I’m honored to be president of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers during its centenary celebration. In its early years, NASACT’s mission was to “promote economy, efficiency and uniformity in public auditing and handling public funds.” A century later our mission continues to be to assist state leaders to “enhance and promote effective and efficient management of governmental resources.” Unchanged is the underlying commitment to responsible public service.

Imagine, in an era when transcontinental phone service was just getting started and automobile travel between New York and California took weeks, NASACT had the vision to embrace financial management professionals—treasurers, comptrollers and auditors—from all across the United States. And together these government leaders from various disciplines began to craft uniform systems and professional standards out of the chaos that then existed. Few organizations maintain their vitality for a century. I am convinced that NASACT has remained valuable for the simple reason that, from its beginning, it has risen above the present to envision the future.

As members of NASACT, we could, at this juncture, look back and be satisfied with the contributions we have made to governmental accountability and transparency. I think it’s appropriate to indulge that inclination for a few congratulatory handshakes. Then, let’s return our focus to the years ahead. There is still much to be done.

Involvement in NASACT will enhance your professional knowledge on salient topics like pension reform, federal/state oversight, cybercrime, evolving information technologies and data sharing, debt management, tax policies and professional standards. Mark your calendars for the 2015 NASACT Annual Conference which will be held in the City of the Big Shoulders—Chicago, Illinois. In the meantime, I strongly encourage each of you to join a committee, attend a training conference, or watch a webinar. Come join us and be a part of the first twelve months of the next 100 years!

WILLIAM G. HOLLAND, AUDITOR GENERAL OF ILLINOIS

William G. Holland was elected president of NASACT in August at the 2014 annual conference. Holland is the longest serving auditor general in Illinois history, having been in the position since 1992. He is a past president of the National State Auditors Association, and his office has won several NSAA Excellence in Accountability Awards. Holland has received several recognitions, including the Motorola Foundation Excellence in Public Service Award, given annually to a non-elected Illinois public official who has improved the lives of citizens through leadership, teamwork and innovation, and NSAA’s William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award, given for his distinctive leadership and contributions in state government auditing.
ASSOCIATION NOTES

VERMONT LAUNCHES INVESTOR WEBSITE MODELED ON NASACT’S VOLUNTARY INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTING BEST PRACTICES

Vermont State Treasurer and NASACT Executive Committee member Beth Pearce has launched a new interim financial disclosure web page to provide easy access to information needed to evaluate a bond investment. In a press release announcing the new website Treasurer Pearce states that “this voluntary enhancement in state disclosure efforts will benefit the entire investment community and increase transparency.”

The new Vermont financial reporting web page organizes ten key areas of financial data in one location to allow investors easier access to the information. The web page follows best practice guidelines issued by NASACT last August.

It can be found at www.vermonttreasurer.gov/cash-investments/financial-reporting/disclaimer.

In January 2013, NASACT formed the Continuing Disclosures Task Force to determine what steps state governments could take to address disclosure concerns. The group’s recommendations were issued in a report titled “Voluntary Interim Financial Reporting: Best Practices for Governments.” The paper can be downloaded at www.nasact.org/reports.

After the issuance of the best practices report, NASACT formed an Interim Disclosures Implementation Group last fall. The group’s mission is to pilot implementation of the best practices so they might more easily be implemented by the other states.

Vermont is the first state to have implemented all ten of the recommended best practices.

NASACT’S BEST PRACTICES ON VOLUNTARY INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTING

NASACT’s August 2013 report recommended that when possible states provide interim financial reporting information in ten key areas:

1. Tax revenue
2. Budget updates
3. Cash flow
4. Debt outstanding
5. Economic forecasts
6. Pensions and other post-employment benefits
7. Interest rate swaps and bank liquidity
8. Investment
9. Debt management policies
10. Filings with the Electronic Municipal Market Access system

NASACT’S INTERIM DISCLOSURES IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP

NASACT’s implementation group is co-chaired by Alan Skelton, state accounting officer (GA), and Colin MacNaught, assistant treasurer for debt management (MA). States represented in the implementation group include:

Arizona  Georgia
Maryland  Massachusetts
Missouri  Nevada
New Mexico  North Carolina
Texas  Utah
Virginia

To join the implementation pilot effort, contact Cornelia Chebinou, Washington director, at cchebinou@nasact.org.

