2011 NASBP Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs Reports High Attendance and Popular Sessions

During the Tuesday General Session, NASBP President Miller honored Carl Newman, who recently retired from Parker Smith Feek, with the prestigious John ‘Jack’ J. Curtin, Jr. President’s Award. Stuart O’Farrell also of Parker Smith Feek accepted the Award on behalf of Carl Newman (Newman is pictured on right with his wife Susan).

Miller described how Newman has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to advancing the objectives of the industry and the Association through his devotion of time, energy, and resources. Miller said, "Carl has dedicated 30 years to the surety industry securing bonding for the construction of some of the largest projects throughout the Northwestern states and Alaska as a broker and an underwriter.” Newman served as a NASBP Regional Vice President, a NASBP Director of the Board, and a NASBP Executive Committee Ex Officio member.

In response, Newman said he was pleased to be given this honor. He stated, "It was a wonderful surprise to be selected by Spence Miller for the Jack Curtin President's Award. This means a lot to me. I can honestly say that the 30 years I was privileged to spend in this business have been truly rewarding and gratifying, an experience that has been greatly enhanced through membership and involvement in NASBP. So with that, here's to the Miller Act and the other genius who came up with non-contract surety too.”

Newman received a framed certificate personally inscribed in two-toned color calligraphy highlighted in gold and signed by Miller, as well as, a specifically minted NASBP President’s medallion customized with the NASBP logo and made of 2-troy oz. .999 fine silver.

Past recipients of the John ‘Jack’ J. Curtin, Jr. President's Award include:

- 2009 - Matthew Cashion, Jr.
- 2009 - Howard Cowan
- 2010 - Koula Korson

The Award, named the “John ‘Jack’ J. Curtin, Jr. President's Award,” honors an individual, who is chosen by the NASBP President for their 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.