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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL ELECTS IDAHO ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESIDENT-ELECT

COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO --- The National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) has named Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden President-Elect for the 2006-2007 term of office. In June 2007, Attorney General Wasden will assume the presidency of the nearly 100-year-old organization.

The Association held elections during its 2006 Annual Summer Meeting, June 27-30, where state Attorneys General convened in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to select its new slate of officers for the 12-member Executive Committee, which oversees the operations of the Association.

The Association's members are the Attorneys General of the 50 states and the chief legal officers of the District of Columbia, the Commonwealths of Puerto Rico (Secretary of Justice) and the Northern Mariana Islands, and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. The U.S. Attorney General is an honorary member.

Georgia Attorney General Thurbert Baker, who was elected President of the Association at this summer's meeting, said he looked forward to working with Attorney General Wasden over the coming year.

"Attorney General Wasden has contributed greatly to our Association over the last several years, particularly as a member of our executive committee and as co-chair of the

Association's Tobacco Committee," Attorney General Baker said. "His election as President-Elect speaks volumes about his standing among his fellow Attorneys General, and assures the Association will be in good hands when he becomes President next year."

"I'm proud to call him a colleague and look forward to working with him as a valuable member of NAAG's leadership team," Attorney General Baker said.

Attorney General Wasden has served as a member of NAAG's Strategic Planning Committee, Co-Chair of the Association's Tobacco Committee and Chair of the Bankruptcy Steering Committee.

Lawrence Wasden was elected Idaho's 32nd Attorney General on November 5, 2002 with 58% of the vote. He took office on January 6, 2003.

Attorney General Wasden, a 15-year veteran of the Office of the Attorney General, served the people of Idaho as Chief of Staff to the Attorney General for six years. He also served for two years as Deputy Chief of Staff and for six years as a Deputy Attorney General representing the Idaho State Tax Commission.

Before his appointment as a Deputy Attorney General, he served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Canyon County, Idaho and as Prosecuting Attorney in Owyhee County, Idaho.

The National Association of Attorneys General was founded in 1907 to help Attorneys General fulfill the responsibilities of their offices and to assist in the delivery of high quality legal services to the states and territorial jurisdictions, NAAG fosters interstate cooperation on legal and law enforcement issues, conducts policy research and analysis of issues, and facilitates communication between the states' chief legal officers and all levels of government.

The Association elects its officers yearly, through geographical rotation by region. Election of the four officers - President, President-Elect, Vice President and Immediate Past President - takes place at the annual NAAG Summer Meeting. The President appoints all standing and special committee chairs. Committees are charged with studying all substantive matters within their jurisdiction and recommending policy positions and other matters to the Attorneys General for action by the full Association.

The Executive Committee of the Association is charged with the management of Association operations and yearly approval of a program plan of goals, objectives, and activities to guide its work. The Executive Committee comprises the four NAAG officers, four regional delegates, and three presidential appointees and the chair of the NAAG Mission Foundation, which oversees training programs for the Association.