Members may access the group’s roster and webpage at www.nasact.org/member_content.
This month, the Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency voted to approve final liquidity standards for banks, an action resulting from the 2008 financial crisis. The standards were developed to ensure that large financial institutions have enough liquid assets to fund their operations for at least 30 days. The standards require that banks meeting the total asset threshold of $250 billion must maintain a designated level of high-quality liquid assets.

When the rule was proposed back in November 2003, NASACT and several other state and local associations wrote a letter urging federal regulators to classify municipal securities as high-quality liquid assets (HQLA). Many believe the failure to qualify municipal bonds as HQLA will reduce the appeal of municipal securities for banks to underwrite them, which in turn could increase borrowing costs for state and local governments to finance needed infrastructure projects.

There is also concern that the standards could provide a disincentive for banks to hold public deposits. In most states, banks must pledge collateral against any public deposits they hold. Municipal securities may be used as pledged collateral. Under the liquid coverage ratio rule, banks may choose to replace pledged municipal securities with other securities. Accounts of municipal entities are usually not highly profitable for financial institutions. Movement by banks away from utilizing municipal securities as a pledged security will reduce profit margins even more, thus incentivizing banks to not hold public depository accounts. State and local governments need access to the cash management and treasury tools offered by financial institutions. These services are either not available or limited in scope from community banks who are not subject to the liquidity coverage rule. The result is more costly banking services, lower yields, or lack of needed cash management products to operate an efficient treasury system.

Although the final rule failed to classify municipal securities as high-quality liquid assets, the regulators in approving the final rule have indicated that they would consider rule modifications that would classify certain municipal securities as high-quality liquid assets.

NASACT will keep members informed about any forthcoming amendments.

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The U.S. Government Accountability Office issued *Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government: 2014 Revision*, GAO-14-704G, also known as the Green Book, on Wednesday, September 10. Internal control helps an entity run its operations efficiently and effectively, report reliable information about its operations, and comply with applicable laws and regulations. These standards provide the overall framework for designing, implementing, and operating an effective internal control system.

This new edition of the Green Book has greater detail and depth. While retaining the five components of internal control found in past editions, which apply to all organizational levels and to all categories of objectives, the 2014 version also presents 17 new principles that enumerate management responsibilities in implementing and overseeing an effective internal control system. GAO has adopted the key concepts from the 2013 Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) Internal Control—Integrated Framework, and adapted them for the government environment.

The new Green Book, which will supersede *Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government* (GAO/AIMD-00-21.3.1, November 1999), will be effective beginning fiscal year 2016 and will apply to the Federal Managers’ Financial Integrity Act reports covering that year. Federal management, at its discretion, may elect early adoption of the 2014 Green Book. State, local and quasi-governmental entities, as well as not-for-profit organizations, may adopt the new Green Book standards as a framework for an internal control system.

The 2014 Green Book is available on GAO’s website at www.gao.gov/greenbook. Questions or requests for additional information may be directed to the GAO Green Book project team at GreenBook@gao.gov or (202) 512-9535.
NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

OMB ISSUES 2nd SET OF Q&As ON GRANT REFORM

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget has issued its second set of Q&A in an ongoing series intended to further clarify the final guidance on Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards located in 2 CFR 200. The Q&As are intended to provide additional context and background for federal and non-federal entities seeking to understand the policy changes.

OMB intends to issue additional Q&As and will host a webinar this fall addressing some of the most frequent inquiries. For a copy of the Q&As and other information related to the uniform guidance, visit www.cfo.gov/COFAR.

MSRB SEEKS INPUT ON PRIORITIES

The Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board is seeking input from interested parties on priorities the Board will use to guide its strategic direction over the next several years.

Current MSRB activities that support its priorities include (1) regulating municipal securities dealers and municipal advisors, (2) operating market transparency systems, and (3) providing education, outreach and market leadership. The MSRB’s strategic goals include:

- **Municipal Advisor Regulation**: Implement regulatory requirements and standards for all professionals providing municipal advisory services.
- **Municipal Entity Protection**: Expand MSRB’s protection efforts beyond municipal issuers to all municipal entities.
- **Market Efficiency**: Clarify, create and tailor rules and guidance that support a fair and efficient marketplace.
- **Price Transparency**: Improve price transparency for investors and issuers.

