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BALTIMORE, MD - The National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) held its annual summer conference in Baltimore, Maryland last week and inducted a new slate of national officers for the 2014-2015 cycle. Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown will serve as president of the professional organization for state officials through July 2015, marking the first time in exactly fifty years that an Oregon official has held the position.

“I'm honored to serve as president of such a venerable organization as NASS,” said Brown. “The association has a long history of doing great work, and I look forward to collaborating with my fellow Secretaries of State on issues of mutual interest."

During her remarks, Brown also noted that she will use her platform as NASS President to issue a call to action for state-based civic education and engagement initiatives, calling it a “natural fit” for Secretaries of State. She noted that a number of Secretaries of State offer strong programming in this area and share best practices through NASS.

Brown has served as Oregon's Secretary of State since 2009. As a member of NASS, Brown has been involved in elections, civic education, voter participation, state heritage and business services issues. She has also served on the Executive Board in numerous capacities, most

recently as president-elect for 2013-2014 and treasurer of NASS for the 2012-2013 cycle.

North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall was picked to lead the Southern Region of NASS as its new Vice-President.

Secretary Marshall has served on the Board of Directors previously. President Brown noted "We are glad to have Secretary Marshall back on the Board. She has led many of NASS's significant business committees through the years and she has been instrumental in adapting government business functions to the changing technology environment."

The NASS 2014-2015 Executive Board includes the following members:

President: Hon. Kate Brown, Oregon Immediate Past President: Hon. Tre Hargett, Tennessee President-elect: Hon. Tom Schedler, Louisiana Treasurer: Hon. Denise Merrill, Connecticut Secretary: Hon. Jim Condos, Vermont Eastern Region Vice-President: Hon. Matt Dunlap, Maine Southern Region Vice-President: Hon. Elaine Marshall, North Carolina Midwestern Region Vice-President: Hon. Connie Lawson, Indiana Western Region Vice-President: Hon. Kim Wyman, Washington Member-at-Large (ACR Section): Hon. Jeff Bullock, Delaware Member-at-Large (NPA Section): Hon. Mark Martin, Arkansas

The national officers were elected by full member vote at the NASS 2014 Summer Conference on July 16 in Baltimore, Maryland. They will serve a one-year term, ending in July 2015.

About NASS

Founded in 1904, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) is the oldest nonpartisan, professional association of public officials in the United States. Members include the 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa and Puerto Rico. NASS serves as a medium for the exchange of information between states and fosters cooperation in the development of public policy. The association has key initiatives in the areas of elections and voting, state business services and digital archiving, as well as several well-established awards programs.

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