

NASS  
PRESIDENTS



PRESIDENTS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECRETARIES OF STATE



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



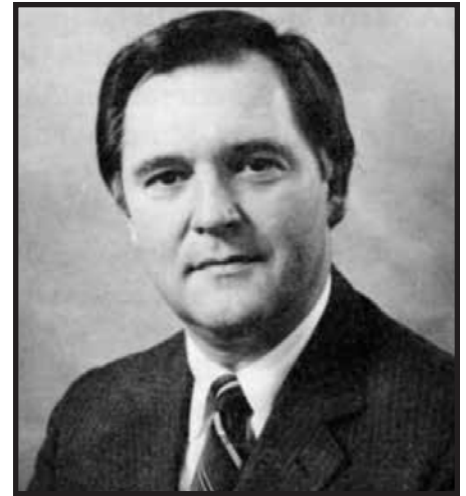
1997–1998  
Olene Walker  
Utah



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



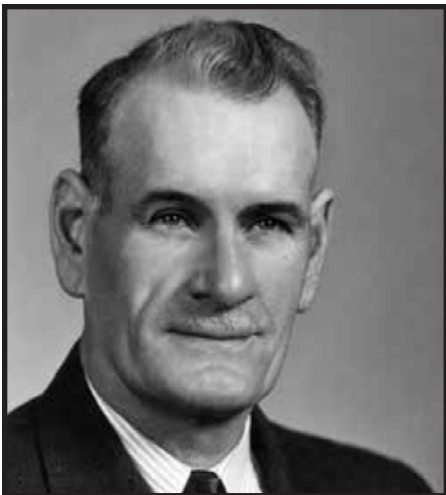
1961-1962  
Ted W. Brown  
Ohio



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



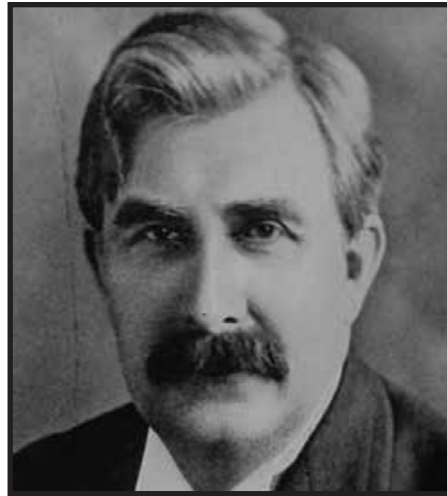
1923-1924  
Frederic W. Cook  
Massachusetts



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.