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## **GREG PACKER OF ACCESSPOINT ELECTED CHAIR OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS**

**September 12, 2016, Alexandria, VA** — The National Association of Professional Employer Organizations (NAPEO) today announced that Greg Packer, CEO of AccessPoint in Farmington Hills, MI, was elected chair of the board of directors last week at the association's annual meeting in Austin. He succeeds Abram Finkelstein, founder and president of Plantation, FL -based StaffLink Outsourcing.

"Greg Packer has been an outstanding leader within the professional employer organization (PEO) industry almost from its start, and we are thrilled that our association will have the benefit of his knowledge and insight in the coming year," said NAPEO President and CEO Pat Cleary. "Greg's high standards and commitment to the industry are unmatched, and it is fitting that he will be at our helm as the implementation of the IRS's voluntary PEO certification program continues and the first PEOs are certified."

Packer got his start in the PEO industry in 1984 and founded his first PEO, Amstaff Inc., in 1985. In 1997 the company was acquired by Automatic Data Processing (ADP) to form what is now ADP TotalSource. Packer then served as Midwest-area president with responsibility for all operations of ADP TotalSource in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. When he stepped down in 1999, the division had grown to exceed 25,000 worksite employees, more than \$700 million in annual payroll, and was one of the most profitable markets for ADP TotalSource.

"As Chairman my goal is to maintain the momentum that has made NAPEO so successful," said Packer. "Being elected to this position by my industry colleagues and competitors is something I take great pride in. In the wake of federal legal recognition and the launching of the new IRS certification program, I think it is important to make integrity synonymous with the PEO industry. CPEO certification rewards PEOs that maintain high standards and creates value for small business owners while providing clarity for regulators on the federal, state and local levels."

"In addition, I believe IRS certification signals a new level of maturity for the industry. Over the years, the CPA and legal advisory communities have questioned exactly how PEOs fit -- those questions have been answered now," Packer concluded.

Previously, Packer served as chairman of NAPEO's Federal Government Affairs Committee. He played a critical role in the passage of legislation which created Public Act 603 in Michigan to codify the role of PEOs as employers of all worksite employees, including client company officers. Packer has been asked to testify before numerous Senate and Congressional hearing on PEO industry related issues, and is widely recognized as a leading expert on legislative issues that impact PEOs.

**About NAPEO**

*The National Association of Professional Employer Organizations (NAPEO) is The Voice of the PEO Industry™. PEOs provide payroll, benefits, regulatory compliance assistance, and other HR services to small and mid-sized companies. Through PEOs, the employees of small businesses gain access to employee benefits such as 401(k) plans; health, dental, life, and other insurance; dependent care; and other benefits typically provided by large companies. PEOs provide services to between 156,000 to 180,000 businesses employing 2.7 and 3.4 million people and generate between \$136 and \$156 billion in gross revenues annually. For more information about the PEO industry and NAPEO, please visit [www.napeo.org](http://www.napeo.org).*