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## Patureau elected president of NAMSAP

Gary Patureau, executive director and chief operating officer of the Louisiana Association of Self-Insured Employers in Baton Rouge, was elected president of the National Alliance for Medicare Set-Aside Professionals Jan. 21 for the 2016 year. The vote was by email ballot.

Regarding his election, Patureau said, "I am honored to have been selected by my fellow board members to represent them and our association as president. I look forward to working with our team of board members, committee chairs, management staff and all NAMSAP members to continue to strengthen our mission as the leading advocate for an efficient and effective Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) compliance system.

"Following the steps of previous leaders and that of my predecessor Kim Wiswell, I am committed to promoting and growing our association, providing our members with the educational and networking opportunities they need for professional development as well as bolstering NAMSAP's strategic goals," Patureau said.

The NAMSAP is the only non-profit association exclusively addressing the issues and challenges of the Medicare Secondary Payer Statute and its impact on workers' compensation and liability settlements. Through the voluntary efforts of members, NAMSAP is a forum for the exchange of ideas and is a resource for information and news for Medicare set-aside professionals.

As executive director of LASIE, Patureau's duties include developing strategic initiatives, educational programs, managing association activities and lobbying for self-insured employer interests.

Patureau has been in the governmental and community relations field since 1986. He served as a special assistant to former Gov. Buddy Roemer when Roemer was a candidate/congressman and when he was governor. Under Roemer's administration, Patureau became the first director of the Loui-

siana Office of Literacy. Prior to becoming the director of LASIE, Patureau served as the executive director of the Louisiana Literacy Foundation.

He is a past chairman of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry Workers' Comp Task Force and a member of the LABI Employee Relations and Education and Workforce Development councils. He serves on the Workers' Compensation Research (WCRI) Advisory Council for Louisiana and is on the State Association Board of Managers of the National Council of Self Insurers (NCSI). In addition to being president of NAMSAP, Patureau co-chairs the organization's Evidence Based Medicine and Conference committees.

Patureau is a United States Navy veteran, graduate of Louisiana State University, Shreveport, and is active on numerous civic boards and organizations. Patureau holds the CWCP and CMSP designations.

Under his leadership, LASIE expanded its mission and became the first organization in the United States to represent all lines of self-insurance. Founded in 1991, LASIE's mission includes protecting and promoting the right of employers to self-insure and spearheading workers' compensation, health, general liability, automobile liability, property/casualty, maritime and fiduciary liability legislative and regulatory issues for the business community in Louisiana.

The services LASIE now offers its members include sponsoring, supporting and monitoring legislation; participation in the "friend of the court" process as cases warrant; an annual conference with programs of timely importance to self-insureds; topic-specific programs designed to help members achieve best practices and lower overall costs; national certification programs teaching specialized knowledge and skills; information to keep members abreast of requirements for approval and compliance for self-insurance issues, and a political action committee that promotes

legislators who understand the economic importance of self-insurance interests.

Patureau also led LASIE in the launch of the Certified Workers' Compensation Professional program in 2003. As of January 2011, more than 450 individuals representing more than 140 companies have enrolled in classes. Of those individuals, 305 have successfully completed the program to earn the CWCP designation. The program is offered in four modules, with classes held at The Bankers Center in Baton Rouge.

This year, Module I, Principles of Workers' Compensation, is offered March 28; Module II, Workers' Compensation Case Management, March 29-30; Module III, Workers' Compensation Medical, March 31, and Module IV, Workers' Compensation Loss Prevention and Safety Management, April 1. Individuals who successfully complete all four modules within a two-year period; take part in discussions and exercises, and pass a series of examinations earn the CWCP designation.

LASIE's 2016 annual conference is scheduled for Nov. 2-4 at the Golden Nugget Casino in Lake Charles.

Programs leading to the Certified Medicare Secondary Payer designation are scheduled for June 27-29 at the Hotel Mazarin in New Orleans and Sept. 26-28 at the Argosy in Kansas City, Mo.

Elected to NAMSAP officer positions along with Patureau were Shawn Deane, JD, MEd, MSCC, CMSP, assistant vice president of product development of ISO Claims Partners, vice president; Greg Gitter, CMSP, president of Legacy Claims Solutions, Inc., treasurer, and Christine Melancon, RN, CCM, MSCC, CNLCP, CMSP, vice president of operations for EZ-MSA Services, secretary.



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