

Jim Condos, President-elect, National Association of Secretaries of State and Vermont Secretary of State

Jim Condos is Vermont's 38th Secretary of State. First elected in 2010, he has an extensive background in business as well as both municipal and local government. In July 2017, he was selected by his peers as President-elect for the National Association of Secretaries of State.

Jim served for 18 years (1989 to 2007) on the South Burlington City Council, the last eight years of which he served as chair. From 1999-2004, Jim served as leadership of various local government entities including the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Board, the Chittenden County Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Chittenden County Transportation Authority, and the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission.

In 2001, Jim was elected as a Senator for Chittenden County. He served four terms and chaired three integral committees: Education (2003–2004); Government Operations (2005–2006); Joint Legislative IT (2008). During each non-election year, Jim tours the state on his “Transparency Tour” discussing open meeting and public records laws with local officials and the public.

Secretary Condos graduated from South Burlington high school and then the University of Vermont in 1974 with a BA in Resource Economics.



National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS)

Founded in 1904, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) is the nation's oldest, nonpartisan professional organization for public officials. Membership is open to all 50 states, the District of Columbia and all U.S. Territories. The association has key initiatives in the areas of elections and voting, state business services, and state heritage/archives.

For example, NASS resolved in 1979 that a special committee be appointed to work with a national advertising group to formulate a plan and associated materials for a “Get Out The Vote” campaign for the 1980 elections, and supports “Rock the Vote” initiatives to encourage young people to register and vote. Today, GOTV efforts are common at the end of every election cycle at all levels from local to national.

In 1984, television networks announced their commitment to refrain from announcing the projected results of an election until all polls within the state have closed. This came after NASS received noticed that voters living on the West Coast were discouraged from voting after hearing the results three hours earlier from polls on the East Coast.

NASS also lobbied for “Motor Voter” initiatives that were passed into law and outlined in the National Voter Registration Reform Act of 1993 and were very active in lobbying for the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) in 2002.