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The Indiana State Board of Accounts, a state agency that was created in 1909 to examine all accounts of state and local governments in Indiana, inducted the inaugural class into its Hall of Fame on Wednesday, September 4. A ceremony was held in the Indiana Statehouse.

The Indiana State Board of Accounts Hall of Fame was created to recognize an elite group of individuals who over their professional careers have made major and enduring impacts on Indiana state and local government financial examinations and in turn the Indiana State Board of Accounts. Hall of Fame inductees are not selected based upon a single achievement, but rather to recognize careers filled with significant achievements and contributions and to recognize those who have reached the highest levels of performance in the profession. Additionally, recipients will embody characteristics including outstanding vision, inspiring leadership, and unwavering commitment to the highest professional and ethical standards and practices.

The inaugural class included the following inductees:

Governor Thomas R. Marshall - Became Governor of Indiana in 1909 and played a big role in carrying the legislation that created the Department of Inspection and Supervision of Public Offices that was administered by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. The agency was created in response to public corruption and a need for accountability. He was on the initial Board that was comprised of the Governor, the Auditor of State, and the State Examiner. Marshall also served as the 28th Vice President of the United States.

Richard L. Worley, former State Examiner - Served as a state employee for nearly 42 years with positions within the Indiana State Board of Accounts as well as other state agencies. He served as State Examiner from 1965-1969 and during that time brought efficiencies to the agency. Throughout his career and even in retirement he worked to maintain the agency's independence for the good of the public interest. Worley received a Sagamore of the Wabash from Governor Welsh.

Charlie Pride, Sr. - Served with the agency for 36 years in various roles including Supervisor of Cities and Towns for many of those years as well as Supervisor of Counties. He provided assistance to countless local officials during his career and had a knack of making complex issues seem simple. Pride was straight forward with officials, but with a common sense approach that they appreciated. He received the Russell C. Lloyd Distinguished Service Award from the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns in 2014 and a Sagamore of the Wabash in 2015 from Governor Pence.