Those commenting may wish to consider the following questions:

1. Where can the MSRB have the most meaningful impact on the municipal market and/or industry?
2. What are the top issues, risks or challenges in the municipal market and how might the MSRB proactively address them?
3. How should the MSRB’s resources be allocated among the core components of its mission, which includes protecting municipal securities investors, protecting issuers and municipal entities, promoting market fairness and efficiency and providing market transparency?
4. To what extent should the Electronic Municipal Market Access website add additional features and functionality and how can the MSRB best determine which developments contribute the most to a fair and efficient municipal market?


TREASURY RELEASES 2nd ANNUAL OFFSET REPORT

Last month, the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Bureau of the Fiscal Service (Fiscal Service) released its annual report to the states on delinquent debt service undertaken by the Treasury Offset Program (TOP). TOP is a centralized offset program to collect delinquent debts owed to federal agencies and states.

In FY 2013 the fiscal service collected more than $3.0 billion in delinquent debts on behalf of state governments. The largest recoveries include delinquent debt in child support and nutrition assistance, state income tax obligations, and unemployment insurance compensation fraud. Under reciprocal agreement, the states recovered $30.9 million in overdue debts for the federal government.

The report, issued annually, provides state-by-state information on delinquent debt recovery over the past five years.

States interested in viewing the report or getting more information on TOP should go to http://fiscal.treasury.gov/fsservices/gov/debtColl/dms/top/stPgm/debt_top_state_programs.htm.
Below is a list of upcoming elections for NASACT member offices this November.

There are 10 auditors, 13 comptrollers, 24 treasurers, and one comptroller/treasurer up for election during this cycle, for a total of 48 seats, representing nearly one-third of NASACT’s membership.

Departing incumbents are shown in *italics*. Current incumbents are shown in *green*.

Questions about 2014 elections for NASACT member offices may be directed to Neal Hutchko, policy analyst, in NASACT’s Washington office. Neal can be reached at nhutchko@nasact.org or (202) 624-5451.

### 2014 NASACT Election Preview

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ASSOCIATION NOTES

WHAT’S NEW AT www.nasact.org?
The following new items have been posted on NASACT’s website:

- The following technical inquiry from state comptrollers (members only content):
  - Government Employee Salary Data
- NASACT’s response letters to the GASB on:
  1. Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions
  2. Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans

NSAA SEEKS PEER REVIEW TEAM MEMBERS
NSAA has 23 peer reviews scheduled for 2015. Those from state audit offices interested in becoming a peer review team member should contact Kathleen Young, peer review coordinator, at kyoung@nasact.org.

NSC FORMS NEW INFO SHARING GROUP ON ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS
The group, formally called Electronic Payments: Payment Methodology, Vendor Setup and Security Issues, will be chaired by Lynne Bajema, state comptroller of Oklahoma. The first call will be on Tuesday, October 21 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Anyone wishing to participate who has not already indicated interest should email Kim O’Ryan at koryan@nasact.org or call her at (859) 276-1147.

NSAA SEEKS INPUT ON AICPA EDs
Through its Audit Standards and Reporting Committee, NSAA will be commenting on the following exposure drafts:

- Omnibus Proposal of Revised Interpretations
  Response due to NSAA: Friday, October 17
- An Audit of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting that is Integrated with an Audit of Financial Statements
  Response due to NSAA: Wednesday, November 12
- Reporting on an Examination of Controls at a Service Organization Relevant to User Entities’ Internal Control Over Financial Reporting: Clarification and Recodification
  Response due to NSAA: Wednesday, November 12

The exposure drafts can be found at www.aicpa.org. Comments or questions may be directed to Sherri Rowland (srowland@nasact.org).

UPCOMING INFORMATION SHARING CALLS

OCTOBER
- NSAA HR Info Sharing – Oct 15
  (this is a date change – was Oct 29)
- NASACT Pension Work Group – Oct 16
- NASC Electronic Payments – Oct 21
- NSAA Pension Audit Issues – Oct 30

NOVEMBER
- NASC Payroll – Nov 12
- NASACT Committee on Accounting, Reporting and Auditing (CARA) – Nov 18
- NASC Travel & P-Card – Nov 19

GET INVOLVED!
For information on participating in any of these calls, contact NASACT’s headquarters office at (859) 276-1147.
The National Association of State Comptrollers held a business meeting on August 11 in Santa Fe, New Mexico in conjunction with the 2014 NASC Annual Conference. President David Von Moll, state comptroller of Virginia, welcomed everyone and led the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee for State Comptrollers: Technical Activities and Functions
Julie Feldman, state accountant for Montana and member of the committee, reported that the 2014 edition of the Comptrollers’ Book has been compiled and will soon be made available to members. Responses were received from 44 states. (The book has subsequently been posted online and distributed to members.)

