



NAST Welcomes New leadership for 2022

(January 3rd, 2022, Washington, DC) - The National Association of State Treasurers has new leadership effective January 1st. Elected at the Annual Business meeting in September, a new President, Senior Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Regional Vice Presidents have begun their tenure.

Connecticut Treasurer Shawn Wooden, previously the Senior Vice President, is serving as the President for the National Association of State Treasurers this year. In that role, President Wooden will Chair the Executive Committee as well as the NAST Foundation Board.

“It’s an honor to serve as president of NAST and work alongside a bipartisan group of talented state treasurers from across the nation. This year we have the unique opportunity to use our combined expertise to tackle some of the nation’s biggest challenges,” said Treasurer Wooden. “I look forward to building upon our predecessors’ efforts in growing the influence and size of our organization, so we can help in the creation of a more inclusive economy that works for everyone, strengthen the public finance workforce sector, and highlight the importance of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion throughout all of our work.”

Shawn T. Wooden was sworn in as Connecticut’s 83rd State Treasurer on January 9, 2019, following his successful 21-year career as an investment attorney and public service as City Council President of Hartford, Connecticut. Treasurer Wooden is the sole trustee of the \$47 billion Connecticut Retirement Plans and Trust Funds, administers a \$26 billion debt management program, and manages over \$259 billion in annual cash transactions. He has a seat on 25 quasi-governmental authorities, boards and commissions related to housing, finance, student loans, air and water ports, venture capital, the lottery, private sector retirement security and a host of other key policy areas. Read more about Treasurer Wooden’s work in Connecticut [here](#).

Joining Treasurer Wooden in new leadership is **South Dakota Treasurer Josh Haeder** as Senior Vice President. Prior to being elected South Dakota's 33rd state treasurer, Josh Haeder

was the managing partner of Haeder Organization, LLC based in Huron, South Dakota. He is passionate about serving South Dakota by protecting citizens' money and state accounts against cyber threats, and through financial wellness education for young people. Learn more about Treasurer Haeder [here](#).

Rounding out the senior leadership of NAST, **Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerichs** is serving as the Secretary-Treasurer. Michael Frerichs was first elected Illinois State Treasurer on November 4, 2014 and re-elected on November 6, 2018. In Illinois, the Treasurer is the state's Chief Investment and Banking Officer, investing money on behalf of the state and local units of government. Treasurer Frerichs believes in providing individuals with financial tools so that they can invest in themselves. Read more of his biography [here](#).

“NAST is honored to have so many talented individuals to lead the organization year over year,” commented NAST Executive Director Shaun Snyder. “I look forward to working together with our entire senior leadership team and membership to support their work on behalf of their constituents.”

The following treasurers are serving one-year terms on the NAST Executive Committee representing specific regions around the country:

Eastern Vice President

Hon. Colleen Davis
State of Delaware

Midwestern Vice President

Hon. Sarah Godlewski
State of Wisconsin

Southern Vice President

Hon. David McRae
State of Mississippi

Western Vice President

Hon. Zach Conine
State of Nevada

The immediate Past President role is filled by **Indiana Treasurer Kelly Mitchell**. This position will serve on the NAST Executive Committee for a calendar year.

For more information about the National Association of State Treasurers, email Catherine Seat, Communications Director at catherine@statetreasurers.org or visit the website [here](#).

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About National Association of State Treasurers

The National Association of State Treasurers provides advocacy and support that enables member states to pursue and administer sound financial policies and programs benefiting the

citizens of the nation. Membership is composed of all state treasurers or state finance officials with comparable responsibilities from the United States, its commonwealths, territories, and the District of Columbia as well as their staff. The private sector is represented through the Corporate Affiliate Program that was established to build professional relationships and foster cooperation between the public and private sectors. The association serves its members through educational conferences and webinars, a variety of working groups, policy advocacy, and publications that provide information about developments in public finance. For more information, visit www.nast.org.