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NC Auditor Ralph Campbell elected president of National State Auditors Association

CHICAGO _ North Carolina State Auditor Ralph Campbell was elected president of the National State Auditors Association Friday at the group's annual convention in Chicago.

The association, which includes elected and appointed State Auditors from 56 states, U.S. territories and the District of Columbia, is a component of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers.

"It is a tremendous honor to be selected to lead this organization in the coming year," Campbell said in accepting the office. "In these times more than ever, our citizens need independent State Auditor organizations to ensure that the tax money they provide to government is properly handled and accounted for. Promoting accountability, integrity and reliability is what this organization is all about."

The National State Auditors Association helps State Auditors exchange information on problem areas in state government, confer on projects of mutual interest and check procedures in their states against others. NSAA also conducts "peer reviews" of each State Auditor's Office on a regular basis, bringing in auditors from other states and the federal government to assess whether the office met government auditing standards in its work. North Carolina's Office of the State Auditor has consistently gotten clean opinions in those reviews

"Ralph Campbell has been a shining light in the government auditing community for the last 12 years," said Tom Wagner, a former president of NSAA who is serving his fourth term as State Auditor of Delaware. "His commitment to accountability, to the innovative use of technology and to eliminating fraud and waste in government is unquestioned by anyone in this organization. He will make a tremendous leader for us in the year to come."



“Ralph’s leadership in technology has helped government audit organizations across the country see both the potential that computers hold for gaining more accountability and efficiency in state government,” said Ernie Almonte, the appointed Auditor General of Rhode Island. “At the same time, he also has led the way in information system security efforts to ensure that the privacy of our citizens and the confidentiality of their records are maintained by government agencies.”

“I have known Ralph since we first joined this organization over 10 years ago,” said Bill Holland, the appointed Auditor General of Illinois who presided over NSAA last year. “In the auditing community, he is well known as an innovator who has moved the profession forward. He will make a great president for this organization.”

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