

Mark Thresher

President and Chief Operating Officer Nationwide Financial

Mark R. Thresher is president and chief operating officer of Nationwide Financial Services, Inc., Nationwide's publicly traded life insurance and retirement savings franchise. He was elected to this position in 2004.

He previously served as senior vice president and chief financial officer for Nationwide Financial. He joined Nationwide as vice president and treasurer in 1996. Prior to joining Nationwide, Thresher spent 18 years with KPMG LLP.

Thresher earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Otterbein College. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Association of Ohio Life Insurance Companies (where he will be the 2009 Board Chair and President), and he serves on the Financial Services Roundtable. He is a past member of the Board of Directors for the American Council of Life Insurers, currently chairs the Executive Roundtable Committee, and serves on the Retirement & Financial Security Steering Committee. Mark was a Congressional delegate for the 2006 National Summit on Retirement Savings held in Washington DC. He is also a member and vice-chairman of Otterbein College Board of Trustees where he serves on the investment and advancement committees and chairs the audit committee. In addition, he is a member of the COSI Columbus Board of Directors where he serves as the Chair-elect.