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**NASBA ANNOUNCES 2010 AWARD RECIPIENTS AT 103<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

NASHVILLE, TN (October 27, 2010) – The [National Association of State Boards of Accountancy \(NASBA\)](http://www.nasba.org) announced its annual awards recipients on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, during its 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Congressman K. Michael Conaway, CPA, of Midland, Texas, was presented with the 2010 William H. Van Rensselaer Public Service Award. Established in 1988, the Award recognizes individuals who have earned recognition through their contributions in the development of a new program or improvement of a current program for boards of accountancy, or who influenced passage of rules or statutes to improve accountancy regulations and laws.

As a representative of the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Texas, Congressman Conaway's background has given him credibility to be a vocal proponent in reducing the national debt. During his six years on the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy, and five years as presiding officer, he represented the profession during a complete legislation revision of the Texas Public Accountancy Act. He has served NASBA in numerous capacities including chair, vice chair, regional director and member of the Administration and Finance, Education and Bylaws committees.

Sheila M. Birch, CPA, of Bratenahl, Ohio, was presented with the 2010 Distinguished Service Award. Established in 1999, the Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated unswerving commitment to enhancing the mission of NASBA.

Ms. Birch is a Partner in Ciuni & Panichi, Inc.'s Audit and Accounting Services Group. In past years, Ms. Birch has served on the NASBA Board of Directors as director-at-large, and as chair of the NASBA Ethics Committee, Strategic Initiatives Committee and CPA Examination Review Board. She is the former chair of the Accountancy Board of Ohio and former president of the American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants (Cleveland Chapter).

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**About NASBA**

Celebrating 103 years of service, the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) serves as a forum for the nation's state boards of accountancy, which administer the Uniform CPA Examination, license over 600,000 certified public accountants and regulate the practice of public accountancy in the United States. NASBA's mission is to enhance the effectiveness of state boards of accountancy in meeting their regulatory responsibilities. The Association promotes the exchange of information among the accountancy boards, serving the needs of the 55 U.S. jurisdictions.

NASBA is headquartered in Nashville, TN, with a satellite office in New York, NY and a Computer Testing Center in Guam. To learn more about NASBA, visit [www.nasba.org](http://www.nasba.org).

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