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NASBA Selects Nicola Neilon, CPA, as 2024-25 Vice Chair Nominee

Neilon to assume role in October 2024 following predecessor Maria E. Caldwell, CPA

NASHVILLE, TENN. (May 9, 2024) – The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) is pleased to announce Nicola Neilon, CPA, of Reno, NV, has been selected as its vice chair nominee for 2024-25. Neilon’s selection comes following a meeting of NASBA’s Nominating Committee on Tuesday, May 7.

Neilon’s volunteer involvement with NASBA began in 2013. Since that time, she has held a variety of leadership roles within the organization. In addition to currently serving as director-at-large and secretary of the Board of Directors, Neilon also chairs the Uniform Accountancy Act (UAA) Committee and is a member of the Professional Licensure Task Force. Her past service includes serving as Mountain regional director and chair of the Standard Setting and Professional Trends Advisory Committee, Legislative Support Committee and Relations with Member Boards Committee.

“I was excited to learn that Niki has been selected as NASBA’s 2024-25 vice chair nominee,” shared NASBA President and CEO Ken L. Bishop. “Her exemplary work as a member of the executive committee and the Professional Licensing Task Force are clear indicators of her dynamic leadership and dedication to the regulation of the accounting profession on behalf of Boards of Accountancy,” he continued.

Most recently, Neilon completed a three-year appointment to the AICPA Board of Examiners and was re-elected to serve a second consecutive term on the NASBA Board of Directors. She was previously a member of the Enforcement Resources Committee, the CPA Exam Transition Task Force, the Strategic Planning Task Force, the Restructuring Issues Task Force and the Accountancy Stakeholders Working Group. A former president, secretary and treasurer of the Nevada State Board of Accountancy, Neilon has also served as the legislative chairperson of the Nevada Society of CPAs and is a member of the American Institute of CPAs.

With more than 27 years of public accounting experience, Neilon is a founding shareholder of Reno-based accounting firm, Casey Neilon. She specializes in accounting, tax and auditing services for captive insurance companies as well as business and tax consulting for small to medium-sized businesses. Neilon has assisted firms in restructuring their organization, minimizing tax obligations and working toward long-term growth and stability.

“I am honored and humbled to be selected as NASBA’s vice chair nominee, particularly at such a pivotal time for the regulation of the profession and, in collaboration with NASBA’s selection of Dan Dustin as CEO

select. NASBA and its member boards will play a significant role in the many crucial issues surrounding pipeline, pathways, technology, anti-regulation and its impact on public protection. I am committed to listening to all of our stakeholders to ensure that public protection, substantial equivalency and mobility are always front of mind. I couldn't be more eager to get started, and I thank the members of the Nominating Committee for the opportunity to share my passion for the profession in support of our mission.”

Educated in both the United States and the United Kingdom, Neilon entered the accounting profession in a non-traditional manner. She worked in the United Kingdom and Germany at the beginning of her career before immigrating to the States. Neilon received her Bachelor of General Studies and completed the Accounting Licensure Program at the University of Nevada, Reno. She also holds a graduate certificate in Taxation from Golden Gate University.

In her career, both in and outside of NASBA, Neilon focuses on encouraging young professionals to join the profession and supporting Boards of Accountancy in their duty to protect the public. She plans to apply this hybrid approach to her dedication to NASBA as vice chair.

About NASBA

Since 1908, the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) has served as a forum for the nation's Boards of Accountancy, which administer the Uniform CPA Examination, license more than 672,000 certified public accountants and regulate the practice of public accountancy in the United States.

NASBA's mission is to enhance the effectiveness and advance the common interests of the Boards of Accountancy in meeting their regulatory responsibilities. The Association promotes the exchange of information among accountancy boards, serving the needs of the 55 U.S. jurisdictions.

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