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National Institute of Pension Administrators Announces 2016-2017 Officers and Directors

Chicago — The National Institute of Pension Administrators (NIPA) is pleased to announce the 2016-2017 officers and new board members.

Michelle Marsh, QKA, will serve as President of NIPA's Board of Directors effective July 1, 2016. Marsh is the President and Owner of Retirement Plan Concepts & Services, Inc. She has more than 29 years of extensive experience in the administration and qualified plans arena. She provides clients with ongoing consulting services in addition to providing plan design and implementation for new clients. Marsh is based out of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Joseph Burt, APA, ERPA, QPA, QKA, will serve as the President-elect for the 2016-2017 term. Burt is the President and Owner of Pension Plan Specialists and is an ERISA Consultant who helps business owners ensure they attract and retain employees by offering a competitive and compliant retirement plan. He has 20 years of experience helping clients with Defined Contribution Plans, ESOP, 403(b) and Defined Benefit Plans including Cash Balance. Burt is based out of Vancouver, Wash.

Darren Holsey, APA, ERPA, QPA, QKA, will serve as Chief Financial Officer. Holsey is an Owner and Senior Plan Consultant at Premier Retirement Plan Services and has more than 24 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 is based out of Wilsonville, Ore.

Patrick M. Shelton, GBA, will serve as the Immediate Past President. Shelton is the Managing Member at Benefit Plans Plus, L.L.C. and has more than 25 years of retirement plan industry experience. He is responsible for innovating, executing the firm's business plan and overseeing all business development initiatives. Additionally, he specializes in financial advisor relations, including 401(k) sales prospecting presentations, vendor searches and fiduciary consulting. Shelton is based out of St. Louis.

Ann Slotwinski, APR, will serve on the Executive Committee for the 2016-2017 term. Slotwinski is Vice President of TPA Services for John Hancock Financial Services. Slotwinski has more than 30 years of experience in the group insurance and pension industry, with a background in various functions for both U.S. and Canadian business. She is responsible for managing the partnership between Plan Consultants and John Hancock. Slotwinski is based out of Boston.

"We are pleased to have such a strong group of leadership guiding the association," said Laura J. Rudzinski, Executive Director of NIPA. "The vision of this term's board of directors is focused on positive growth for our members, benefits that will satisfy the needs of TPAs and working together to both inform members and advocate on their behalf during industry changes."

NIPA's Board of Directors also consists of Mike Bourne, Atessa Benefits, Inc., San Diego, Calif.*; Robert Chin, Abacus Benefit Consultants, Inc., Cranston, R.I.; Ralph DelSesto, APR, Voya, Windsor, Conn.; Trina Gross, APA, QKA, Acuff & Associates, Inc., Brentwood, Tenn.; Matt King, The Standard, W. Hartford, Conn.; Emily Lichtenwalner, APA, AIF, TR Paul Incorporated, Newtown, Conn.; and Michael Stuber, ERPA, QPA, Primark Benefits, Burlingame, Calif.

**Indicates an individual who is new to NIPA's Board of Directors.*

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About NIPA

The National Institute of Pension Administrators (NIPA) is a national association that serves TPA business owners by creating environments with world-class education, best-practices exchanges, and deep peer-to-peer relationships. As a result, our members' revenue grows dramatically, processes are streamlined, productivity increases, and life-long relationships are developed. For more information, visit www.nipa.org.