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National Institute of Pension Administrators Announces 2018-2019 Officers and Directors

Chicago — The National Institute of Pension Administrators (NIPA) is pleased to announce the 2018-2019 officers and board members.

Darren Holsey, APA, APR, ERPA, QKA, QPA, will serve as President of NIPA's Board of Directors effective July 1, 2018. Holsey is the Owner and Senior Plan Consultant at Premier Retirement Plan Services in Wilsonville, Ore. and has more than 25 years of experience in the retirement plan industry. He offers employers services in 401(k), profit sharing, defined benefit including cash balance, 403(b) and employee stock ownership plans. Holsey has been a longtime volunteer for NIPA on the education, NIPA Annual Forum & Expo, website and member resources committees and as a member of the NIPA board of directors.

Trina Gross, APA, QKA, will serve as the President-elect for the 2018-2019 term. Gross is the CEO of Acuff & Associates, Inc., as well as a founder and Principal with the firm since its inception. She has 35 years of experience in the retirement and consulting field and a vast knowledge of plan design, consulting with employers on all aspects of their plans, and complex administration. Gross is based out of Brentwood, Tenn.

Mike Bourne, CPA, MBA, will serve as Chief Financial Officer. Bourne is the Managing Partner of Atessa Benefits, as well as a founder and partner of MB Actuarial Services. He has 10 years of experience in the retirement and consulting field, specializing in ERISA compliance and defined benefit plans, including cash balance plans. He helps business owners extract tax-deductible wealth from their businesses that does not affect the valuation of their businesses. He also offers business owners services in defined contribution plans. Bourne is based out of San Diego, Calif.

Joseph Burt, APA, APR, ERPA, QPA, QKA, will serve as the Immediate Past President. Burt is the President and Owner of Pension Plan Specialists P.C. and is an ERISA Consultant commonly referred to as a Third Party Administrator or TPA, who helps business owners ensure they attract and retain employees by offering a competitive and compliant retirement plan. He is focused on providing a level of service and clarity that gives plan sponsors the confidence they need to provide such a plan. Joe is passionate about discovering new ideas, concepts and solutions that will improve our retirement plan system thereby increasing the number of participants who are better prepared to enjoy the retirement they have earned and deserve. He believes a well-designed plan that is properly administered, managed and frequently evaluated will successfully deliver these results. Joe has over 20 years of experience helping clients with defined contribution plans, ESOP, 403(b) and defined benefit plans including cash balance.

Matthew S. King will serve as the Member at Large on the Executive Committee for the 2018-2019 term. King has more than 20 years of retirement plan industry experience and is currently the Director of TPA Relationships at The Standard. He is responsible for The Standard's flexible and unique TPA program where trusted partnerships, superior service, increased efficiencies and innovative solutions are the focus. King is based out of West Hartford, Conn.

"NIPA is dedicated to advocating for the TPA and helping TPA businesses grow," said Laura J. Rudzinski, Executive Director of NIPA. "This term's board of directors is exceptionally committed to fostering a community that helps our members grow their organizations, careers and the plan administration profession."

NIPA's Board of Directors also consists of Emily Burr, APA, AIF, T R Paul Incorporated, Newtown, Conn.; Karyn Dzurisin, QKA, QPA, American Funds, Zionsville, Ind; Michelle Marsh, QKA, Retirement Plan Concepts & Services, Inc., Fort Wayne, Ind.; Shayna Osborne, APA, APR, ERPA, QPA, Osborne & Associate, Inc., Modesto, Calif.; Patrick M. Shelton, GBA, Benefit Plans Plus LLC, St. Louis, Mo.; Ann Slotwinski, APR, John Hancock Financial Services, Boston, Mass.; Michael Stuber, ERPA, QPA Primark Benefits, Burlingame, Calif.

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