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# THEODORE W. LONG, JR., CPA

## William H. Van Rensselaer Public Service Award

Theodore W. Long, Jr., CPA, of Shaker Heights, Ohio, has served in numerous leadership roles for over three decades. As a member of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) Board of Directors, he served as the Great Lakes regional director from 2004-2007, assumed the role of director-at-large from 2008-2013, and served as chair from 2017-2018. He also served as a committee chair and member of the Global Strategies, Administration and Finance (treasurer), Nominating, Awards, and Bylaws committees. Mr. Long contributed to and served on NASBA's CPE Advisory Committee for three terms and on the Relations with Member Boards Committee for two terms. His dedication extended to committee membership in the Strategic Planning, CEO Selection Advisory, Executive, Audit, CBT Administration, CPA Mobility, International Delivery of the CPA Exam, and Communications committees. Currently, he serves on the Bylaws Committee and the Past Chair Advisory Council.

Mr. Long was an integral member of the Accountancy Board of Ohio, where he dedicated two terms from 1988-1992 and then from 2000-2006. In addition, he served as board chair from 1990-1992 and later from 2004-2005. He was a member of the board's Disciplinary Action, Peer Review, Licensing, Nominating, Education Assistance and Office Oversight committees.

Mr. Long is a retired partner of Ernst & Young, LLP, with over 35 years of experience in public accounting, primarily in attest and advisory services. His commitment to the profession is evident through his membership in the AICPA and his role on the Board of Directors for the Ohio Society of CPAs. Additionally, he served on the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company's Board of Directors and as chair of the Audit Committee. Mr. Long was involved in various committees, including the Executive, Finance and Operations, Governance and Nominating committees. He contributed his expertise as an ASW Global Advisory Board member for seven terms.

Mr. Long is a dedicated community leader, serving as an officer and on the board of directors for various community, civic, nonprofit and professional organizations in the greater Cleveland area. His extensive community involvement includes roles such as board member and treasurer for The First Tee of Cleveland and the Urban League of Greater Cleveland. He chaired the Audit Committee and served as a board member for the United Way Services of Cleveland. Mr. Long was an Audit Committee member for Cleveland Metroparks and treasurer for the Trout Club at the Cleveland Natural History Museum. He served on the Executive Committee and was the treasurer at the Canterbury Golf Club United States Senior Open. Mr. Long was also a business school fellow at Cleveland State University.

