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NASBP Recognizes Industry Leaders

John "Jack" J. Curtin, Jr. President's Award

At the NASBP Annual Meeting & Expo, NASBP President Carl Dohn presented both Ralph Pulver of Travelers Bond and Jim Lareau of Travelers Bond with the John "Jack" J. Curtin, Jr. President's Award for their outstanding service to the Association.

Pulver and Lareau each received a framed certificate (pictured below) personally inscribed in two-toned color calligraphy highlighted in gold and signed by the NASBP President, as well as, a specifically minted NASBP President's medallion customized with the NASBP logo and made of 2-troy oz. .999 fine silver.

Dohn said he chose Pulver and Lareau as the recipients for this award because of their outstanding service and dedication as faculty members of the NASBP William J. Angell Surety School.

NASBP First Vice President Thomas Padilla agreed both are deserving of this special recognition. "Both have not only taught, but have been heavily involved in the development of the course curriculum itself. When we need curriculum, they are willing and eager to contribute anything they have developed on their own and never ask for credit or recognition. In fact, they go to great lengths to see that any perspective they give is fair and balanced.

Ralph is always on the lookout for new ideas and subjects for the Schools, Virtual Seminars, etc. and he lends a detailed and thoughtful perspective to the process. He is one of our most technical members of the team. Jim has always been in the field and brings a great perspective to underwriters' relationships with both agents and contractors. Also, Jim was key in developing the learning games for both Levels I and II."

The award, named the "John 'Jack' J. Curtin, Jr. President's Award," honors an individual, who is chosen by the NASBP President for outstanding service contributions during the President's term to the Association and to the surety industry. The award was first presented in 2007 to John 'Jack' J. Curtin, Jr., for whom the award is named.

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Lareau (left) and Pulver (right) each received a framed certificate (held by them) personally inscribed in two-toned color calligraphy highlighted in gold and signed by the NASBP President, as well as, a specifically minted NASBP President's medallion (held by Lareau) customized with the NASBP logo and made of 2-troy oz. .999 fine silver.

Bruce T. Wallace Award

Dohn awarded the prestigious Bruce T. Wallace Award to Matt Cashion of The Cashion Company, Inc. and to Harry Crowell of Insko Dico Group. Walter Crowell accepted the award on behalf of his father.

"Matt Cashion was given this award as an appreciation for his performance in many positions of responsibility at NASBP," Dohn said. "He is the epitome of what we should all strive to be as members of this Association, always willing to do what is asked of him and do it exceedingly well. He is a role model our young members should emulate."

Dohn said, "Harry is an amazing insurance industry veteran who directed the expansion of his company into national recognition." "Harry has been steadfast in his commitment to educating obligees and principals about bonding and to working with surety professionals and colleagues to improve the surety product," he said. "He has been instrumental in the development of many of our most active members and a consummate supporter of NASBP throughout his career."

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The Bruce T. Wallace Award, established in 1990 in memory of the Association's first executive vice president, who served for over 29 years, is awarded by the Executive Committee to an individual who has distinguished themselves through years of exceptional service to NASBP and to the surety industry.

It is noteworthy that the Bruce T. Wallace Award is not necessarily presented every year, but rather, only when a candidate meeting these high standards is nominated. In fact, since its establishment, the Bruce T. Wallace Award has now been presented seventeen times. Recipients of the Bruce T. Wallace Award receive a framed certificate personally inscribed in three-toned color calligraphy and signed by the NASBP President. The recipients' name is emblazoned on a plaque and added to the tomb of recipients of the award which is displayed at NASBP headquarters.



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