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Connecticut Treasurer Nappier Is Elected Treasurer of National Treasurer's Association

Connecticut State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier has been elected Secretary/Treasurer of the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST), the third ranking position in the organization, and a member of the Executive Committee. She is the first Connecticut Treasurer to serve as an officer of the organization in nearly two decades.

Nappier, re-elected to her second term as Connecticut Treasurer in 2002, is the nation's only African-American woman to serve as State Treasurer, and is the first African-American woman elected to statewide office in Connecticut and the first woman elected Treasurer in the state's history.

The National Association of State Treasurers is composed of all state treasurers, or state finance officials with comparable responsibilities, from the United States, its commonwealths, territories, and the District of Columbia. NAST is recognized as a national force whose work has influenced public policy at both the state and federal levels. NAST is instrumental in developing and promoting standards of excellence regarding ethical conduct, policy guidelines and accountability, and model legislation and regulations.

Treasurer Nappier was elected by her colleagues to a two-year term, beginning December 1, 2003, as Secretary/Treasurer of the organization. She first joined the nine-member Executive Committee a year ago with her election as Northeast Region Vice President of NAST. The last Connecticut Treasurer to serve as an officer of the organization was former State Treasurer Hank Parker in 1985.

Earlier this year Nappier was tapped to lead the organization's newly formed Special Committee on Corporate Governance, recognizing her leadership role among her peers on the issue. Nappier testified in Washington earlier this year on corporate governance issues, and has been a leading advocate for governance reform and shareholder rights.

"There are a great many issues that Treasurers deal with day in and day out that profoundly affect people throughout our state and country," Nappier said. "I look forward to working with my colleagues in this new role to help restore public and investor confidence in our markets, ensure the integrity and soundness of our pensions and contribute to the vibrancy of our economy."

Prior to her election as State Treasurer, Nappier served nine years as Treasurer of the City of Hartford. Earlier this year, she was recognized by *Good Housekeeping* magazine as one of nine "remarkable women dedicated to public service" and was a recipient of the *Good Housekeeping* Award for Women in Government.

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