

NASBA

**2021
AWARDS
PROGRAM**

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William H. Van Rensselaer Public Service Award

Mark P. Harris, CPA, of Lafayette, Louisiana, served as the 82nd chair of NASBA from 2011-2012. Under his leadership, NASBA welcomed President and CEO Ken L. Bishop and NASBA's "Mission Driven – Member Focused" theme was introduced.

Processes were created to obtain new perspectives from members and to better define NASBA's Strategic Plan. Over 70 concerns and new ideas were submitted by NASBA members during Chair Harris' Goldfish Bowl initiative at the regional meetings and all were directed to NASBA leaders and committees for their consideration and action. The Diversity Task Force was established to explore barriers to involvement in the organization and it later evolved into an impactful standing committee. The Legislative Support Committee was formed to support the new director of legislative and governmental affairs. NASBA's Mission was broadened to include "advancing the common interests of the Boards of Accountancy." The charge of the Relations with Member Boards Committee grew to better support NASBA's new vice president of state board relations and to provide for instances to involve the regional directors in the vetting process of NASBA positions.

Mr. Harris is former chair of NASBA's Awards Committee, Communications Committee, Compliance Assurance Committee, Diversity Task Force, Nominating Committee and Past Chair Advisory Council, where he remains a member. He was also a co-chair of NASBA's Education Committee when the Accounting Education Research Grants Program was formed.

As a member of the NASBA/AICPA International Qualifications Appraisal Board, his task force conducted the review resulting in the initial MRA with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand. In connection with the computerization of the CPA Examination, he served on NASBA's CBT Implementation Task Force and represented NASBA on the Board of Examiners' Score Scale Task Force. Additionally, Mr. Harris was a director of NASBA's Center for the Public Trust during its initial five years. He served on the AICPA's Peer Review Board and produced a NASBA conference to enhance the performance of individuals serving on state board Peer Review Oversight Committees.

Mr. Harris was appointed to the State Board of Certified Public Accountants of Louisiana from 1996-2016. He received support from the Louisiana Board, his family and the Society of Louisiana CPAs to continue serving on the state board while serving as NASBA's chair. Mr. Harris admired and enjoyed working with the Louisiana Board members, executive directors and staff. In his final two years on the Louisiana Board, they devoted additional time to the processes of updating the Louisiana Accountancy Act. Before serving on the Louisiana Board, Mr. Harris served as the Society's Acadiana Chapter president. He received the Society's Special Recognition Award in 2016.

Currently, Mr. Harris is the director of professional services for the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants (LCPA) serving as CPA on staff on the Peer Review Program team. He is proud to be part of LCPA and its tradition of excellence in the administration of the Peer Review Program in Louisiana.

Mr. Harris continued his education after graduation from the University of Louisiana – Lafayette's College of Agriculture and obtained his CPA license in 1980 and practiced in public accounting until 2020. In addition to his profession pursuits, he has dedicated service to various charitable and other organizations. He is an Eagle Scout and recently taught a merit badge course for the Evangeline Area Council. He is also a long-time float-rider in the Mardi Gras Krewe of Gabriel. Mr. Harris and his wife, Beth, have three children: Natalie, Mauree and Andrew, and nine grandchildren.

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

Since 1988, candidates for the William H. Van Rensselaer Public Service Award are individuals who have earned recognition through their contributions to the public accounting profession. Prior candidates have led the development or improvement of programs for Boards of Accountancy, or influenced passage of rules or statutes to improve accountancy regulations and laws, with the goal of protecting the public.

2020 Carlos E. Johnson	2013 Diane M. Rubin	2007 Milton Brown	2000 Thomas Iino	1994 Lorin H. Wilson
2019 Michael T. Daggett	2012 Michael D. Weatherwax	2006 Ronnie Rudd	1999 Jerome P. Soloman	1993 Douglas Sprague
2018 Gaylen R. Hansen	2011 Sandra A. Suran	2005 Susan J. Reinardy	1998 C. Hunter Jones	1992 Louis W. Dooner
2017 Thomas J. Sadler	2010 K. Michael Conaway	2004 John M. Greene	1997 Jerome A. Schine	1991 John A. Baker
2016 Billy M. Atkinson	2009 Barton W. Baldwin	2003 Welling W. Fruehauf	1996 Richard J. Goode	1990 A. Leighton Platt
2015 Samuel K. Cotterell	2008 John B. Peace	2002 Noel P. Kirch	1995 Wilbert H. Schwotzer	1990 Louis W. Matusiak
2014 David A Vaudt		2001 Nathan T. Garrett		1989 Robert C. Ellyson



MARK P. HARRIS, CPA

BARBARA A. LEY, CPA

NASBA Distinguished Service Award

Barbara A. Ley, CPA, CITP, CFF, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is the managing member and president of Ley, Gifford & Farr, PLLC. From 2017-2019, Ms. Ley served as the chair of the CPA Examination Review Board (ERB), and from 2016-2017, she served as vice chair of the ERB.

