announced by the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy for 2011/2012

The Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy recently re-elected member **Mr. Douglas W. Skiles, CPA, McCook, Nebraska** as Chair for 2011/2012. 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 Boards of Public Accountancy (NASBA) Education Committee. He has been a CPA member of the Board since 2003 and served as Chair of the Board for the last two years. 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 2011/2012. 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 has served as the Board's Vice-Chair for the last two years.

Member **Mr. James K. Rieker, Omaha, Nebraska** was elected Secretary for 2011/2012. Mr. Rieker currently is the President/CEO of Midwest Housing Equity Group, Inc. located in Omaha, NE. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business/ Finance. Rieker has been a member of the Board since 2007 and was recently appointed to a second four-year term as a public member by Governor Dave Heineman.

Ms. Lori J. Druse, CPA, Lincoln, Nebraska, has been appointed by Governor Dave Heineman to serve a four-year term as a CPA member on the State Board. Ms. Druse is an Audit Director with Deloitte & Touche LLP and has 19 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. Prior to her appointment to the Board, Lori was a Board of Director, Treasurer and Audit Committee member of the Nebraska Society of CPA's.

Ms. Druse replaces member Ms. Anne K. Fuhrman, CPA. Ms. Fuhrman served two four year terms as a member on the State Board. The Board, at their September 17th, 2011 meeting, acknowledged Fuhrman for her service to the citizens of the State of Nebraska, the CPA profession, and the Board.

At the September 17, 2011 meeting, Chair Doug Skiles made the following Board Committee appointments for the 2011/2012 Board term:

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

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.
