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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

NATHAN ABBOTT, CISA, CFE, EA is a senior information systems specialist with the Tennessee Office of the Comptroller's Division of Local Government Audit. Nathan has been with the office for 25 years and works with the audit team providing technical support to the audit staff. Mr. Abbott holds a bachelor of business administration in accounting from Freed Hardeman University and is an active member in the Association of Government Accountants and the Middle Tennessee Chapter of Certified Fraud Examiners. Mr. Abbott has conducted training in the areas of computer forensics, Excel, Word, and computer applications. For the past three years Nathan has dressed up as Santa Claus for the office-wide Christmas party. Nathan resides in Franklin, Tennessee, with his lovely wife Amy and two beautiful twin girls, Ellie and Sophie.

BETSY BASHORE is the deputy director for strategic support for the Ohio Auditor of State, Ohio Performance Team. She is responsible for coordinating professional development, compliance and information technology for the team. She is also charged with redeveloping the Ohio Performance Team IT analysis capabilities and redirecting the audit focus from infrastructure and legacy applications, to governance, IT strategy, and deployment of modern IT practices. She previously worked for the Ohio Auditor of States office from 1999-2012 as a project manager and assistant chief auditor.

From 2012-2018, Betsy served as the chief of the Value Management Office in the Ohio Office of Budget and Management. She was responsible for tracking and reporting program outcomes for enterprise, multi-agency, and high-risk projects and programs, and helped link large and high-risk technology and business transformation projects to the OBM budgeting process, enabling the state to identify value opportunities and evaluate projected and realized benefits from projects.

She also created and implemented the Major IT Project Oversight policy and practice that standardized major project processes across state agencies to emphasize value, efficiency and effectiveness, and help the state make better use of taxpayer dollars.

Betsy has more than 28 years of public sector experience in process design and improvement and has assisted numerous state and local agencies in improving operations and reducing costs. During her tenure at OBM, she has analyzed over 100 projects and provided ongoing feedback to sponsors, project managers, directors and project participants.

She earned a master's degree in public administration from the University of Toledo.

MIKI CESTNIK, CISA, is the information systems audit manager for the Montana Legislative Audit Division. She has been in IT audit since she moved to Montana almost eight years ago. Currently she oversees various IT audits, assists the office with data analysis and IT related audit work, and defines the direction of the IS team to meet the office mission to improve accountability, efficiency, effectiveness, and compliance. When not in the office, she is enjoying the outdoors of Montana with her family or running her kids around to various activities.

TERESA FURNISH, CISA, is the information technology audit manager for the Oregon Secretary of State, Audits Division. She has worked for the division since 2008 and defines the direction of the IT audit team while overseeing IT and cybersecurity audits. She also maintains the standard audit program for performance and IT audits, helping to ensure the Division's procedures remain in compliance with the Yellow Book. Teresa is a graduate of both Corban University and Oregon State University with degrees in English, accounting and business administration with an option in managing information systems.

BILL HALLINAN is an information systems auditor for the Montana Legislative Audit Division. He has a B.A. in English literature and a M.S. in software engineering. He has worked in various Montana state agencies and private companies as a programmer, software engineer, software development manager, and IT manager. He performs IS audits of agency IS systems and supports LAD's other functions. His audit interests include assurance of data quality and integrity, cost-effective systems, continuous monitoring, and fraud detection.

KAYLEE HODGSON is the senior research analyst/project manager for Project KIDS (Key Integrated Data Systems), an innovative performance audit of the Utah Office of the State Auditor. Project KIDS integrates financial, operational, and performance data, to create interactive dashboards that inform stakeholders where the money is going within Utah's system of public education so they can better determine how well was it spent. In addition to managing the project, Kaylee is responsible for the manipulation and integration of large data sets for the final visualizations in Tableau, as well as statistical analysis of the data. These tasks are performed mainly in R, a free statistics software. Kaylee holds a bachelor's degree in law and constitutional studies from Utah State University and a master's degree in statistics from Brigham Young University.

BRAD HYPES has over 12 years of experience in audit and accounting, IT security, business operations, and internal control assessments in government and private industry. He currently serves as audit manager and deputy ISO in the Virginia Office of the Auditor of Public Accounts.

One of Brad's past positions includes the team lead for the internal controls team of a publicly traded utilities company where he advised on the implementation of IT controls over systems and projects and coordinated audits.

Brad holds degrees from Radford University and Virginia Commonwealth University. He also holds multiple certifications and is a licensed CPA in the state of Virginia.

DARIN KING is currently the vice chancellor for IT and the chief information officer for the North Dakota University System (NDUS). Before becoming CIO, Darin was the deputy CIO and was responsible for the daily operational leadership of the enterprise systems and services delivered to the eleven institutions of the NDUS. He has directed many system wide initiatives since starting with the NDUS in 2013. These initiatives include the consolidation of numerous campus IT systems, information security projects, and the migration to a single learning management system.