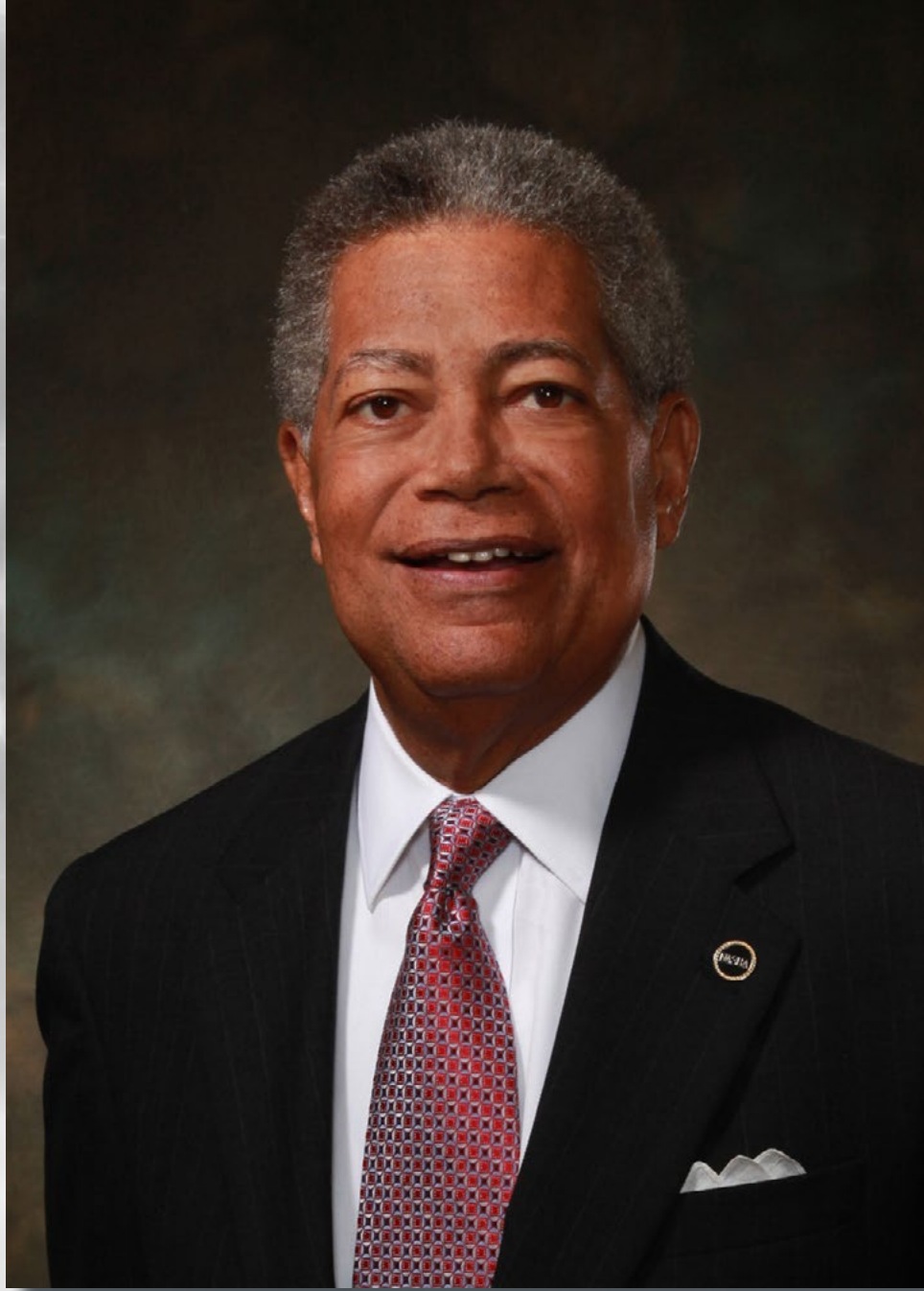
A Kansas native, Mr. Long studied at Wichita State University, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration. His extensive contributions and commitment to accountancy, professional organizations, and community leadership exemplify his dedication to excellence and service.

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## 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.

2022 Donald H. Burkett	2015 Samuel K. Cotterell	2008 John B. Peace	2001 Nathan T. Garrett	1994 Lorin H. Wilson
2021 Mark P. Harris	2014 David A Vaudt	2007 Milton Brown	2000 Thomas Iino	1993 Douglas Sprague
2020 Carlos E. Johnson	2013 Diane M. Rubin	2006 Ronnie Rudd	1999 Jerome P. Soloman	1992 Louis W. Dooner
2019 Michael T. Daggett	2012 Michael D. Weatherwax	2005 Susan J. Reinardy	1998 C. Hunter Jones	1991 John A. Baker
2018 Gaylen R. Hansen	2011 Sandra A. Suran	2004 John M. Greene	1997 Jerome A. Schine	1990 A. Leighton Platt
2017 Thomas J. Sadler	2010 K. Michael Conaway	2003 Welling W. Fruehauf	1996 Richard J. Goode	1989 Louis W. Matusiak
2016 Billy M. Atkinson	2009 Barton W. Baldwin	2002 Noel P. Kirch	1995 Wilbert H. Schwotzer	1988 Robert C. Ellyson



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# TYRONE E. DICKERSON, CPA

## NASBA Distinguished Service Award

Tyrone E. Dickerson, CPA, of Richmond, Virginia, is a former member of the NASBA Board of Directors, where he served as director-at-large, treasurer and Middle Atlantic regional director. He is a former chair of NASBA's Administration and Finance Committee, CBT Administration Committee, CPE Committee, Diversity Committee and CPE Standards Working Group. Previously, he served as a member of NASBA's Relations with Member Boards Committee and Enforcement Resources Committee.

Mr. Dickerson served eight years on the Virginia Board of Accountancy, with two terms as chair. His professional experience includes serving as a founding partner of Dennis, Dickerson & Wilkins – Management Consultants; principal with Lucas Tucker & Co., CPA – the largest African American CPA firm in the country; vice president with Urban National Corporation – venture capital; partner with Mitchell, Titus & Co., CPA; and principal with DRUM Broadcasting.

