



# News

## NEWS RELEASE – *for immediate release*

Media Contact: Ali Ryan Hansen, 503-510-6860, [ali.r.hansen@dsl.oregon.gov](mailto:ali.r.hansen@dsl.oregon.gov)

July 19, 2023

### **DSL Director to Lead National Association of State Trust Lands**

*Oregon's Vicki Walker has been elected president of the nation's largest consortium of states with trust lands dedicated to funding schools*

SALEM, Ore. – Oregon Department of State Lands Director Vicki L. Walker is the newly elected president of the National Association of State Trust Lands.

NASTL's 21 member states collectively oversee more than 500 million acres of trust lands, minerals, and waterways, managing those resources to support America's public schools. NASTL member states distributed \$4.5 billion to schools and other beneficiaries in fiscal year 2022.

"Public school kids in Oregon and across the country count on the substantial revenue trust lands generate for classrooms," said Walker. "Our member states contribute so much to their communities, and I'm proud to support and enhance our collaborative efforts as NASTL's new president."

Together, NASTL member states manage more land and minerals than any other public entity except the federal government. More than \$105 billion is held in member states' permanent trust funds. [Learn more about the association](#).

NASTL members elected Walker during the association's annual conference, held July 10-13 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She has served on the NASTL executive committee since 2019, first as the association secretary and then as vice president. Walker was appointed DSL director by Oregon's State Land Board in March 2018, and was previously a member of the Oregon Legislature and Oregon State Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development. [See her full bio](#).

“NASTL is very fortunate to have Vicki as our president,” said Lisa Schneider, NASTL executive director. “She brings a wealth of experience and passion to our association which will further advance our mission of helping our member states fund education.”

###

[Download a photo of DSL Director Vicki L. Walker](#)