

NACVA—A Democratically Run Organization

Early in NACVA's existence, it became very apparent that to support an industry we needed the practitioners of this industry to tell us how to support them. Thus, we established a board structure that since its inception has run surprisingly smoothly. I attribute this to the fact that most everybody who has ever participated truly takes their responsibilities seriously with the intention of always doing what is right for their peers, not just what is right for them. This I attribute to the democratic process we employ to elect members to a board. First, a member can nominate him or herself, meaning one does not have to be politically connected to run for office. Second, because NACVA is a professional association, our members do not politic to earn or obtain votes. Those who win, I will admit, are generally members who are known by many through contributions of support at other levels, such as instructor, committee participation, attending and networking at our annual conference or Consultants' Training Institute events, writing articles for *The Value Examiner*[®], and a dozen other ways of becoming known in the NACVA community. Third, we have a legitimate election process where all members are entitled to vote and ballots are submitted to an independent auditing firm that tallies the results.

This process by its very nature instills upon our elected officials a commitment and a passion to do right by the members who elected them to a board. I am truly amazed by the process and every year I have watched this association grow and evolve as the collective wisdom of prior boards is passed down from one generation to the next. We are entering the 17th year since our formation, over 6,000 members strong, and I have full confidence that with the strength of our membership we will continue to grow, evolve, and remain the most influential force in the valuation and financial forensics communities throughout the world. I want to thank those members who participated in our elections this year, both the candidates and those who voted. I want to congratulate the following individuals who have been elected to three-year terms on the following boards:

Executive Advisory Board (EAB):

Darrell D. Dorrell, Oregon
Paul C. French, III, Texas
Lari B. Masten, Colorado

Ethics Oversight Board (EOB):

Jerry L. Love, Texas
Mark W. Shirley, Louisiana

Litigation Forensics Board (LFB):

Bruce G. Dubinsky, Maryland
E. Bryan Finison, Alabama *
Roger A. Long, Texas *
Paul C. Pershes, New York

Valuation Credentialing Board (VCB):

Shelley A. Brown, New Jersey
Robert L. Mendes, California

* *Fraud Deterrence Board was merged with the LFB in March 2007*

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As part of this CEO's Message, I have attached the PDF of our recently updated Association brochure http://www.nacva.com/PDF/association_brochure.pdf. Here, you can learn more about our Boards as well as our committees, and how to get more involved. Many changes (some recent) have occurred over the years as mandated by our Boards and are reflected throughout this publication. I suggest you take a few minutes to go through it to get up-to-date on much of what there is to know about NACVA, including the merging of our Certified Fraud Deterrence *Analyst* (CFD) credential into the Certified Forensic Financial Analyst (CFFA), which our Boards all agree was a significant and positive move forward for the Association.