Committee on the Financial Plan
Anna Maria Kiehl, Pennsylvania’s state comptroller and committee chair, reported that the 2014 NASC projected results of operations show a positive projection. Much of this is due to the high attendance and sponsorship for the NASC Annual Conference, 53 offices paying the technical services fee this year, and two states that contracted for benchmarking services.

Committee on Outreach
Calvin McKelvogue, Iowa’s chief operating officer and committee member, reported that NASC has two new members: Linda Combs, state controller of North Carolina, and Bill Slack, deputy chief financial officer of the District of Columbia.

Site Committee
Brandon Woolf, state controller of Idaho and committee chair, reported that NASC’s president, Mr. Von Moll, will host the 2015 conference in Richmond, Virginia on March 11-13. John Reidhead will be the host in March 2016 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Committee on Accounting and Financial Reporting
Alan Skelton, Georgia’s state accounting officer and committee chair, reported that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board will be hosting hearings on the OPEB exposure drafts in September. GASB will release preliminary views documents on leases and fiduciary responsibility and an ED on tax abatements that will address disclosure of specific tax abatements to specific people/organizations.

Program Committee
John Reidhead, director of Utah’s Division of Finance and committee chair, reported that the committee will have its first conference call in October to begin identifying topics and speakers. He told the group to submit any suggestions for speakers or topics. Mr. McKelvogue mentioned inviting federal representatives to be on the program due to the location of the conference.

Middle Management Conference Committee
Lynne Bajema, Oklahoma’s state comptroller and committee chair, reported that the 2015 conference will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, on April 14-16. The conference hotel is the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel and the room rate is $119/night (plus tax). The committee will have its first conference call in December to begin planning the conference.

Information Sharing Groups
Reports were also provided on activities of the following NASC groups:

- State Government Payroll (report provided by Lisa Pusich, Alaska’s deputy director and committee member).
- Travel & P-Card (report provided by Tom White, state comptroller of Alabama and committee member).

NEXT MEETING OR MORE INFORMATION

The next scheduled NASC business meeting will occur in conjunction with the 2015 NASC Annual Conference in Richmond, Virginia. Questions about the content of this article may be directed to Kim O’Ryan at koryan@nasact.org or (859) 276-1147.

Mark Your Calendar for NASC 2015!
March 11-13, 2015 — Richmond, Virginia
The National State Auditors Association held a business meeting on August 11 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in conjunction with the 2014 NASACT Annual Conference. NSAA President Roger Norman, legislative auditor of Arkansas, led the meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Audit Standards and Reporting**

Sherri Rowland, association director, reported on behalf of Randy Roberts, senior technical director in the Arizona Office of the Auditor General and chair of the committee. The committee has been working with the comptrollers’ Committee on Accounting and Financial Reporting to respond to several exposure drafts from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

About a year ago, the committee created a work group to focus on audit issues surrounding the implementation of GASB’s pension standards. Gerry Boaz, technical manager with the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury and chair of the work group, said that the group continues to meet regularly. The last call, held on July 10, had participation from 24 states. The leadership of the work group recently participated in a call with representatives from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a CPA firm to discuss their procedures for auditing pension plans in the private sector and the extent of census data testing. (The guests also participated in a call with the entire work group on August 18.)

**Auditor Training**

Paula Kinnard, assistant legislative auditor in Arkansas and vice-chair, said that the 2015 Middle Management Conference will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, in April, at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel. The room rate is $119 per night plus applicable taxes.

**E-Government**

Ms. Rowland provided the report on behalf of Karen Helderman, audit director in Virginia and chair of the committee. The 2014 NSAA IT Workshop and Conference will be held September 30–October 3, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the Amway Grand Hotel. The room rate for the conference is $99 per night plus taxes.

**Human Resources**

John Geragosian, state auditor in Connecticut and vice-chair, reported that the committee continues its quarterly information sharing calls, featuring a different topic on each call. The most recent call was held on July 30 and featured the topics of (1) managing IT staff in state audit offices and (2) background checks. The next call is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15.

