The Power of Association
ABOUT NASACT

The National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers is an organization for state officials tasked with the financial management of state government. NASACT’s membership is comprised of officials who have been elected or appointed to the offices of state auditor, state comptroller or state treasurer in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories. NASACT has a headquarters office in Lexington, Kentucky, and a second office in Washington, DC. The Association:

• Plans and manages training and technical assistance programs and handles numerous requests for information each year from state auditors, comptrollers, treasurers, and other government officials, as well as the private sector.
• Monitors and responds to federal legislation and agency developments that have an impact on state government and acts as a liaison to federal regulatory bodies and Congressional committees on issues of interest to members.
• Responds to technical standards-setting bodies, helping to ensure the highest levels of government transparency, accountability and integrity.

The National State Auditors Association is dedicated to improving state government by providing opportunities for the free exchange of information and ideas and promoting accountability, transparency and the observance of professional audit standards.

The National Association of State Comptrollers works to enhance the effectiveness of state comptrollers and to improve financial management in state government through cooperation, information sharing, education and advocacy of the issues affecting government finance.

HISTORY

NASACT originated in Washington, DC. in 1915. At that time, a group of state auditors and comptrollers came together and decided to institute an annual meeting for state governmental finance officials from around the country. Thus, NASACT’s technical network of government finance professionals was born.

Since the 1970s, NASACT has actively expanded its role as a representative of state interests in financial management by providing leadership and training to meet the increasingly complex challenges faced by state governments. Although NASACT has a major interest in national issues, it does not engage in any partisan political activity and no staff or organizational resources are used to support any such activity.

NASACT also manages two secretariats – the National State Auditors Association (NSAA) and the National Association of State Comptrollers (NASC).

Both NSAA and NASC are included under the umbrella of NASACT’s budget and utilize staff hired by NASACT.
EDUCATION AND TRAINING

CONFERENCES

Conferences are repeatedly rated as a top benefit of membership in NASACT. Featuring leading state/federal government experts and top private sector finance professionals, the technical programs of NASACT’s conferences are designed to address the specific issues faced by members. Each event also includes valuable peer-to-peer networking opportunities. The core group of conferences that NASACT plans each year includes:

- NASC Annual Conference (March)
- NASACT Training Issues Workshop & Emerging Leaders Conference (April)
- NSAA Annual Conference (June)
- NASACT Annual Conference (August)
- NSAA IT Workshop and Conference (September)
- Webinars (quarterly)

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Budgets remain tight, and NASACT understands. To enable members (or their designees) to attend the NASACT annual conference, NASACT will make available up to $1,500 of travel assistance for each member office. Travel assistance is also offered for the annual conferences of the state auditors and state comptrollers (up to $750 for principals or their designees).

TRAINING SEMINARS PROGRAM

States may take advantage of many specialized training seminars offered through NASACT. Sessions are scheduled by request and tailored to meet specific needs within state auditor, state comptroller and state treasurer offices. Costs for NASACT’s training seminars are negotiated based on the cost for the presenter and the length of the training session.

NASBA ACCREDITED CPE

NASACT is a member of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) and offers continuing professional education (CPE) credit at each conference.

INFORMATION SHARING

PUBLICATIONS

NASACT has a number of publications that are available annually to members. Some are printed publications and some are made available online in the Members Only section of NASACT’s website.

- Regular e-updates including news about members, the association’s activities and news from Washington
- Directory (mailed annually to members; an online roster is also available)
- Auditing in the States (yearly compilation of data about state audit offices, available online to members and available for purchase in hard copy)
- State Comptrollers: Technical Activities and Functions (bi-annual compilation of data about state comptroller offices, available online to members and available for purchase in hard copy)
- Webinar recordings (available free to members on the website)
- Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (available online)

FEDERAL LEGISLATION AND REGULATION MONITORING

NASACT’s Washington office monitors, compiles and distributes information on federal legislation and regulations and agency developments that have an impact on state government fiscal and financial functions.
ADVOCACY

REPRESENTATION ON NATIONAL COALITIONS, PARTNERSHIPS AND COUNCILS

NASACT maintains representation on several national coalitions, partnerships and councils. A NASACT member is selected to serve as the Association's official representative on some, while on others NASACT staff represent the Association's interests. Currently NASACT is represented on:

- Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council (GASAC)
- Public Finance Network (PFN)
- Public Pension Network (PPN)
- Intergovernmental Cooperative Initiative (with the Association of Government Accountants)

STANDARDS-SETTING RESPONSE NETWORK

NASACT provides opportunities for members to speak out and help form group consensus positions on emerging standards from the following rule makers and standards-setting bodies:

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)
- U.S. Treasury
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
- U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)
- U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

BENCHMARKING PROGRAM

NASACT’s Benchmarking Program offers services in four areas: (1) financial management, (2) information technology, (3) human resources/payroll, and (4) procurement. The program allows states to compare themselves to other states and similar private sector companies. It also allows comparisons of agencies within the state to each other and to agencies within other states.

