



Walter J. Smith, CPA National President and CEO

Walter J. Smith, CPA, is National President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. (NABA). NABA, a 501 c(3) non-profit, is the premier association for African Americans and minorities in the accounting, audit, finance, information technology, tax, as well as other business related fields. Smith's two-year term became effective, July 1, 2008. The theme under which he serves his presidency is "*40 Years, One NABA*". In his position as National President and CEO, Walter will be at the forefront of issues affecting NABA members, and African Americans and minorities in the accounting and finance professions.

Prior to being elected new leader of this great organization, Walter served as National Director for three years on NABA's National Board of Directors. Walter was recently named to *EBONY* Magazine's 2009 "Most Influential Organization Leaders" List. He is a Lifetime Member of the NABA New York Chapter, and received the 2008 NABA Award for National Achievement in Industry at the 37th Annual National Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia. He was also named one of the Top 20 Diversity Champions by *Diversity Edge* magazine in 2007. Walter has been a NABA member for over 20 years with membership spanning from college to professional chapters in New York, Los Angeles, and New Jersey. He was past Chair of the Organizational Effectiveness & Personnel Committee and the Chapter Development & Effectiveness Committee. He also served on the Finance and the Strategic Planning Committees. He has also served as Vice President and as Secretary of the NABA Eastern Region.

Walter is Vice President of Financial Reporting at Prudential. He has oversight for Separate Accounts, Cash Management, and Operational Risk for the Life and Annuities business divisions. His diverse career includes tours of duty in audit (Deloitte & Touché, Marriott, Inc.), finance (New York Daily News), and financial services (AXA, Inc., Transamerica, Inc.).

Walter graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the Medgar W. Evers College in New York. He's a Lifetime Member of the Medgar Evers College Alumni Association, Inc., and formerly served as Parliamentarian and Director on the Board of Directors. He is also a Lifetime Member of ALPFA – the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance & Accounting.

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