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## NASBP ELECTS KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI EXECUTIVE **AS PRESIDENT FOR 2023-2024**

Bethesda, MD—On May 2, the National Association of Surety Bond Producers (NASBP) elected Patrick Pribyl, National Surety Team Leader of Lockton Companies in Kansas City, MO, as the 2033-2024 NASBP President. NASBP is a national trade association headquartered in Bethesda, MD, serving a membership of firms employing licensed surety bond producers.

"Patrick's over 34-year career working in the surety industry, which includes serving as the National Team Leader for Lockton's 110 surety professionals since the consolidation of the practice in 2020, has prepared him well for leading the Association and industry," according to Mark H. McCallum, NASBP Chief Executive Officer. "With his experience, Patrick knows firsthand the opportunities and the challenges that NASBP bond agency members have before them."

Pribyl's theme, "All In For Surety," reflects his commitment to continue the Association's efforts to bring greater awareness to the general public of surety's importance. "Suretyship provides crucial services when it comes to our Nation's critical infrastructure and public works, and most people don't realize we serve as good stewards of money for public works, protecting those dollars with surety bonds," he said. "Critical to our effort to build awareness is the federal legislative fly-in where we meet with our elected federal representatives to discuss surety bonding's role in advancing the Nation's economy and in safeguarding the quality of life of its citizens."

Pribyl's theme for his Presidency also reflects his plan to ensure that NASBP remains responsive to its membership. "When you look at the servant leaders and volunteers on all our Association committees and, definitely, our surety schools, you realize most NASBP volunteers have been contributing their time and expertise on an "All In" basis for years and years," he said. "Next year will be no different, as our committee and surety school efforts will be as focused as ever on bringing NASBP members more valuable services, education opportunities, and information." "We're going to go

"All In" on NASBP and all our different committees to make sure NASBP is providing the right level of service to the Association and its members," he added.

During his term, Pribyl plans to provide programs providing critical to surety professionals about the importance of thoroughly assessing risks. Featured speakers at the NASBP East and West Meetings and at the 2024 Annual Meeting will address the shock loss of the Enron bankruptcy situation as a case study of the importance of scrutinizing corporate culture and character and proper financial reporting. "Younger surety professionals may not know much about the Enron situation and that loss experience provides lessons our industry should not forget," Pribyl said.

Pribyl also knows the challenge the surety industry faces with talent recruitment. "The surety industry is not alone in its challenge to find the right talent for the next generation of leaders, so we as an industry cannot be complacent," related Pribyl. "I have been fortunate to have been involved in Lockton initiatives that have grown its surety team through recruitment and internship programs, and the company's constant investment in people is what has made Lockton so successful," Pribyl said. "We've had good success in hiring the right people, training them, retaining them, and redeploying them around the country." "I would like to employ that knowledge and experience to benefit association efforts in that regard," added Pribyl.

NASBP elected Zach Mendelson as NASBP First Vice President. Mendelson is Principal, Bonds/Insurance/Construction of EPIC | Edgewood Partners Insurance Center in Pittsburgh, PA. Robert Coon was elected NASBP Second Vice President. Coon is Vice President – Surety at Scott Insurance in Greensboro, NC. Monica Donatelli was elected NASBP Third Vice President. Donatelli is Vice President, Surety Department Manager at IMA, Inc. in Overland Park, KS. In addition, Nick Newton will serve as NASBP Immediate Past President. Nick is Senior Vice President, Surety at AssuredPartners of Minnesota in St. Paul, MN.

The NASBP Executive Committee is comprised of the officers listed above and three Ex Officio Members, who represent the NASBP Directors-At-Large, Regional Directors, and 5-15 Leadership Committee. Alan Starks, Senior Vice President – Surety at Christensen Group, in Eden Prairie, MN, was elected as Ex Officio to represent the Directors-At-Large. Heidi Rodzen, Senior Account Executive at Skillings Shaw & Associates, Inc., in Lewiston, ME, was elected as Ex Officio to represent the Regional Directors. Emanuel "Manny" Hatjygeorge, President of EP George Inc. in Tarrytown, NY, was elected as Ex Officio to represent the 5-15 Leadership Committee.

Founded in 1942, the <u>National Association of Surety Bond Producers</u> (<u>NASBP</u>), <u>https://www.nasbp.org/home</u>, is the association of and resource for surety bond producers and allied professionals. NASBP members specialize in providing surety bonds for construction contracts and other purposes to companies and individuals needing the assurance offered by surety bonds.