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William H. Van Rensselaer Public Service Award

Laurie Tish is a past chair of the NASBA Board of Directors. Throughout her board tenure, she held several leadership positions, including Pacific regional director, director-at-large and member of the Executive Committee. Additionally, Laurie is a former chair of NASBA's Accountancy Licensee Database, Global Strategies and Uniform Accountancy Act committees, and a past member of NASBA's Standard-Setting Advisory, Strategic Initiatives, Relations with Member Boards and Nominating committees, and the Government Agency Referral and Mobility Task Force. She served a term on the AICPA Professional Ethics Executive Committee and recently completed a term on the AICPA Auditing Standards Board (ASB) and continues to serve on the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Task Force of the ASB.

Laurie recently retired as a partner with Moss Adams LLP where she served as the national practice leader for government services, higher education, tribal, and not for profit entities. She has expertise in governmental accounting and auditing, municipal finance, regulatory accounting and reporting, and federal compliance audits. She also specialized in auditing and verifying ESG reports, including social and personnel matters, production and greenhouse gas emissions.

A nationally recognized instructor and speaker on topics such as ESG, government accounting and auditing standards, federal compliance and corporate governance, Laurie is a former member of the Washington State Board of Accountancy and a past chair of the Washington Society of CPAs Government Accounting and Auditing Committee. She also served for 25 years as a technical reviewer for the Government Finance Officers Association.

Laurie is a graduate of the Foster School of Business at the University of Washington with a BA in Business Administration. She holds a license to practice public accounting in the state of Washington and in the Territory of American Samoa. She currently serves on several civic boards and is a past recipient of the Washington Society of CPAs "Lifetime Achievement Award."

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.

2025 Janice L. Gray, CPA	2017 Thomas J. Sadler	2009 Barton W. Baldwin	2001 Nathan T. Garrett	1993 Douglas Sprague
2024 Telford A. Lodden	2016 Billy M. Atkinson	2008 John B. Peace	2000 Thomas Iino	1992 Louis W. Dooner
2023 Theodore W. Long, Jr.	2015 Samuel K. Cotterell	2007 Milton Brown	1999 Jerome P. Soloman	1991 John A. Baker
2022 Donald H. Burkett	2014 David A Vaudt	2006 Ronnie Rudd	1998 C. Hunter Jones	1990 A. Leighton Platt
2021 Mark P. Harris	2013 Diane M. Rubin	2005 Susan J. Reinardy	1997 Jerome A. Schine	1989 Louis W. Matusiak
2020 Carlos E. Johnson	2012 Michael D. Weatherwax	2004 John M. Greene	1996 Richard J. Goode	1988 Robert C. Ellyson
2019 Michael T. Daggett	2011 Sandra A. Suran	2003 Welling W. Fruehauf	1995 Wilbert H. Schwotzer	
2018 Gaylen R. Hansen	2010 K. Michael Conaway	2002 Noel P. Kirch	1994 Lorin H. Wilson	



LAURIE J. TISH, CPA

SHARON A. JENSEN, CPA

NASBA Distinguished Service Award

Sharon A. Jensen is a finance and accounting consultant specializing in strategic initiatives, U.S. and international regulatory accounting and reporting, organizational governance and enterprise risk management. She consults with multinational companies to implement strategic initiatives and acquisitions and align business strategies with associated accounting and regulatory reporting requirements.

Previously, Sharon served as the chief financial officer for a multinational manufacturing company, where she lead strategic expansion into Europe and Latin America. In this role, she was responsible for acquisition and mergers, developing the financial structure and integrating the accounting and reporting processes. She also has 15 years of experience in public accounting as an audit partner and consultant to companies across many industries.

Sharon served on the NASBA Board of Directors as Central regional director and director-at-large. She is the past chair of NASBA's International Qualifications Appraisal Board (IQAB) and a former member of NASBA's Legislative and Global Strategies Committee. She is also a past chair of the Minnesota Board of Accountancy, and a former member of the Minnesota Society of CPAs Board of Directors. Additionally, Sharon is the past president of the Wyoming Society of CPAs and previously served on several AICPA committees.

PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

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

2025
Faye D. Miller, CPA

2024
Jimmy E. Burkes

2023
Tyrone E. Dickerson

2022
John F. Dailey, Jr.

2021
Barbara A. Ley

2020
Raymond N. Johnson

2019
Michael Weinshel

2018
Harry O. Parsons

2017
E. Kent Smoll

2016
Robert B. Cagnassola

2015
Kenneth R. Odom

2014
Richard Isserman

2013
Andrew L. DuBoff

2012
Charles W. Taylor

2011
Philip W. Gleason

2010
Sheila M. Birch

2009
Ellis M. Dunkum

2008
Harold D. Hein

2007
Charles H. Calhoun

2006
Jimmie Lee Mason

2005
Asa L. Hord

2004
Gerald W. Burns

2003
Janice B. Wilson-Marcum

2002
Harris W. Widmer

2001
Will J. Pugh

2000
Bernard Blum

1999
Leon K. Poché



SHARON A. JENSEN, CPA

DAVID SANFORD, CPA

Lorraine P. Sachs Standard of Excellence Award

David Sanford, CPA, has served as the executive director of the Guam Board of Accountancy since 2004, under an administrative services contract between Sanford Technology Group LLC (STG) and the board. He has lived and worked in Guam, Saipan and Micronesia since 1978, and has worked throughout the Pacific Rim in public and private accounting.

David subsequently served as a financial controller for Duty Free Shoppers Ltd (DFS) in Saipan and Guam, and was also appointed as vice president-finance for the DFS credit card subsidiary, formed in Hong Kong in 1982. After relocating to the DFS corporate accounting office from Honolulu to San Francisco, in late 1984, he returned to Guam and formed an integrated computer services company with his spouse, Toni, in 1986. Today, STG provides payroll processing and IT services throughout Guam, CNMI and Micronesia.

Augmenting David's professional endeavors are his memberships and service with various community and business organizations, including his parish financial council, Guam and CNMI tax commissions, and chambers of commerce. In service to the CPA profession, he has participated in all aspects of the Guam Society of CPAs administration since 1980, and served as a member of the AICPA Governing Council intermittently from 2003 through 2012, and most recently from 2024 through 2026.

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.

2025
Viki A. Windfeldt

2024
Doreen Johnson

2023
Kent A. Absec

2022
Patti Bowers

2021
Randall A. Ross

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



DAVID SANFORD, CPA

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2025-2026 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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