PEER REVIEW PROGRAM

Through NSAA, state audit offices may participate in the Peer Review Program to fulfill their peer review requirements. NSAA’s peer reviews are conducted in accordance with policies and procedures developed by the NSAA Peer Review Committee and approved by NSAA members. NSAA has also coordinated with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants to adapt portions of its copyrighted peer review program materials to fit the NSAA model. NSAA’s policies and procedures have been developed to provide detailed guidance in performing and reporting on peer reviews.

CORPORATE ASSOCIATES PROGRAM

NASACT’s Corporate Associates Program offers private sector companies a formal avenue for interacting with members of NASACT at its annual conference. The program offers various levels of membership and corresponding benefits.

INFORMATION SHARING GROUPS AND USER GROUPS

The NASACT community has several information sharing groups that provide a forum for discussion about specific topics of interest to sub-groups within NASACT’s membership. The groups meet via conference call.

- NASC Payroll
- NASC Travel and Purchase Card
- NASC CGI ERP
- NASC Oracle/PeopleSoft ERP
- NASC Workiva
- NSAA Human Resources
- NSAA Performance Audit
- NASACT Uniform Guidance

TECHNICAL INQUIRY NETWORKS

Through NASACT’s secretariats, NSAA and NASC, the technical inquiry networks provide a means for state auditors and state comptrollers to pose questions to their peers. Responses to technical inquiries are gathered, compiled and then made available to members in the Members Only section of NASACT’s website.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

When opportunities arise for NASACT to align with other like-minded organizations, NASACT will serve as the administrative agent to such organizations. NASACT currently serves as the administrative agent for the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) and provides administrative services for the National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA) and the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST).
Leadership
NASACT

NASACT is governed by an Executive Committee comprised of a president, vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer, immediate past president, and nine other members including three auditors, three comptrollers and three treasurers.

2019-20 NASACT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT BETH PEARCE was appointed Vermont’s state treasurer in January 2011. She has over 40 years of experience in government finance. She previously served as Vermont’s deputy treasurer, as deputy treasurer for cash management at the Massachusetts State Treasurer’s Office, and as deputy comptroller for the town of Greenburgh, New York. She has a B.A. from the University of New Hampshire. She is past president of the National Association of State Treasurers.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ELAINE M. HOWLE was appointed as California’s first female state auditor in 2000. Ms. Howle is a certified public accountant and a certified government financial manager. Ms. Howle has a bachelor’s degree in sports management from the University of Massachusetts and a master’s of business administration from California State University, Sacramento. She is a past president of the National State Auditors Association.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD ECKSTROM has served as South Carolina’s comptroller general since 2002. From 1994 to 1998, he was state treasurer. Mr. Eckstrom is a graduate of the University of South Carolina. Following graduation, he was commissioned in the Navy and conducted oceanographic research. He earned an M.B.A. and a master of accountancy from the University of South Carolina. He is a past president of the National Association of State Comptrollers.

SECRETARY MANJU GANERIWALA was appointed state treasurer of Virginia in 2009. Prior to her appointment, she served as deputy secretary of finance in Gov. Timothy Kaine’s cabinet. She holds a bachelor of commerce degree from the University of Bombay and a master’s in business administration degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Ms. Ganeriwala is a past president of the National Association of State Treasurers.

TREASURER DIANNE RAY was appointed state auditor of Colorado in June 2011. Prior to her appointment, she served as deputy state auditor and also worked in local government for 15 years. She holds a bachelor of science in accounting from Arizona State University and a master of public administration from the University of Colorado. Ms. Ray is a past president of the National State Auditors Association.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT D. CLARK PARTRIDGE is state comptroller of Arizona. He has been with the state of Arizona for over 23 years. He is a past president of the National Association of State Comptrollers and has been recognized with awards from both NASC and NASACT. Mr. Partridge has a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Brigham Young University. He is a certified public accountant and a certified government financial manager.

