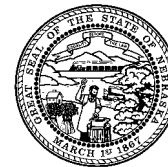


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Changes for the Nebraska Board of Public Accountancy

The Nebraska Board of Public Accountancy recently named **Mr. Harold D. Graf, CPA, Grand Island, Nebraska** its Chairman for 2005. Mr. Graf has over 35 years experience in public accounting and has been a Board Member of Contryman Associates, P.C., Grand Island, NE for 25 years. This is Mr. Graf's second election as Chair of the Board.

Mr. Jim R. Titus, Lincoln, Nebraska, Public Member, has been named Vice-Chair of the Board for 2005. Mr. Titus is a shareholder in the Morris & Titus Law Firm, L.L.O. located in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mr. William C. Nuckolls, Lincoln, Nebraska, Public Member, has been named Secretary of the Board for 2005. Mr. Nuckolls is the retired owner/publisher of the Fairbury Journal-News and past president of the Nebraska Press Association.

Ms. Kate King Wu, CPA, Omaha, Nebraska, has been appointed by Governor Mike Johanns to serve a four-year term on the Board as an active permit holder.

Ms. King is currently an accounting instructor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the Managing Director at Pacific Tradelink, Inc. located in Omaha, Nebraska. She also holds an MBA degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha obtained in 1984.

Ms. King succeeds Ms. Michelle R. Thornburg, CPA, Omaha, NE, from the 2nd Congressional District. Ms. Thornburg completed a four-year term with the Board.

Mr. Thomas M. Obrist, CPA, Lincoln, Nebraska, has been appointed by Governor Mike Johanns to serve a four-year term on the Board as an active permit holder.

Mr. Obrist is currently the managing partner at Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP in Lincoln, Nebraska. He has been employed with Dana F. Cole for 32 years. He graduated in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska.

Mr. Obrist succeeds Mr. William L. Gaines Jr., CPA, Norfolk, Nebraska, from the 1st Congressional District. Mr. Gaines served two four-year terms on the Board.

The Nebraska Board of Public Accountancy administers public accountancy law in Nebraska. Six of the eight board members are certified public accountants with active permits to practice and two are members of the public. Information about licensed CPA's can be obtained calling the Board office at (402) 471-3595.