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NASBA ANNOUNCES 2011 AWARD RECIPIENTS AT ANNUAL MEETING

NASHVILLE, TN (October 26, 2011) – The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) announced its annual awards recipients during its 104th Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, October 24-26, 2011.

Sandra A. Suran, CPA, of Portland, Oregon, was presented with the 2011 William H. Van Rensselaer Award. Established in 1988, the Van Rensselaer Award is in recognition of outstanding achievements as a leader, significant accomplishments and contributions to the effectiveness of state boards in assuring the competence and integrity of licensed accountants in serving the public's financial reporting needs.

Ms. Suran's 30-plus-year background in auditing and consulting, along with her genuine passion for positive and effective change, has positioned her as a well-respected leader within the accounting profession, on both local and national platforms. From 1984-1985, Suran served as President of NASBA, becoming the second woman to hold the organization's top office. Under her leadership, she led NASBA's first strategic planning process which required bringing the 54 jurisdictions together to create a common plan. The process resulted in the development of new service offerings and a new mission for NASBA, which ultimately led to the organization's financial independence. Additionally, through her extensive involvement with the AICPA, Suran helped raise the AICPA Board's and leadership's respect for NASBA as an invaluable contributor to the accounting profession.

Philip W. Gleason, CPA, of Bloomington, Minnesota, was presented with the 2011 Distinguished Service Award. Established by NASBA in 1999, the Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated unswerving commitment and dedication to enhancing the mission of NASBA.

Mr. Gleason's involvement with NASBA began in 1992, where he served as a Delegate until 2004. A former member of the NASBA Board of Directors, he is a Past Chair of the Relations with Member Boards and CPE Advisory Committees. Of particular note, his service on the CPE Advisory Committee included participation on the Task Force that drafted the Statement on Standards for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) that remains in force today, as well as, establishing NASBA's first CPE Conference. Additionally, Gleason has served NASBA as Central Regional Director and member of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee, Awards Committee, CPA Licensing Examinations

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Committee and Examination Review Board (ERB). During his tenure on the ERB, the Uniform CPA Examination transitioned from a paper and pencil format to a computer-based format. Currently, Gleason is a member of the CPA Examination and Administration Committee.

Barbara R. Porter, of Boise, Idaho, was presented with the 2011 Lorraine P. Sachs Standard of Excellence Award. Established in 2008, the Standard of Excellence Award was established to recognize state board Executive Directors that have shown exemplary, dedicated and outstanding service and commitment to improving the effectiveness of accounting regulation, both locally and nationally.

Mrs. Porter has served as Executive Director of the Idaho State Board of Accountancy since August 1996. Through her leadership, Porter has strengthened the relationship between the Idaho Board and the Idaho Society of Certified Public Accountants, which has greatly benefitted the professional growth of Idaho licensees. She also empowered her staff to identify and groom volunteers to assist with the Board's CPE, Peer Review Oversight and Investigative Committees. In the last 15 years, Porter has served NASBA in numerous capacities, including both appointed and elected positions. She is a Past Chair of NASBA's Executive Directors Committee and she currently serves on NABSA's State Board Relevance and Effectiveness Committee. Additionally, she served three years on the AICPA Board of Examiners.

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 650,000 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 an International Computer Testing and Call Center in Guam. To learn more about NASBA, visit www.nasba.org.

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