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PRESS RELEASE

To: News Media & Interested Parties
From: Oregon State Board of Tax Practitioners
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Re: Executive Director Appointment

Board of Tax Practitioners appoints new executive director
Ron Wagner will assume post on March 3

Salem—The State Board of Tax Practitioners has voted unanimously to appoint Ron Wagner as its executive director, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services announced Wednesday.

“The Board is thrilled to have found and appointed a candidate with Ron’s experience and skill,” said Marilyn Johnston, the Board’s chair. “We are confident Ron will help the Board continue to effectively serve Oregon’s consumers.”

Wagner brings more than 28 years’ experience in state service to the position, which he will assume on March 3. As the State Board of Tax Practitioners’ executive director, Wagner will direct the Board’s activities in credentialing, enforcement, and education. He will also manage budget development, represent the Board before the executive and legislative branches of state government, and supervise the Board’s professional staff.

Before his appointment, Wagner worked for the Oregon Department of Revenue on tax-related issues. Working in a variety of different roles, he conducted training on tax law throughout the state, worked within the auditing division, and spent 14 years as a forms and publications coordinator.

“Working with the Department of Revenue provided a bird’s eye view of the work the State Board of Tax Practitioners does,” Wagner said. “I cannot wait to sink my teeth into achieving the Board’s goals and objectives. Since Oregon is the only state in the nation to license tax professionals, this appointment is a one-of-a-kind opportunity.”

The State Board of Tax Practitioners is also working with the Government Accountability Office and the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, DC, to support federal efforts to introduce national licensure for tax professionals.