NASWA Announces 2017 Association Year Executive Committee and Board of Directors

The National Association of State Workforce Agencies held its 80th Annual Conference in Oklahoma City, OK recently. During the conference, members elected officers for the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. These terms, except for the Treasurer, are for a one-year period and will serve until the next Annual Conference. Below are the results:

Executive Committee:

**President**  
Dale Peinecke  
Commissioner  
Washington Employment Security Department

The President serves for one (1) year presides at Board and membership meetings, ensures business of the Association is carried out in a timely and effective manner, recommends the programs and committees necessary to carry out the programs to the Board, appoints all committee members and designates chairs to each committee, and in consultation with the Board, completes an internal review of the structure, bylaws, and activities of the Association and recommends changes as needed every five (5) years.

**President-Elect**  
Renee Olson  
Division Administrator  
Nevada Department of Employment Training and Rehabilitation

The President-Elect serves for one (1) year and presides at meetings of the Board or membership in the President’s absence, designates vice chairs and technical chairs of committees, and performs other duties as assigned by the President for the benefit of the Association.

**Past-President**  
Ellen Golombek  
Executive Director  
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

The Past-President serves for one (1) year.

**Secretary**  
Jon Pierpont  
Executive Director  
Utah Department of Workforce Services

The Secretary serves for one (1) year and ensures proper notice is given for all meetings of the membership of Executive Committee, validates a quorum exists for meetings and votes, ensures accurate minutes of Board meetings are provided to the membership in a timely manner, and reviews and approves proxy ballots prior to Board and Membership meetings.

**Treasurer**  
Kelly Schulz  
Secretary  
Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

The Treasurer serves a two (2) year term and chairs the Audit and Finance Committee, reviews the financial statements, investment performance and internal controls, reports on the annual audit to the Board, and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee on financial investment related issues.
**2017 Board of Directors by Region:**
Members of the Board of Directors are chosen for a one-year period by the state administrators from each of the ten (10) NASWA Regions. Each region chooses a Director and an Alternate to stand-in when the Director is not able to be present at Board meetings. The Board determines the scope and direction of the Association’s programs and charges the standing committees to carry out these programs.

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<th>REGION I</th>
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| **Director** | Jean Paquette  
Commissioner  
Maine Department of Labor |
| **Alternate** | Jennifer James  
Undersecretary of Workforce Development  
Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development |

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| **Director** | Ellen Marie Hess  
Commissioner  
Virginia Employment Commission |
| **Alternate** | Deborah Carroll, Esquire  
Director  
District of Columbia Department of Employment Services |

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<th>REGION IV</th>
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| **Director** | Tom Clendenning  
Director  
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity |
| **Alternate** | Fitzgerald Washington  
Secretary  
Alabama Department of Labor |
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| **Director** | Dennis Wimer  
Associate Chief Operating Officer  
Indiana Department of Workforce Development  
| **Alternate** | Ray Allen  
Secretary  
Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development  
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| REGION VI |  
| **Director** | Darrell Bassett  
Director  
Arkansas Department of Workforce Services  
| **Alternate** | Ava Dejoie  
Executive Director  
Louisiana Workforce Commission  
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| REGION VII |  
| **Director** | Lana Gordon  
Secretary  
Kansas Department of Labor  
| **Alternate** | John Albin  
Commissioner  
Nebraska Department of Labor  
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| REGION VIII |  
| **Director** | Pam Bucy  
Commissioner  
Montana Department of Labor and Industry  
| **Alternate** | Cheri Giesen  
Executive Director  
Job Service North Dakota  
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| REGION IX |  
| **Director** | Patrick Henning  
Director  
California Employment Development Department  
| **Alternate** | Vacant  
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**REGION X**

(Region X includes Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington)

**Director**
Ken Edmunds
Director
Idaho Department of Labor

**Alternate**
Kay Erickson
Acting Director
Oregon Employment Department