Her involvement with NASBA includes serving as a former member of NASBA's CPA Licensing Examinations Committee, Education Committee and as the Southwest Region representative on NASBA's Nominating Committee.

Ms. Ley is a former chair, vice chair, secretary and member of the Oklahoma Accountancy Board, and a former president, treasurer, secretary, and member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants (OSCPA).

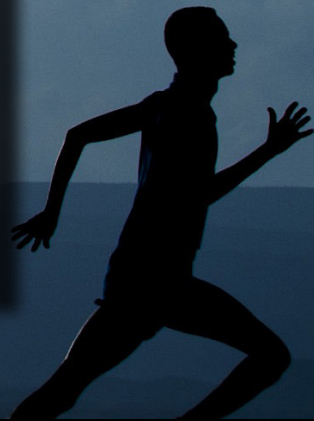
Additionally, Ms. Ley served on the AICPA's Board of Examiners (BOE) and its Executive Committee, and she is past chair of the BOE's State Board Committee.

A former member of the OSCPAs Education Foundation Board of Directors, she was inducted into OSCPAs Hall of Fame in 2010.

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

Since 1999, recipients of the NASBA Distinguished Service Award are individuals who have demonstrated unwavering commitment and dedication to enhancing the mission of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy.

2020 Raymond N. Johnson	2016 Robert B. Cagnassola	2011 Philip W. Gleason	2007 Charles H. Calhoun	2002 Harris W. Widmer
2019 Michael Weinschel, CPA	2015 Kenneth R. Odom	2010 Sheila M. Birch	2006 Jimmie Lee Mason	2001 Will J. Pugh
2018 Harry O. Parsons	2014 Richard Isserman	2009 Ellis M. Dunkum	2005 Asa L. Hord	2000 Bernard Blum
2017 E. Kent Smoll	2013 Andrew L. DuBoff	2008 Harold D. Hein	2004 Gerald W. Burns	1999 Leon K. Poché
	2012 Charles W. Taylor		2003 Janice B. Wilson-Marcum	



BARBARA A. LEY, CPA

RANDALL A. ROSS, CPA

Lorraine P. Sachs Standard of Excellence Award

Randall A. Ross, CPA, of Choctaw, Oklahoma, is the executive director of the Oklahoma Accountancy Board. From 2017-2018, he served as the chair of NASBA's Executive Directors Committee and as liaison to the NASBA Board of Directors. Currently, Mr. Ross is a member of NASBA's Legislative Support Committee, and a former member of NASBA's CBT Administration, Enforcement Resources, Executive Directors and Peer Review Compliance Committees, as well as the Joint ALD/ERC Subcommittee.

His career has provided a broad background of public, private and governmental accounting and work experiences. Prior to assuming his position as executive director, Mr. Ross served as the director of business taxes at the Oklahoma Tax Commission, corporate controller for an international manufacturing concern, and worked in public accounting.

Mr. Ross has received numerous awards including National Administrator of the Year in 1995, Outstanding CPA in Industry in Oklahoma in 2006, Mayor of the Year in Oklahoma for cities over 5,000 in 2011, and Oklahoma Accounting Hall of Fame in 2015. He was also honored as a Distinguished Former Student by the University of Central Oklahoma and most recently he was inducted into the Hall of Fame for Oklahoma Cities and Towns.

He received both his B.S. in accounting and MBA from the University of Central Oklahoma while earning All-American status in wrestling. When he is not working or performing his duties as the Mayor for the City of Choctaw, Oklahoma, Mr. Ross enjoys scuba diving and spending his weekends at the lake.

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

Since 2008, recipients of the Lorraine P. Sachs Standard of Excellence Award are state board executive staff leaders who show excellence in regulating and make a positive impact on the accounting profession.

2020
Russ Friedewald

2019
James Corley

2018
Susan L. Somers

2017
Nicole Kasin

2016
Jim Abbott

2015
Daniel R. Sweetwood

2014
Viki A. Windfeldt

2013
Richard C. Sweeney

2012
Robert N. Brooks

2011
Barbara R. Porter

2010
Daniel J. Dustin

2009
William Treacy

2008
Carol Sigmann



RANDALL A. ROSS, CPA

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*Recommend to the Board of Directors recipients of the Distinguished Service Award,
William H. Van Rensselaer Public Service Award, and Lorraine P. Sachs Standard of Excellence Award.*

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