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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

State Auditor Otto Elected to Serve on National Executive Committee

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LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY (6/22/2010) – On Thursday, June 17, the membership of the National State Auditors Association (NSAA) elected Rebecca Otto, state auditor of Minnesota, and Thomas Salmon, state auditor of Vermont, to serve on the organization’s Executive Committee. The election was held at NSAA’s annual business meeting.

As members of the NSAA Executive Committee, Otto and Salmon will help govern the association’s activities, establish policies and procedures, and review NSAA’s financial plan.

Walter Kucharski, auditor of public accounts of Virginia and current president of NSAA, commented, “NSAA has a number of challenging issues to face in the coming year. Rebecca and Tom will be great additions to our leadership team, offering perspectives unique to their regions and helping NSAA present a common voice from state auditors around the nation as we tackle matters including standards-setting, accountability, and government transparency.”

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PHOTO CAPTION:

NSAA's newly-elected Executive Committee, shown left to right: Elaine Howle, state auditor of California and secretary/treasurer; Jan Mueller, state auditor of Wisconsin and president-elect; Rebecca Otto, state auditor of Minnesota; Walt Kucharski, auditor of public accounts of Virginia and president; Thomas Salmon, state auditor of Vermont; Debbie Davenport, auditor general of Arizona and immediate past president; and David Vaudt, state auditor of Iowa.



The National State Auditors Association (NSAA) is an organization dedicated to uniting state auditors by encouraging and providing opportunities for the free exchange of information and ideas between auditors on the state, federal and local levels. The members of NSAA are the appointed or elected state auditors of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. For more information about NSAA, call (859) 276-1147 or visit www.nasact.org.

The Office of the State Auditor is a constitutional office that is charged with overseeing more than \$20 billion spent annually by local governments in Minnesota. The Office of the State Auditor does this by performing audits of local government financial statements, and by reviewing documents, data, reports, and complaints reported to the Office. The financial information collected from local governments is analyzed and is the basis of statutory reports issued by the Office of the State Auditor.

Rebecca Otto is Minnesota's 18th State Auditor. A high-resolution official photo is available for download at http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/images/otto_hires.jpg. To learn more about State Auditor Otto, see <http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=bio>.