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## **NABIP Announces 2026–27 Board of Trustees at 96th Annual Convention**

(Washington, DC) – The National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals (NABIP) announced its 2026–27 Board of Trustees during the association's 96th Annual Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The newly elected leaders will guide the association's strategic priorities and advocacy efforts over the coming year.

### **Executive Committee:**

#### **President – Mychal Walker**

Mychal Walker is Managing Director of The Walker Agency in Duluth, Georgia. A longtime NABIP leader, he previously served as Georgia Chapter President, and Region IV Vice President and most recently as Incoming President. Mychal has been a strong advocate for the profession through NABIP's legislative and media initiatives.

#### **Incoming President – Mark Gaunya**

Mark Gaunya is Founder and CEO of Captivated Health in Methuen, Massachusetts. A respected healthcare innovator and longtime NABIP leader, he previously served as National Legislative Chair, President of the Massachusetts Chapter, and Delta Task Force Chair. He also co-authored [NABIP's Healthcare Bill of Rights](#), reinforcing the association's leadership on healthcare policy and patient advocacy.

#### **Vice President – Keith Wallace**

Keith Wallace is National Vice President of Sales and Business Development at Trucordia Insurance Services in Bellingham, WA. Keith has served in numerous leadership roles, including Washington State Chapter President, National Membership Chair, Region VIII Vice President, and most recently as Treasurer and Secretary.

#### **Treasurer – Patrick Burns**

Patrick Burns is Founder and Managing Member of Burns Employee Benefits Insurance Services in Oakland, California. A longtime NABIP leader and legislative advocate, he previously served as Region VIII Vice President, California AHU President, and Golden Gate AHU President.

#### **Secretary – Paige Phillips**

Paige Phillips is Managing Partner of Paige Phillips Agency in Columbiana, Alabama, where she serves as a trusted Medicare advisor. She previously served as Region VI Vice President and has held numerous leadership roles, including Alabama Chapter President, Professional Development Chair, and Medicare Chair.

#### **Immediate Past President – Susan Rider**

A nationally recognized presenter and instructor, she previously served as NABIP President and has held numerous leadership roles, including Professional Development Chair, Media Chair, Young Agents Chair, Indiana Chapter President, and local chapter President.

"It is an honor to serve as NABIP President and work alongside such an outstanding leadership team," said Mychal Walker. "Together, we will continue strengthening our profession, advocating for the vital role of licensed agents and brokers, and ensuring our members have the education, resources, and support they need to succeed. As we move



*Forward Together, we remain committed to innovation, collaboration, and delivering exceptional value to our members and the consumers they serve."*

**The 2026–27 Board of Trustees also includes:**

- **Legislative Council Chair** – Chris Vanderwolk, Director of Compliance & Innovation, OneDigital | Kistler Tiffany Benefits General Agency
- **Membership Chair** – Michelle Wilson-Reynolds, Founder, MPOWR Assurance
- **Professional Development Chair** – Jennifer Lowery, President, Lowery Consulting Agency
- **Region I Vice President** – William G. (Bill) Stuart, Founding Partner, Benegames (*Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont*)
- **Region II Vice President** – Alexis Bruni, Senior Benefits Consultant, Alera Group (*Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia*)
- **Region III Vice President** – Sara Walker-Hite, Owner & Principal Agent, Silver Wolf Insurance Services LLC (*Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia*)
- **Region IV Vice President** – Liz Dannenberg, Director of Broker Relations, Self Fund Health (*Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin*)
- **Region V Vice President** – Angela Mlynarski, Regional Sales Manager, Sidecar Health (*Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee*)
- **Region VI Vice President** – Nedra Clingan, Director of Sales & Account Management, Small Business – Texas/Oklahoma, UnitedHealthcare Employer & Individual (*Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas*)
- **Region VII Vice President** – Megan Fearing, Owner & Broker, Insurance Marketing Enterprises, Inc. (*Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming*)
- **Region VIII Vice President** – Dawn McFarland, Founder & President, M&M Benefit Solutions Insurance Services (*Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington*)

The 2026–27 Board of Trustees officially began its term on July 1 and will lead the association's efforts to advance advocacy, professional development, and member engagement while championing the value of licensed health insurance and employee benefits professionals and the consumers they serve.

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[NABIP](#) is the preeminent organization for health insurance and employee benefits professionals, working diligently to ensure all Americans have access to high-quality, affordable healthcare and related benefits. To meet that vital mission, NABIP advances the interests of its members and advocates for sound public-policy solutions. NABIP represents and provides professional development opportunities for more than 100,000 licensed health insurance agents, brokers, general agents, consultants, and benefit professionals through more than 150 chapters across America.