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National Association of Secretaries of State Names 2007-2008 Committee Leaders

Washington, DC—The National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), representing the nation's chief state election officials, today announced its roster of committee leaders for the 2007-2008 cycle. In addition to its executive board, which was appointed in July, NASS has eight standing committees, one subcommittee, one task force and three executive board appointments to the National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council. Committee heads are responsible for overseeing the work of the association in specific issue areas, which often includes representing the association before Congress, federal agencies and the media, and setting agendas for the group's semiannual meetings.

"We have drawn a bipartisan group of experienced secretaries of state from across the nation to head our committees," noted NASS President Todd Rokita, Indiana Secretary of State. "In addition to their expertise in the various issue areas of jurisdiction, they are committed to engaging our membership in NASS efforts and supporting the strategic mission of the association."

Committee leadership for the 2007-2008 cycle includes the following NASS members:

Standing Committee on Elections

Co-Chair Hon. Chris Nelson, SD
Co-Chair Hon. Robin Carnahan, MO

Elections Subcommittee on Presidential Primaries

Co-Chair Hon. Trey Grayson, KY
Co-Chair Hon. Michael Mauro, IA

Standing Committee on Voter Participation

Co-Chair Hon. Karen Handel, GA
Co-Chair Hon. Ross Miller, NV

Standing Committee on Business Services

Chair Hon. Mark Hammond, SC
Vice Chair Hon. Matt Dunlap, ME

Company Formation Task Force of Business Services Committee

Co-Chair Hon. Elaine Marshall, NC
Co-Chair Hon. John Gale, NE

Standing Committee on International Relations

Chair Hon. Kurt Browning, FL
Vice Chair Hon. Jennifer Brunner, OH

Standing Committee on Securities

Chair Hon. Max Maxfield, WY
Vice Chair Hon. Robin Carnahan, MO

Standing Committee on Awards and Publications

Chair Hon. Al Jaeger, ND
Vice Chair Hon. Mark Ritchie, MN

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Founded in 1904, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) is the oldest professional, non-partisan organization of public officials in the United States. Members include the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. For more information, visit www.nass.org.

Standing Corporate Affiliate Advisory Committee

Chair Hon. Pedro Cortes, PA
Vice Chair Hon. Todd Rokita, IN

Standing Committee on Nominations and Credentials

Chair Hon. Pedro Cortes, PA

National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council (eC3) Board Members

Hon. Matt Dunlap, ME
Hon. Brad Johnson, MT
Hon. Elaine Marshall, NC

In accordance with association bylaws, the NASS president appoints committee chairs and co-chairs. These members retain their positions through July 2008.

“We commend our members who have accepted a national leadership position within the National Association of Secretaries of State,” said NASS Executive Director Leslie Reynolds. “With 2008 being a federal election cycle and other hot topics such as state company formation processes and e-government services in the spotlight, there will be a great deal of activity at the state and federal levels. We will depend on our committee heads to play a large part in these developments.”

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