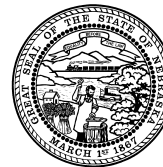


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Officers, Board Member Appointments, Committee Appointments announced by the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy for 2009/2010

The Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy recently elected member **Mr. Douglas W. Skiles, CPA, McCook, Nebraska** as Chair for 2009/2010. 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 the Board's Vice-Chair for the last three years.

Mr. Skiles was recently re-appointed by Governor Dave Heineman to serve a second four-year term on the State Board.

Member **Mr. Michael W. Wassinger, CPA, Hastings, Nebraska** was elected Vice-Chair for 2009/2010. 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.

Member **Ms. Anne K. Fuhrman, CPA, Gretna, Nebraska** has been elected Secretary of the Board for 2009/2010 for the third 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.

Member **Mr. Richard G. Zacharia, CPA, Omaha, Nebraska** has been re-appointed by Governor Dave Heineman to serve a second four-year term on the State Board. Mr. Zacharia is a partner in the firm Frankel Zacharia, LLC located in Omaha, Nebraska. Zacharia received his Bachelor's Degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania and is a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance with a Major in Accounting. He has been a member of the Board since 2002.

Mr. Skiles replaces as Chair member **Mr. Jim R. Titus, Esq., Lincoln, Nebraska** Mr. Titus served the previous three years as Chair. The Board, at their September 18th, 2009 meeting, acknowledged Titus for his leadership and service as Chair of the State Board.

At the September 18, 2009 meeting, Chair Doug Skiles made the following Board Committee appointments for the 2009/2010 Board term:

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



2008-2009 Board Chair Jim Titus passes the Chair gavel to Doug Skiles, CPA the 2009-2010 Chair



Board Executive Director Dan Sweetwood acknowledges former Chair Titus for his three years as Chair of the State Board.