

NASS
PRESIDENTS

PRESIDENTS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECRETARIES OF STATE



2024–2025
Steve Simon
Minnesota



2023–2024
Scott Schwab
Kansas



2022–2023
Tahesha Way
New Jersey



2021–2022
Kyle Ardoin
Louisiana



2020–2021
Maggie Toulouse Oliver
New Mexico



2019–2020
Paul Pate
Iowa



2018–2019
Jim Condos
Vermont



2017–2018
Connie Lawson
Indiana



2016–2017
Denise Merrill
Connecticut



2015–2016
Tom Schedler
Louisiana



2015
Elaine Marshall
North Carolina



2014–February 2015
Kate Brown
Oregon



2013–2014
Tre Hargett
Tennessee



2012–2013
Ross Miller
Nevada



2011–2012
Beth Chapman
Alabama



2011
Mark Ritchie
Minnesota



2010–January 2011
Matthew Dunlap
Maine



2009–2010
Trey Grayson
Kentucky



2008–2009
Pedro A. Cortés
Pennsylvania



2007–2008
Todd Rokita
Indiana



2006–2007
Deborah Markowitz
Vermont



August 2005–2006
Sam Reed
Washington



July–August 2005
Donetta Davidson
Colorado



2004–2005
Rebecca Vigil-Giron
New Mexico



2003–2004
Mary Kiffmeyer
Minnesota



2002–2003
Dan Gwadosky
Maine



2001–2002
Ron Thornburgh
Kansas



2000–2001
Sharon Priest
Arkansas



1999–2000
Jim Bennett
Alabama



1998–1999
Bill Gardner
New Hampshire



1997–1998
Olene Walker
Utah



1996–1997
Mike Cooney
Montana



1995–1996
Joyce Hazeltine
South Dakota



1994–1995
Rufus Edmiston
North Carolina



1993–1994
Natalie Meyer
Colorado



1992–1993
Gail Shafer
New York



1991–1992
Dick Molpus
Mississippi



1990–1991
Ralph Munro
Washington



1989–1990
Julia Tashjian
Connecticut



1988–1989
Jim Edgar
Illinois



1987
Jim Waltermire
Montana



1986–1987
James H. Douglas
Vermont



1985–1986
Jeannette B. Edmondson
Oklahoma



1984–1985
Edwin J. Simcox
Indiana



1983–1984
Jack H. Brier
Kansas



1982–1983
Rose Mofford
Arizona



1981–1982
Robert Burns
Rhode Island



1980–1981
Gentry Crowell
Tennessee



1979–1980
Joan Anderson Growe
Minnesota



1978–1979
Alan J. Dixon
Illinois



1977–1978
Fred L. Wineland
Maryland



1977
Mark White
Texas



1976–1977
Allen J. Beermann
Nebraska



1975–1976
Elwill M. Shanahan
Kansas



1974–1975
Clyde L. Miller
Utah



1973–1974
James C. Kirkpatrick
Missouri



1972–1973
Byron A. Anderson
Colorado



1971–1972
Kelly Bryant
Arkansas



1970–1971
John P. Lomenzo
New York



1969–1970
August P. LaFrance
Rhode Island



1968–1969
Frank Murray
Montana



1967–1968
Joseph Donovan
Minnesota



1966–1967
Ben Meier
North Dakota



1965–1966
Martha Bell Conway
Virginia



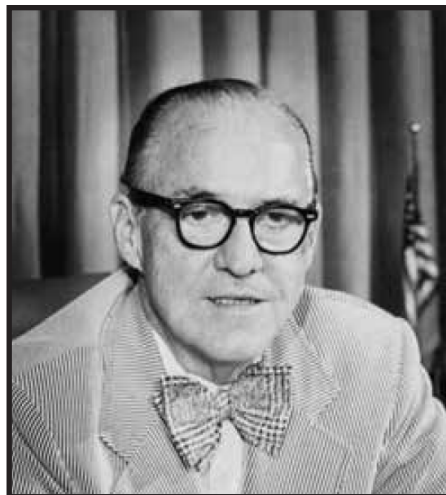
1964–1965
Joe C. Carr
Tennessee



1963–1964
Lamont F. Toronto
Utah



1962–1963
Frank Marsh