LYNNE BAJEMA has served as Oklahoma’s state comptroller and deputy director of the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board after working in public accounting and the area of taxation. Ms. Bajema graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma and has been a certified public accountant since 1992. She is secretary/treasurer of the National Association of State Comptrollers.

SUZANNE BUMP is the 25th auditor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts. She previously served as secretary of Labor and Workforce Development and also served for eight years in the MA House of Representatives. In the private sector, she worked as a business advocate, legal counsel, and on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations. She is a graduate of Boston College and Suffolk University School of Law. She is president of the National State Auditors Association.

MICHAEL FITZGERALD was elected as Iowa’s state treasurer in 1982. Prior to that he worked as a marketing analyst for Massey Ferguson. He is a past president of NASACT and the National Association of State Treasurers and is a past chair of NAST’s College Savings Plan Network and the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators. He currently serves on a number of other boards and committees.
MIKE FRERICHS was elected as Illinois’ state treasurer in November 2014. He graduated from Yale University and spent two years in Taiwan where he taught English to young students and learned to speak Chinese. He has served as an elected county auditor, elected state senator, and volunteer firefighter. After being in office for less than one year, he was elected by his peers from across the country to join the NASACT Executive Committee.

MARTHA MAVREDES was appointed the auditor of public accounts of Virginia in 2013. She previously served as deputy auditor of public accounts. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the National State Auditors Association and is an active participant in NSAA’s Peer Review Program. She chairs NSAA’s Single Audit Committee and is a member of the U.S. Government Accountability Office’s Yellow Book Advisory Council. She is secretary/treasurer of the National State Auditors Association.

STACY NEAL is director of accounting for the Missouri Office of Administration. She has over 15 years of experience working with elected officials and members of the general assembly. She graduated magna cum laude from Missouri State University with a B.S. in accounting and is a certified public accountant. She is president of the National Association of State Comptrollers.

DARYL PURPERA was confirmed as Louisiana’s legislative auditor in 2010. He previously served as the first assistant legislative auditor for three years. He holds a B.S. in accounting from Louisiana State University and is a certified public accountant. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and served on AICPA’s Government Expert Panel from 2009-11. He is president-elect of the National Association of State Auditors.

LYNNE RILEY was appointed Georgia state treasurer in May 2019 after serving as revenue commissioner. She served on the IRS Security Summit and was vice-chair of the Identity Theft Tax Refund Fraud ISAC Senior Executive Board. She served in the general assembly and as Fulton County commissioner. Riley is a trustee of the Employees Retirement System and the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, and holds additional ex-officio roles in Georgia state government.

BRANDON WOOLF is state controller of Idaho. He was appointed in 2012 to fill the remainder of the term of his predecessor and elected to full terms in 2014 and 2018. He serves on the Idaho Board of Land Commissioners and is secretary of the Idaho Board of Examiners. He is a graduate of Utah State University with a bachelor of arts in political science and earned a master of business administration from Boise State University. He is vice president of the National Association of State Comptrollers.

Leadership

NSAA and NASC are also governed by executive committees. The executive committees of each of these groups transition at their annual conferences — in June for NSAA and in March for NASC.

2019-20 NSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT SUZANNE BUMP, Auditor of the Commonwealth, Massachusetts
PRESIDENT-ELECT DARYL G. PURPERA, Legislative Auditor, Louisiana
SECRETARY/TREASURER MARTHA MAVREDES, Auditor of Public Accounts, Virginia
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT BETH WOOD, State Auditor, North Carolina
GREG S. GRIFFIN, State Auditor, Georgia
JOHN GERAGOSIAN, State Auditor, Connecticut
APRIL RENFROM, Division Manager, Legislative Services—Audit Division

2019-20 NASC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT STACY NEAL, Director of Accounting, Missouri
VICE PRESIDENT BRANDON WOOLF, State Controller, Idaho
SECRETARY/TREASURER LYNNE BAJEMA, State Comptroller, Oklahoma
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT ALAN SKELTON, State Accounting Officer, Georgia
DOUG COTNOIR, State Controller, Maine
CHERYL GREY, Administrator, State Financial Services Division, Montana
BOB JAROS, State Controller, Colorado
ROBERT HAMILTON, Manager of Statewide Accounting, Oregon
NASACT Committee Opportunities

NASACT has two sets of committees—strategic and administrative. Strategic committees are charged with a specific mission. Membership on strategic committees is open to all volunteers from member offices. Administrative committees are charged with conducting the business of the Association. Chairmanship, and in most cases membership, on administrative committees is mandated by virtue of position on NASACT’s Executive Committee. Each year, the incoming NASACT president names committee chairs and members. NASACT also has a number of task forces and outside affiliations that provide additional opportunities for participation.