Darin began his career in educational technology as a high school mathematics and computer science teacher in Minot and Grand Forks, North Dakota. In 1995, he was hired as the first network services coordinator for the Grand Forks Public Schools (ND) and led the effort to bring Internet access into the classrooms of the district. Darin became the GFPS district technology director in 1997 and led the district through a rapid expansion of educational technology resources and systems. In 2012, he became the director of the North Dakota Educational Technology Council and provided leadership for all North Dakota K12 schools in educational technology, including ND EduTech and the ND Center for Distance Education.

Darin is a graduate of Valley City State University (ND) and the University of North Dakota. He is Valley City native and a 30+ year resident of Grand Forks with a wife and two children.

KATHY LOVEJOY, CPA, CISA, is the principal of IS audits for the Illinois Office of the Auditor General. Her areas of responsibility include managing financial audits, attestation examinations and overseeing the Office's Information Systems reviews of Illinois government agencies. Kathy has over 25 years of experience of auditing governmental entities and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Information Systems Audit and Control Association.

MARK MATHISON, CPA, CISA, CISSP, has extensive experience in accounting, auditing, compliance, and security risk management. Mark began his government career as an accountant for the Minnesota Office of the Governor. He then served as an auditor with the Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor, specializing in both financial and IT audits. After many years of performing IT audits, Mark took a role working for the state of Minnesota's central information technology agency, where he helped create the state's first enterprise security program. After 11 years serving as an information security manager, Mark returned to the Office of the Legislative Auditor to lead its IT audit function.

Mark is a member of ISACA and has served as chapter president, along with a variety of other board positions. Mark also served as co-chair of the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center's Cyber Security Metrics and Compliance Workgroup, where he facilitated and led national workgroup activities that focused on making recommendations and implementing methodologies to help states with cyber security metrics, compliance, assessments, and audits.

DWAYNE T. MCKINLEY, CPA, CGFM, CISA, is an information systems audit supervisor with the North Carolina Office of the State Auditor. He has over 30 years of experience in information systems implementation and IT auditing. Prior to joining the State of North Carolina in 2011, Mr. McKinley was a senior executive with a start-up consulting firm and a senior manager for Bearing Point/KPMG.

Dwayne is a graduate of Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with a B.S. in accounting, cum laude, and is a licensed CPA in the states of Maryland and North Carolina.

Dwayne spends his non-auditing hours either relaxing on the beach or fishing on a boat with his wife, Teresa, and their two grand-daughters, Ellie, age 7 and Paisley, age 3.

JOE SASS, CISA, CSM, is the IT audit coordinator for the Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor. With a diverse technical background, Joe is known for his knack of being able to figure out how complex systems work and explaining them in simple terms. Prior to joining the OLA, Joe held several technical and leadership positions within private technology companies and Minnesota IT Services. Joe holds a B.A. in both English and secondary education from St. John's University, and an M.A. in technical communication from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

KEVIN SAVOY, CISA, CISSP, has over 30 years' experience in IT operations, IT security, business operations, and audit in government and private industry. He is currently audit director of information technology project management and ISO at the Virginia Office of the Auditor of Public Accounts.

Past positions include director of IT Audit for the University of Virginia where he often was called upon to work computer forensics with local, state and national law enforcement agencies.

Kevin holds degrees from Virginia Tech and Virginia Commonwealth University and has multiple IT professional certifications and is a licensed CPA in the commonwealth of Virginia.

ROB SIPES is a senior IT auditor with the North Dakota State Auditor's Office. He has been with the office for over 30 years, starting as a college intern, which explains why he looks so young. Rob is a complete nerd who helps fill technical needs related to operational and financial objectives of audits. Rob has been married almost 29 years to the love of his life, an amazing woman who is patient and who works extra hard to make him look good and who obviously helped write this. He has four kids and a son-in-law and travels repeatedly to Kansas City to see his granddaughter. In his spare time, Rob is involved in kids' ministry and serves on the national committee for Junior Bible Quiz. He is also an avid Vikings fan - SKOL VIKINGS!!!

JENNIFER TURCOTTE is an information systems audit supervisor with the North Carolina Office of the State Auditor responsible for data retrievals, computer assisted audit techniques, Data Analytics, and Robotics. Jennifer started with the NC OSA Financial Division in 2008 where she had the opportunity to delve into system diagrams and data dictionaries to identify and obtain data needed to design CAATs for compliance audits. During her tenure with NC OSA, Jennifer has also worked on IT general controls, pre-implementation, and performance audits. Jennifer became the NSAA Data Analytics Work Group Chair in May 2020. Jennifer holds a master's degree in accounting from East Carolina University and a data analytics certificate from University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

JEFFREY L. WHITE, CPA, CISA, is a legislative information systems audit manager with the Tennessee Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of State Audit. Jeff has over eight years of IT audit experience that includes supervising IT audits of state agencies and state higher education institutions. His educational background includes an undergraduate degree and M.B.A. in accounting from Tennessee Technological University. Jeff has provided training over information systems auditing and the use of System and Organization Controls audit reports through in-house training classes, and he has presented to other state auditors at the NSAA annual IT Conference.