Nebraska



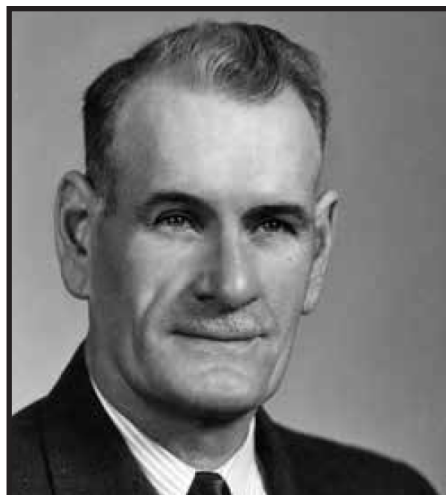
1961–1962
Ted W. Brown
Ohio



1960–1961
Melvin D. Synhorst
Iowa



1959–1960
O. Frank Thornton
South Carolina



1957–1958
Paul R. Shanahan
Kansas



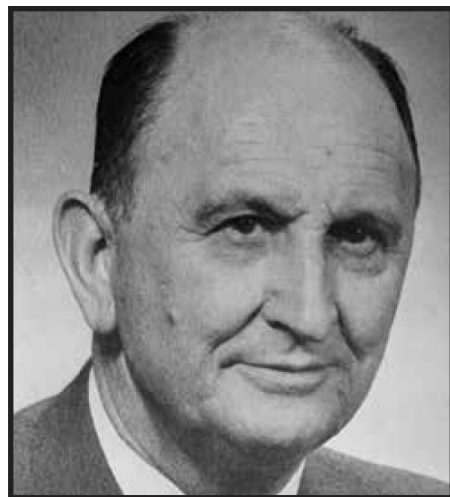
1958–1959
John Koontz
Nevada



1956–1957
Howard E. Armstrong
Vermont



1954–1955
Ben W. Fortson, Jr.
Georgia



1955–1956
Heber Ladner
Mississippi



1953–1954
Earl T. Newbry
Oregon



1952–1953
Wesley Bolin
Arizona



1951–1952
C. G. Hall
Arkansas



1950–1951
Armand H. Cote
Rhode Island



1949–1950
Frank Marsh
Nebraska



1948–1949
Frank M. Jordan
California



1947–1948
Wade O. Martin, Jr.
Louisiana



1946–1947
Robert S. Farrell, Jr.
Oregon



1945–1946
Walker Wood
Mississippi



1944–1945
Mike Holm
Minnesota



1943–1944
Frederic W. Cook
Massachusetts



1942–1943
Edward J. Hughes
Illinois



1941–1942
Thad Eure
North Carolina



1940–1941
E. E. Monson
Utah



1938–1939-1940
John B. Wilson
Georgia



1937–1938
Dwight H. Brown
Missouri



1935–1936
Robert A. Gray
Florida



1936–1937
Theodore Dammann
Wisconsin



1934–1935
Enoch D. Fuller
New Hampshire



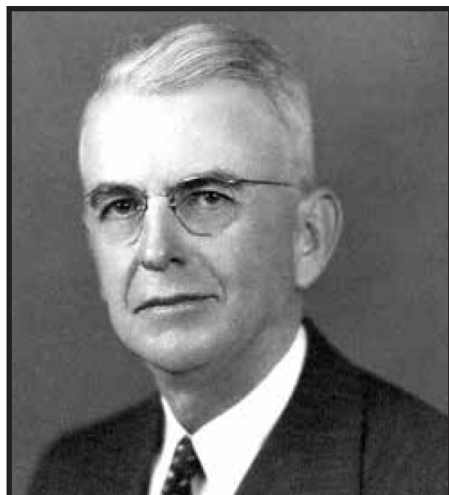
1933–1934
Robert Byrne
North Dakota



1931–1932–1933
Ernest N. Haston
Tennessee



1930–1931
Ernest L. Sprague
Rhode Island



1929–1930
W. P. Blackwell
South Carolina



1927–1928–1929
Fred E. Lukens
Idaho



1926–1927
J. Grant Hinkle
Washington



1924–1925–1926
Mike Holm
Minnesota



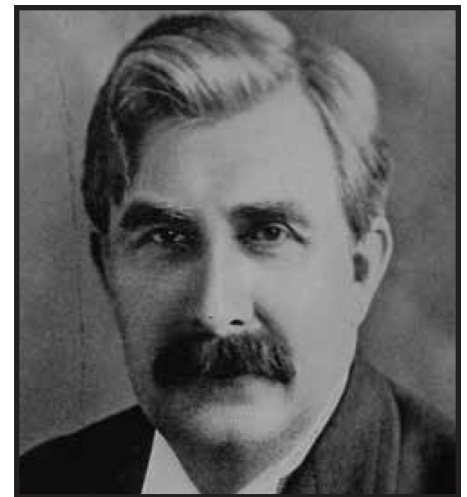
1923–1924
Frederic W. Cook
Massachusetts



1920–1921–1922–1923
Louis L. Emmerson
Illinois



1917–1918–1919–1920
Albert P. Langtry
Massachusetts



1915–1916–1917
Stuart F. Reed
West Virginia

Two NASS presidents died in plane crashes while they were serving in that capacity.

In October 1947, Oregon Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr. was killed in a tragic plane accident, which also took the lives of Governor Earl Snell, a former Secretary of State and Senate President Marshall Cornett, who were also on the plane. At the time, Farrell was the youngest person to ever serve as NASS president.

In the Spring of 1988, Montana Secretary of State James Waltermire was killed in a tragic plane accident while campaigning for governor.

The youngest person to serve as NASS president was Vermont Secretary of State Jim Douglas, who was 35 when elected.

NASS President Allen Beermann in 1977 presented the wooden NASS seal as his gift to the association. The seal has been prominently displayed at the podium at many NASS conferences over the years and can be seen in general conference photos.