STRATEGIC COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTING, REPORTING AND AUDITING (CARA): Meets via conference call and at the NASACT annual conference to discuss accounting, financial reporting, auditing, and other matters related to the financial management of government.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS (FMIAC): Examines emerging issues, monitors legislation and regulations affecting state governments, responds to municipal market issues, and works to improve intergovernmental relations.

MEMBERSHIP: Responsible for outreach to new and existing state auditors, comptrollers and treasurers and addressing other membership-related issues as they arise.

TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Develops and plans the technical program for the NASACT annual conference. Provides input on topics for NASACT webinars and the Training Seminars Program.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

AUDIT: Coordinates and provides staff to conduct NASACT’s annual audit.

BUDGET: Prepares NASACT’s annual budget.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: Handles requests for and recommends changes to NASACT’s constitution and bylaws.

HALL OF FAME SELECTION: Reviews candidates for NASACT’s Hall of Fame and selects individuals for induction.

NOMINATING: Recommends a slate of officers for election by the membership at NASACT’s annual conference.

PERSONNEL: Reviews policies and recommendations regarding personnel actions.

RESOLUTIONS: Presents resolutions for consideration at NASACT’s annual conference.

STRATEGIC PLANNING: Prepares the annual strategic plan and monitors NASACT’s activities.

TIME AND PLACE: Makes recommendations to the NASACT Executive Committee on sites for NASACT’s annual conference.

TASK FORCES & GROUPS

FAF/GASB/GASAC SELECTION TASK FORCE: Coordinates the selection of NASACT representatives for the Financial Accounting Foundation, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council.

LEASES STANDARD IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP: Meets by conference call to discuss issues related to implementing GASB Statement 87.

UNIFORM GUIDANCE WORK GROUP: Meets by conference call to discuss issues related to implementing the federal Uniform Guidance.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT: A 501(c)(3) organization created by NASACT to facilitate the management of the Association’s international projects.

GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL (GASAC): NASACT maintains representation on the council.

To view complete committee rosters, visit www.nasact.org.
NSAA COMMITTEES

ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM: Develops the technical program for the NSAA annual conference.

AUDIT STANDARDS AND REPORTING: Fosters the improvement of state government through the promotion and development of generally accepted principles of accounting, auditing standards and government auditing standards.

EMERGING LEADERS CONFERENCE PROGRAM: Plans the annual NASACT emerging leaders conference.

AUDITOR’S EDUCATION FOUNDATION: Awards scholarships for participation in NSAA-sponsored conferences.

IT CONFERENCE PROGRAM: Plans the IT workshop and conference.

EXCELLENCE IN ACCOUNTABILITY AWARDS: Promotes the NSAA awards program to recognize outstanding performance audit reports and special projects.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Holds quarterly information sharing calls to discuss HR best practices and issues.

NOMINATING: Nominates the NSAA Executive Committee.

OUTREACH: Provides outreach on behalf of NSAA to new state auditors.

PEER REVIEW: Establishes policies and procedures governing the NSAA Peer Review Program.

PERFORMANCE AUDIT: Holds quarterly information sharing calls to discuss performance audit best practices and issues.

RESOLUTIONS: Prepares and recommends resolutions for review and approval by the membership.

SINGLE AUDIT: Represents NSAA on matters pertaining to the single audit.

TIME AND PLACE: Selects locations for the NSAA annual conference.

WILLIAM R. SNODGRASS AWARD: Selects the recipient of the William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award.

NASC COMMITTEES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR STATE COMPTOLLERS: TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS: Updates the survey to gather data for the publication.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING (CAFR): Monitors and responds to due process documents.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: Receives and studies proposals for changes to NASC’s constitution and bylaws.

FINANCIAL PLAN: Reviews NASC’s financial plan each year and monitors operations.

EMERGING LEADERS CONFERENCE: Plans the annual NASACT emerging leaders conference.

NOMINATING: Nominates the NASC Executive Committee.

OUTREACH: Provides outreach on behalf of NASC to new state comptrollers.

PROGRAM: Develops the technical program for NASC’s annual conference.

RESOLUTIONS: Recommends resolutions for review and approval by the membership.

SITE: Assists with finding sites for NASC’s annual conference, in the event that the NASC president declines to host.

