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**TO:** Academy Fellows  
**FROM:** Mortimer L. Downey  
Chair, Board of Directors  
**SUBJECT:** Academy President

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I am pleased to announce that the Academy Board of Directors selected Philip M. Burgess, an Academy Fellow since 1978, as the next president of the National Academy of Public Administration. Phil's many achievements as a scholar, research administrator, public service professional, and business executive are impressive. They demonstrate the range of knowledge, skills, and experience we need to take the Academy into the future.

Phil Burgess' public service career spans three decades. He spent the first years of his career as an award-winning teacher, productive scholar, and innovative academic administrator at The Ohio State University, where he was professor of political science and director of the Behavioral Sciences Laboratory, and at the University of Colorado where he was founding director of the doctoral program in public administration.

More recently, Phil served as the chief executive of several leadership organizations, including the Federation of Rocky Mountain States, the Western Governors' Policy Office, the Center for the New West, and the Annapolis Institute. In each, he advanced the art and science of "research communications" on behalf of governors, legislators, senior officials, and civic leaders. In the words of Colorado Governor Bill Owens, "Phil Burgess is a bridge-builder who knows how to make things work and get things done among levels of government, between the public and private sectors, and across partisan divides."

Phil's record also shows a keen understanding of science and public policy, including the importance of sound scholarship and solid analysis to building high-integrity institutions that are capable of giving trusted advice on critical issues of governance and public management.

Phil will officially begin his duties on December 1. Prior to that time, he will work actively with the Board, Fellows, and staff as part of the transition process. After November 1, he can be reached by telephone at the Academy offices or now by e-mail at [pburgess@napawash.org](mailto:pburgess@napawash.org). I hope you will join me and the rest of the Board in wishing him good fortune in his new assignment.

I want to express my appreciation to the presidential search committee for the integrity, professionalism, dedication, and diligence it brought to the selection process—and especially to Cora Beebe for her outstanding work as committee chair.

I look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting in November.