

# STATE OF NEBRASKA

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## NEWS RELEASE

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## Officers & Committee Appointments announced by the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy for 2017/2018

The Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy recently elected ***Ms. Lori J. Druse, CPA, Lincoln***, as Chair of the Board. Ms. Druse is currently an Audit Managing Director with Deloitte & Touche LLP and has 25 years of public accounting experience. She is a graduate with honors from the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting. Ms. Druse served four years as Vice Chair of the Board. Ms. Druse has been a member of the Board since 2011.

***Dr. Thomas Purcell III, CPA, Omaha***, was elected Vice Chair of the Board. Dr. Purcell is currently Chairman of the Accounting Department and Professor of Accounting at Creighton University and has taught accounting and law for almost 40 years. He currently serves as Chair of the AICPA Tax Practice and Responsibilities Committee and has served on numerous committees and task forces for the Nebraska Society of CPAs and the AICPA. Dr. Purcell has authored numerous articles on tax responsibilities and tax policy and taught many CPE courses in Nebraska and other states. In 2010 he received the AICPA's Arthur Dixon Award, recognizing excellence and longstanding service to the taxation profession. He has previously been recognized for his service by the Nebraska Society of CPAs and the Beta Alpha Psi Accounting National Honorary Society. He twice graduated from Creighton University (in both accounting and law) and also the University of Nebraska, with a doctorate in accounting & taxation. Dr. Purcell has been a member of the Board since 2013.

***Ms. Marcy J. Luth, CPA, Grand Island***, was elected Secretary of the Board. Ms. Luth is a shareholder with the CPA firm Almquist, Maltzahn, Galloway & Luth, P.C., located in Grand Island. She is a graduate of Hastings College and earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Ms. Luth has served on the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Society of CPAs and as chair of the NSCPA State and Local Governmental Accounting and Auditing Committee. She has served as Secretary for the last two years. Ms. Luth has been a member of the Board since 2013.

Ms. Druse replaces Mr. Bernie Gutschewski as Chair of the Board. Mr. Gutschewski served as Chair for the last four years and remains a member of the Board. He was recognized for his service at the Board's September 8, 2017 meeting.

***At the September 8, 2017 Board meeting, Chair Druse made the following Board Committee appointments for the 2017/2018 Board term:***

Executive: Lori Druse, Chair, Thomas Purcell, Vice Chair, March Luth, Secretary

Legislative: Bernie Gutschewski, Chair, Lori Druse

Enforcement: Michele Stromp, Chair,

Licensing: Lori Druse, Chair, Marcy Luth, Bernie Gutschewski, Ken Brauer

CPE: Thomas Purcell, Chair, Michael McClure, Glen Waltemath

Exam & Education: Marcy Luth, Chair, Michele Stromp, Thomas Purcell, Ken Brauer

Peer Review: Michael McClure, Chair, Lori Druse, Glen Waltemath

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The Nebraska State 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 by calling the Board office at (402) 471-3595 or going to [www.nbpa.ne.gov](http://www.nbpa.ne.gov).  
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