NASC INFORMATION SHARING GROUPS

STATE GOVERNMENT PAYROLL: Holds quarterly conference calls to discuss issues related to payroll operations.

TRAVEL AND P-CARD: Holds quarterly conference calls to discuss issues related to travel and p-card programs.

ERP USER GROUPS

These groups meet via conference call and in person at the NASC annual conference to discuss product specific issues.

- CGI
- ORACLE/PEOPLESOFT
- WORKIVA
GOAL 1:  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Develop and support training/educational opportunities that address the needs and interests of members.

OBJECTIVE: Enhance the professional, management and technical skills of state auditors, state comptrollers and state treasurers and staff within their offices.

STRATEGIES
1. Plan and coordinate an annual conference for state auditors, state comptrollers and state treasurers and staff within their offices.
2. Plan and coordinate annual conferences and associated meetings for NSAA and NASC.
3. Plan and coordinate specialty conferences, such as the IT workshop and conference, and the emerging leaders conference.
4. Coordinate a training seminars program.
5. Plan and coordinate webinars.
6. Identify and coordinate additional conferences/training events that may benefit members.

OBJECTIVE: Ensure that conferences and training events are relevant to the professional responsibilities of members and are affordable to members.

STRATEGIES
1. Conduct topic surveys and continually solicit topic ideas and other feedback from members.
2. Obtain high-quality speakers and presenters for conferences and training events.
3. Conduct evaluations after each conference and training event.
4. Review conference/training events to ensure that topics are relevant and prices are competitive.
5. Utilize technologies that enable convenient, low-cost training options.
6. Obtain regular input from planning committees and host offices.
7. Offer a Travel Assistance Program to enable members to attend the annual conferences.
8. Maintain certification with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) to provide industry-accepted continuing professional education credits for members.

GOAL 2:  
INFORMATION SHARING

Develop and support opportunities and resources that foster information sharing and effective communication among members.

OBJECTIVE: Inform members about current and emerging issues that may impact state governments.

STRATEGIES
1. Participate in coalitions and partnerships to represent member interests.
2. Send email broadcasts containing time-sensitive or priority information.
3. Maintain a website that is a resource and an asset to members.

OBJECTIVE: Provide avenues for efficient information sharing and communication among members.

STRATEGIES
1. Manage information sharing groups, technical inquiry networks and strategic committees to provide a means for timely communication about topics of interest.

GOAL 3:  
ADVOCACY

Serve as an advocate for effective and efficient financial management practices.

OBJECTIVE: Ensure that the interests of state auditors, state comptrollers and state treasurers are considered during the development of laws, regulations, policies and standards.

STRATEGIES
1. Develop consensus positions to provide input to standards-setting, legislative and regulatory bodies.
2. Provide representation on advisory councils and task forces of standards-setting, legislative and regulatory bodies.
3. Attend federal meetings and hearings to advocate state government interests.
4. Participate in initiatives that facilitate intergovernmental cooperation and improve financial management practices.

OBJECTIVE: Advocate for the continued improvement of government financial management practices.
GOAL 4: MEMBER SERVICE

Continually improve NASACT’s organizational capacity to pursue its vision, mission and goals in a timely and sustainable manner.

OBJECTIVE: Serve as the premier organization for interaction between state auditors, state comptrollers and state treasurers.

STRATEGIES

1. Strategically market services to increase awareness of the Association’s offerings.
2. Actively recruit members to serve on committees, task forces and information sharing groups.
3. Conduct a mentoring program and orientation to inform and involve new state auditors, state comptrollers and state treasurers.
4. Conduct annual outreach to state auditors, state comptrollers and state treasurers who are not members or are not actively involved.
5. Coordinate NSAA’s information services program and NASC’s technical service program.
6. Promote NASACT’s activities and guiding principles to the press, to member offices, and to partner organizations.

OBJECTIVE: Respond to a changing environment by enhancing efforts to offer valuable, quality service to members.

STRATEGIES

1. Conduct an annual member satisfaction survey to gather feedback on activities and offerings.
VISION

NASACT’s vision is government through which the public is fully served by financial management practices that are effective and efficient.

MISSION

NASACT’s mission is to assist state leaders to enhance and promote effective and efficient management of governmental resources.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

As guiding principles, NASACT will:

• Be non-partisan.

• Be ethical in our actions and relationships.

• Advocate transparency and accountability.

• Promote professional standards and participate in the setting of independent standards through due process.

• Focus on issues affecting state governments.

• Foster cooperation among parties that promote effective and efficient government financial management practices.