**Peer Review**

Deborah Loveless, director of Tennessee’s Division of State Audit and vice-chair, reported that revisions to Appendix B (financial reporting checklist) were finalized in late June and posted to the website. At the committee’s recent meeting in June, task forces were established to look at (1) peer review training and (2) developing reporting examples for the Peer Review Manual. The task forces will be meeting soon to begin exploring these issues.

**Performance Audit**

Daryl Purpera, legislative auditor in Louisiana and chair, reported that the committee continues to host information sharing calls on performance audit topics. The next call is scheduled for September 18 and will focus on identification of high-risk areas for performance audits.

**Single Audit**

Dianne Ray, state auditor of Colorado and chair, reported that the committee continues to provide input to the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, as it strives to revise/streamline the compliance requirement areas for the 2015 compliance supplement. To date, the committee has provided feedback on the following compliance requirements: (1) subrecipient monitoring and (2) allowable costs/cost principles and activities allowed or unallowed.

**2015 Annual Conference**

President Norman said that the 2015 conference will be held June 9–12, in Little Rock, Arkansas, at the Marriott Hotel. The room rate is $86 per night plus taxes.

**NEXT MEETING OR MORE INFORMATION**

The next NSAA business meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2015, in conjunction with NSAA’s annual conference in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Questions about the content of this article may be directed to Sherri Rowland at srowland@nasact.org or (859) 276-1147.
GERRY BOAZ IS NAMED TO AUDITING STANDARDS BOARD

Gerry Boaz, technical manager, Division of State Audit, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, has been appointed to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants’ Auditing Standards Board. The three-year appointment is effective January 1, 2015.

The ASB establishes auditing and attestation standards for audits of governments and non-public entities. The committee is composed of 19 members representing various industries and sectors, including public accountants and private, educational and governmental entities.

Boaz has been with the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury since 1995. He is a certified public accountant and a certified government financial manager.

He is a member of many NASACT committees as well as committees of the National State Auditors Association. He represents NASACT by observing and writing an account of meetings of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

He has a B.A. in accounting with a German minor from Murray State University.

ALAN SKELTON TESTIFIES BEFORE GASB ON BEHALF OF NASACT

On August 27, 2014, NASACT provided responses to the following exposure drafts from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board:

- Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions
- Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans
- Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Financial Reporting for Pension Plans That Are Not Administered through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68

The three comment letters can be viewed in full at www.nasact.org/gasb.

On September 12, during the GASB public hearings, Alan Skelton, Georgia’s state accounting officer, provided testimony on behalf of the association on these three documents. Mr. Skelton is co-chair of NASACT’s Committee on Accounting, Reporting and Auditing and chair of the National Association of State Comptroller’s Committee on Accounting and Financial Reporting.

Mr. Skelton testified that NASACT generally agrees with the requirements of the EDs.

RANDY ROBERTS RECEIVES AICPA CAREER CONTRIBUTION AWARD

On August 11, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants announced Randy Roberts as the recipient of the 2014 Outstanding CPA in Government Career Contribution Award.

The Outstanding CPA in Government Career Contribution Award recognizes the impact of significant contributions of the CPA to the efficiency, effectiveness or innovative service delivery of their respective local state or federal employer organization.

Roberts is the senior technical director for the Arizona Office of the Auditor General. He has been extremely active in the audit community during his career, having served, and continuing to serve in many capacities, a number of organizations.

Roberts served on the Auditing Standards Board during the clarity standards project and on the State and Local Government Expert Panel, and contributed to the state and local government audit guide and government auditing standards and A-133 audit guide.

He was awarded the National State Auditors Association’s William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award and NASACT’s Special Recognition Award. The Arizona State Society of CPAs honored him with the Lifetime Member Award.
NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

NAST ELECTS 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, LILLARD TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT

On September 9, the National Association of State Treasurers elected its 2015 Executive Committee. Those elected were:

- **President:** David H. Lillard, Jr., state treasurer of Tennessee
- **Senior Vice President:** James L. McIntire, state treasurer of Washington
- **Secretary Treasurer:** Ken Miller, state treasurer of Oklahoma
- **Eastern Region Vice President:** Nancy K. Kopp, state treasurer of Maryland
- **Southern Region Vice President:** Lynn Fitch, state treasurer of Mississippi
- **Midwestern Region Vice President:** Don Stenberg, state treasurer of Nebraska
- **Western Region Vice President:** Mark Gordon, state treasurer of Wyoming

The newly elected officers will begin their terms on January 1. At that time, Treasurer Lillard will replace the 2014 NAST president, Utah State Treasurer Richard Ellis, who will continue to serve on the Executive Committee as immediate past president.