Following a successful career in the broadcasting industry, Mr. Dickerson founded Tyrone E. Dickerson, CPA firm in 1984. Currently, he practices as a sole practitioner specializing in auditing small businesses and not-for-profit organizations.

Mr. Dickerson's community involvement is extensive. He currently serves on the Virginia Union University Board of Trustees, where he is chair of the Audit Committee and a member of the Finance and Academic Affairs committees. He is a lifetime member and past Grand Chapter auditor (16 years) of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and a member and current thesauristes of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity-Alpha Beta Boule. A past member and Paul Harris fellow of The Rotary Club of Richmond, Mr. Dickerson is a presiding partner of the ECTEZUS Investment Club and founder of the Richmond Chapter of The National Negro Golf Association (NNGA).

In recognition of his contributions to the accounting profession and community, Mr. Dickerson was honored by the Virginia Society of CPAs (VSCPA) as its 2021 Ruth Coles Harris Advancing Diversity & Inclusion Award recipient. In 2022, he was awarded the 2022 Leadership Award by the Ruth Coles Harris Leadership Institute.

Mr. Dickerson received a B.S. in accounting from Central State University and an MBA from the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

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## 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.

2022 John F. Dailey, Jr.	2017 E. Kent Smoll	2012 Charles W. Taylor	2007 Charles H. Calhoun	2002 Harris W. Widmer
2021 Barbara A. Ley	2016 Robert B. Cagnassola	2011 Philip W. Gleason	2006 Jimmie Lee Mason	2001 Will J. Pugh
2020 Raymond N. Johnson	2015 Kenneth R. Odom	2010 Sheila M. Birch	2005 Asa L. Hord	2000 Bernard Blum
2019 Michael Weinschel	2014 Richard Isserman	2009 Ellis M. Dunkum	2004 Gerald W. Burns	1999 Leon K. Poché
2018 Harry O. Parsons	2013 Andrew L. DuBoff	2008 Harold D. Hein	2003 Janice B. Wilson-Marcum	



**TYRONE E. DICKERSON, CPA**

# KENT A. ABSEC

## Lorraine P. Sachs Standard of Excellence Award

Kent A. Absec of Boise, Idaho, has served as the executive officer (EO) for the Idaho State Board of Accountancy located in Boise, since March of 2012. Mr. Absec’s involvement with NASBA includes six years on NASBA’s CBT Administration Committee and five terms as a member of the Executive Directors Committee in which he had the honor of serving as the Executive Directors Committee chair and liaison to the NASBA Board of Directors for two years.

Mr. Absec has been a participant on various working groups including NASBA’s 2020-2021 Strategic Planning Task Force, the 2021-2022 CPA Examination Transition Task Force, the 2022-2023 NASBA CPA Pipeline Task Force, and the Executive Directors ALD Task Force. Additionally, Mr. Absec had a three-year term on the AICPA’s State Board Committee and the NASBA/AICPA CPA Pipeline Working Group.

In October 2021, Mr. Absec was given the assignment of serving as the executive officer for five additional regulatory boards as well as serving as the licensing program manager for the 16 boards and commissions under the Occupations Section of the Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL). Along with these duties, Mr. Absec was also a member of the Licensing Information Systems project team, which was responsible for collecting system requirements for all 48 DOPL boards and commissions and choosing a vendor for the Division’s new licensing system.

Prior to joining the Idaho Accountancy Board, Mr. Absec spent 22 years in the financial services industry, which included roles in retail banking, learning and development, and as a sales consultant to a network of banking locations across Idaho. He has also been involved with Idaho high school students throughout his career, which has included serving as the Idaho state chair of both the Idaho Hugh O’Brian Youth Foundation and Idaho Business Week. He is currently a member of the Idaho State Driver Education Advisory Committee.

Mr. Absec has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a management emphasis from Boise State University.

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## 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.

2022  
Patti Bowers

2017  
Nicole Kasin

2012  
Robert N. Brooks

2021  
Randall A. Ross

2016  
Jim Abbott

2011  
Barbara R. Porter

2020  
Russ Friedewald

2015  
Daniel R. Sweetwood

2010  
Daniel J. Dustin

2019  
James Corley

2014  
Viki A. Windfeldt

2009  
William Treacy

2018  
Susan L. Somers

2013  
Richard C. Sweeney

2008  
Carol Sigmann



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## 2022-2023 AWARDS COMMITTEE

*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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