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National Association of Secretaries of State Inducts 2009-2010 Leadership

Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson Sworn in as NASS President, Names New National Officers & Committee Chairs

Minneapolis, MN—The National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), currently holding its annual summer meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, today inducted its new slate of national officers for the 2009-2010 cycle. Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson will serve as president, marking the first time in the association's 105-year history that a secretary from the Bluegrass State has done so.

Grayson has been a member of the NASS Executive Board since 2007, most recently serving as president-elect. He has also held several committee leadership positions, including chair of the elections committee, chair of the voter participation committee and co-chair of the association's subcommittee on presidential primaries.

"Being elected president of NASS is an extraordinary honor, and I appreciate the trust bestowed upon me by my fellow Secretaries from across the country," said Grayson, who joined NASS in 2004, shortly after taking office as Kentucky secretary of state. "I pledge to be a tireless advocate and spokesperson for state members in our dealings with the White House, Congress, federal agencies and other stakeholders, especially during these challenging economic times."

Grayson oversees elections, business filings, notaries public, civic outreach and a host of other services in his state. Through his outreach with NASS, he has become a nationally-recognized leader in civic education, presidential primaries, business services and government innovation.

As president of NASS, Grayson will lead a slate of executive officers who will oversee the association's activities for the coming year (through July 2010). The NASS Executive Board includes:

Hon. Trey Grayson, Kentucky (President)
Hon. Matt Dunlap, Maine (President-Elect)
Hon. Pedro A. Cortés, Pennsylvania (Past President)
Hon. Beth Chapman, Alabama (Treasurer)
Hon. Mark Ritchie, Minnesota (Secretary)
Hon. Ralph Mollis, Rhode Island (Eastern Region Vice President)
Hon. Karen Handel, Georgia (Southern Region Vice President)
Hon. Todd Rokita, Indiana (Midwestern Region Vice President)
Hon. Sam Reed, Washington State (Western Regional Vice President)
Hon. Al Jaeger, North Dakota (Member at Large)
Hon. Kate Brown, Oregon (Member at Large)

Grayson also announced the appointed committee co-chairs for the upcoming year. The following members have
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agreed to serve as NASS committee leaders:

Standing Committee on Elections:

Hon. Kurt Browning, Florida and Hon. Jennifer Brunner, Ohio

Standing Committee on Voter Participation:

Hon. Ken Bennett, Arizona and Hon. Natalie Tennant, West Virginia

Standing Committee on Business Services:

Hon. Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez, New York and Hon. John Gale, Nebraska

Standing Committee on International Relations:

Hon. Mark Hammond, South Carolina and Hon. John McDonough, Maryland

Standing Committee on Securities:

Hon. Delbert Hosemann, Jr., Mississippi and Hon. Ross Miller, Nevada

Standing Committee on State Heritage:

Hon. Jay Dardenne, Louisiana and Hon. Bill Gardner, New Hampshire

Standing Committee on Awards and Publications:

Hon. Al Jaeger, North Dakota and Hon. Stephanie Scott, District of Columbia

Elections Subcommittee on Presidential Primaries:

Hon. Terri Lynn Land, Michigan and Hon. Linda McCulloch, Montana

NASS Company Formation Task Force:

Hon. Elaine Marshall, North Carolina and Hon. Ron Thornburgh, Kansas

“These Secretaries are leaders who share my thirst for innovation and will help our membership excel to new levels for their constituents,” noted Grayson. “This promises to be an outstanding year for NASS because of their willingness to serve, and I thank them for that dedication.”

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