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NASS Administrative Rules Organization Elects National Officers

Oregonian Julie Yamaka to Lead National Administrative Codes and Registers (ACR) Section

Washington, DC – The Administrative Codes and Registers (ACR) Section of the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) today announced the election of its new slate of national officers for a two-year cycle. Oregon State Archives Publications Manager Julie Yamaka will serve as president of the group, which includes administrative rules professionals from the federal government and all fifty U.S. states, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"I look forward to representing my colleagues from across the country as we collaborate to develop more public access to states' rulemaking processes," said Yamaka, a native of Keizer, Oregon who has served with the Oregon Secretary of State's office since 1990. "It also pleases me greatly to be serving as a national officer along with two fellow West Coasters."

ACR members elected New Mexico Administrative Law Division Director John Martinez to serve as vice-president of ACR. Arizona Secretary of State Public Services Director Scott Cancelosi was selected to serve as secretary-treasurer. As the group's national officers, they will work with Yamaka during the next two years to direct ACR activities, including annual conferences and a biennial survey of state rulemaking processes.

The NASS Administrative Codes and Registers (ACR) Section, formed thirty years ago, brings together federal and state professionals—usually employed by secretary of state offices—who are responsible for reviewing and compiling government rules and regulations that have been adopted and are in effect. Some members also oversee the production of "blue books," which are the official government directory and fact book for each state.

Yamaka has been active in ACR since 1998. She served as a regional representative to the ACR executive committee from 2000-2004, secretary-treasurer from 2004-2006, vice president from 2006-2008 and in 2002, she served as program chairperson for the organization's summer conference in Providence, Rhode Island.

Martinez has been active in ACR since 2001, when he joined the State Records Center and Archives at the New Mexico Commission on Public Records, where he now serves as administrative law division director. He served as a regional representative to the ACR executive committee from 2004-2006, secretary-treasurer from 2006-2008, and in 2004, he served as program chairperson for the organization's summer conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. Martinez has also been an observer for the drafting of the Model State Administrative Procedure Act since 2006.

Cancelosi has been active in ACR since 1997. He chaired the Robert J. Colborn Award Committee in 2007, presenting the award at the summer conference in Portland, Oregon. He has been a staff member of the Arizona Secretary of State's office since 1996, where he serves as director of the Public Services Division.

The national officers will serve a two-year term from July 2008 to July 2010.

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