

# Nascimento Elected President of the Massachusetts Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives



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Chamber of  
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Roy M. Nascimento, IOM, President & CEO of the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce has been elected President of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (MACCE). Nascimento began his term as President during the 2014 MACCE Annual Meeting and will serve as President through April, 2015. He succeeds Peter Forman, President & CEO of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce based in Rockland, Massachusetts.

MACCE is a volunteer led organization that represents the executives and staff of Chambers of Commerce of all sizes from

throughout Massachusetts. MACCE's mission is to be an accessible and valuable resource to the chamber professionals serving our state's communities. MACCE provides a wide-range of resources and opportunities for all chamber professionals.

Nascimento has been President & CEO of the New Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce since 2006. He previously served as President of the Attleboro Area Chamber of Commerce for nearly two years and Vice President of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce in Brockton, Massachusetts for nearly seven years. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and a master's degree in public administration from Suffolk University in Boston. He is also a graduate of the Institute for Organization Management at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Institute at the American Economic Development Council.

He has been active in MACCE for many years, serving in a variety of leadership roles including regional vice president and annual meeting planning chair. In 2011, he mobilized support among chambers of commerce in Massachusetts to establish the MACCE Council of Chambers as a state-wide forum for chamber leaders to share information and collaborate on important advocacy issues that impact their organizations, their members, and their communities. Until 2013, he served as co-chair of the group, which operates as an affiliate of MACCE. In addition, he serves on the five member steering committee that led the effort to form the MACCE Health Insurance Cooperative, a buying group to help small businesses in Massachusetts negotiate better rates on their health insurance. He is also a past president of the New England Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. In 2012, he was named New England Chamber Executive of the Year.

"It is both an honor and a privilege to have been elected by my peers in the chamber profession to this leadership position," said Nascimento. "I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Board to promote education and best

practices that will support chambers of commerce and communities throughout the state.”

Other officers include: Melissa Fetterhoff, Nashoba Valley Chamber as Vice President; Jeannie Hebert, Blackstone Valley Chamber as Treasurer; Jeffrey Ciuffreda, Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Springfield as Secretary; Peter Forman, South Shore Chamber as Immediate Past President; Stuart Loosemore, Worcester Regional Chamber as At-Large Director representing the Council of Chambers; Megan Story, Cape Cod Chamber as At Large Director representing MAMD; and Jack Lank, United Regional Chamber as At-Large Director representing NEACCE.

Other board members include: Suzanne Beck, Greater Northhampton Chamber; Mary Jo Bohart, Lexington Chamber; Kara Griffin, Tri-Town Chamber; Tim Murray, Worcester Regional Chamber; Marie Oliva, Cape Cod Canal Region Chamber; Ann Ormond, Greater Newburyport Chamber; and Tom O’Rourke, Neponset Valley Chamber.

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