GANERIWALA AND McINTIRE RECEIVE AWARDS AT NAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On September 8, Virginia State Treasurer Manju Ganeriwala and Washington State Treasurer James McIntire were both presented with awards by the National Association of State Treasurers. The awards were presented at the NAST Annual Conference in Mackinac Island, Michigan.

Treasurer McIntire was recognized with the Harlan Boyles-Edward T. Alter Distinguished Service Award. He was chosen by members of the NAST Executive Committee to receive the award, which is presented to dedicated public servants whose outstanding career in government has provided a respected voice for NAST.

McIntire was elected in 2008. In 2011, he prepared Washington’s first-ever debt affordability study to provide a comprehensive tool for managing the state’s debt. Prior to his election, he was a business economist for Navigant Consulting, Inc. He began his public service career working in the U.S. Senate for Hubert Humphrey. He is a five-term state representative and founded and directed a fiscal policy center.

Treasurer Ganeriwala received the Jesse M. Unruh Award. She was chosen by members of the NAST Executive Committee to receive the award, which is named in honor of a founding member of NAST and former California state treasurer. The award recognizes an active treasurer’s outstanding service to the association, the profession and his or her state.

Ganeriwala was appointed state treasurer of Virginia in 2009 and reappointed in July 2010. Prior to serving as treasurer, she served as deputy secretary of finance. Her public service career also includes leadership roles with the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget.

INDIANA GOV. PENCE APPOINTS DANIEL HUGE TO REPLACE RICHARD MOURDOCK

On Friday, August 29, Richard Mourdock resigned his position as Indiana’s state treasurer four months before the end of his term. Indiana Gov. Mike Pence immediately appointed Daniel Huge to serve in an interim capacity. In his resignation letter, Mourdock said he was leaving to pursue other professional interests.

“Daniel Huge brings a strong background in financial services, and I am confident he will ensure continuity of operations in the Treasurer’s office,” said Gov. Pence. Huge is a CPA with 30 years of financial, accounting and audit experience. He is the chief financial officer and chief operating officer of the Indiana Finance Authority and has served as CFO of the Capital Improvement Board from 2010 to 2013. He served as director of the Indiana Bond Bank from 2001 to 2010 and has held other upper management positions in both the public and private sectors. Huge is a graduate of Purdue University.

Huge’s appointment was made to ensure continuity of operations in the Treasurer’s Office until Governor Pence is able to appoint someone to serve through December 31, 2014.
## CALANDER

### 2014

- **September 30 - October 3 | NSAA IT Workshop & Conference, Grand Rapids, MI**
- **November 6 | Webinar — High Impact Audits and Reports: NSAA’s 2014 Excellence in Accountability Award Winners, 2:00 - 3:50 p.m. Eastern Time**

### 2015

- **March 10 | NASACT Executive Committee Meeting, Richmond, VA**
- **March 11-13 | NASC Annual Conference, Richmond, VA**
- **April 14-16 | NASACT Middle Management Conference, Raleigh, NC**
- **June 9-12 | NSAA Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR**
- **August 23 | NASACT Executive Committee Meeting, Chicago, IL**
- **August 22-26 | NASACT Annual Conference, Chicago, IL**
- **September 22-25 | NSAA IT Workshop & Conference, Hartford, CT**

## AFFORDABLE TRAINING OPTIONS

**BY DONNA MALOY, CONFERENCE MANAGER**

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**NOVEMBER 6 WEBINAR — HIGH IMPACT AUDITS AND REPORTS: NSAA’S 2014 EXCELLENCE IN ACCOUNTABILITY AWARD WINNERS**

Each year the National State Auditors Association recognizes outstanding performance audit report(s), forensic report(s), and special project(s) through its Excellence in Accountability Awards Program. NASACT’s next webinar will feature an overview of the 2014 winning entries. States presenting include Colorado, Nevada, Washington and Ohio.

Earn 2 credits of CPE! Group registrations cost $299 (unlimited attendance) and individuals can participate for $50.

Get complete details at www.nasact.org/2014_nsaa_winner_webinar!