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NASBA Presents Prestigious Awards to Three Leaders in Accounting

Telford A. Lodden, Jimmy E. Burkes and Doreen Johnson Honored During 117th Annual Meeting

NASHVILLE, TENN. (Nov. 5, 2024) – Telford A. Lodden, CPA, Jimmy E. Burkes, CPA, and Doreen Johnson were honored on October 29, 2024, for their leadership and contributions to the accounting profession by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), during NASBA’s 117th Annual Meeting, in Orlando, FL. The meeting attracted representatives from 50 U.S. jurisdictions.

Telford A. Lodden, CPA, of West Des Moines, IA, received the 2024 William H. Van Rensselaer Public Service Award, which recognizes individuals who have contributed to the development of a new program, improvement of a current program for State Boards of Accountancy, or who have influenced passage of rules or statutes to strengthen accountancy regulation. Lodden is a former Central regional director, director-at-large, vice chair and chair (2016-2017) of NASBA. He has served on NASBA’s Administration and Finance, Bylaws, Nominating, Awards, Regulatory Response, Audit, Communications and Relations with Member Boards committees. Currently, he is a member of the NASBA Uniform Accountancy Act Committee and Past Chair Advisory Council. As chair of the Continuing Professional Education Committee, Lodden set up a joint task force composed of NASBA, AICPA, providers and educators to review the CPE Standards. Lodden is the former owner and managing principal of Brooks Lodden, PC, a large Iowa-based CPA firm, as well as the president of Millenium Financial Servies. He retired in 2023 and today, he is a writer, speaker, coach and consultant.

Jimmy E. Burkes, CPA, of Clinton, MS, received the 2024 NASBA Distinguished Service Award. This award honors individuals who have demonstrated an unswerving commitment and dedication to enhancing the mission of NASBA. Burkes is the former Compliance/Assurance partner with Haddox Reid Eubank Betts PLLC and currently serves as a member of NASBA’s Administration and Finance Committee. He previously served as the organization’s director-at-large, Southeast regional director, chair of the Administration and Finance, Audit, Bylaws and Enforcement Resources committees, and was a member of the Compliance Assurance, Regulatory Response and Awards committees. As of December 31, 2017, Burkes completed his third five-year term on the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy. In addition to his CPA license, he earned the Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) and Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) professional credentials during his career.

Doreen Johnson, of White Bear Lake, MN, received the 2024 Lorraine P. Sachs Standard of Excellence Award, which recognizes a state board executive or administrator that has shown outstanding service to improving the effectiveness of accounting regulation-on local and national fronts. Johnson served as the executive director of the Minnesota State Board of Accountancy for two decades. During her tenure, she oversaw the adoption and implementation of significant administrative rule changes that eased the burden of the licensure process for licensees and applicants through mobility, modification to the licensure framework and a rigorous review of administrative rules. Under her leadership, she was dedicated to enforcement of the statutes and rules and worked to ensure public protection and accountability. As a passionate public servant for over 28 years, she volunteered her time on numerous committees (including the NASBA Accountancy Licensee Database Committee), task forces and leadership training to support the operations of the board on a state and national level.

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 approximately 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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