

ALASKA SOCIETY OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Annual Membership Meeting

September 25, 2003

Alyeska Prince Hotel – Girdwood, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

President Rex Cruse called the meeting to order at 1:55 pm.

GUESTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rex welcomed NSA Past President Steve Desdier and Audree Desdier to our meeting. First timers to an ASIA convention, Ginger Curnow and Carolyn Christianson were also recognized. The adoption of the agenda with added topic of Education Fund. (Spelling of Audree Desdier corrected at Annual Membership Meeting, September 23, 2004.)

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the September 12, 2002 meeting were corrected as follows: Corrected name Desider to Desdier. Dave Stephenson moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Nancy Goudy. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurers Report was given and a copy of the report given to all Board members. Dave explained that this year would be 3-months longer as we get in line with our current fiscal year end. A member had a question regarding dues income. Carolyn Christianson moved to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Gene Yurkovich. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rex presented his written report outlining what ASIA had accomplished over the past year and thanked various individuals for their active support.

NSA REPORT

Marty presented and gave each member a copy of her report. She outlined her activities as NSA State Director over the last year as well as what NSA has been doing for its members. She announced the recipient of the 2003 NSA/ASO Scholarship winner from Alaska, Ms Shiela Isaak from Soldotna. She brought greetings from NSA President Dan Setters and invited Past President Steve Desdier to address the membership. A written report is attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Paula Laurion, Chair – A written report is attached to these minutes. Eighteen new members were added to our State Society in the past year.

Ethics and Grievances – Lew Beyer, Chair - There has been no activity this year.

Education – Paula Lauion, Chair – This is a CPE reporting year. The reporting certification was a part of the annual dues notice. A written report is attached.

Gear-Up – Kathie Riley, Chair – Contracts have been signed. The Anchorage Seminar will be held at the Hilton on January 8-9-10, 2004. Fairbank's seminar will be January 9-10, 2004.

Legislative Affairs – Kathie Riley and Marty Brantingham – Kathie covered the Board of Accountancy meetings held in Anchorage and Juneau and Marty attended the Fairbanks meeting. A summation of the meeting that Marty attended in Fairbanks is attached. Kathie and Marty both stated they are not hearing anything from the Board that presents any concern to ASIA members however, we must remain alert and vigilant as the parties that brought concerns to us earlier may do so again. The scandals of Enron, etc has appeared to cause some backing off of any action.

MAPP – Bernadette Illichmann, Chair – The MAPP manual has been completely revised and is available in hard copy, on floppy disk or CD. A copy of Bernadette's report is attached.

Information Systems – Rex Cruse - Kathy Sturgeon resigned earlier in the year. See Administrative Service Provider for the new direction the Board is taking with regards to this position.

Convention 2003 – Paula Laurion, Chair – No report today. Paula had made announcements throughout the convention as to where the particular activity was to be held.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Anchorage Chapter – Kathie Riley, President – The chapter meets the 1st Wednesday at Curnow Tax Service. There was a summer picnic and Bob Brink was the guest speaker at a recent meeting. Kathie was happy to report that new people are beginning to attend the meetings. 2003-2004 Officers are: Kathie Riley, President; Michael Curnow, Vice President; Leanna Monceau, Secretary and Karen Ague, Treasurer.

Fairbanks Chapter – Phyllis Church, President Elect – Fairbanks Chapter is doing well. Dinner meetings are held at the Regency Hotel. The round table, dinner, speaker format continues to work well for the chapter. 2003-2004 Chapter Officers are: Phyllis Church, President; Carl Benson, Vice President; Kelly Hunter, Secretary and Jean Davies, Treasurer.

Kenai Chapter – Paula Laurion, President – Paula presented a written report. (Attached) 2003-2004 Officers are: President, Kathy Hammer; Vice President, Paula Laurion; Secretary, Debbie Blackley and Treasurer, Joe Ryback.

DISTRICT DETERMINATION

Bernadette Illichmann moved and Dave Stephenson seconded the motion that the district remains the same. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF NEW CHAPTERS

There are no new chapters.

BY-LAW CHANGES

None to consider.

RATIFY ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY & PROCEDURE CHANGES

Bernadette moved to adopt the four (4) changes (Ratification List Attached). Dave Stephenson seconded the motion. Michael Curnow questioned the deletion of Policy 1 (#02-94-01) He reminded the membership this policy had been adopted earlier because there had been a problem with convention

registration fees when there was no accounting to the Board of Directors. After further discussion by the membership Bernadette withdrew her original motion and Dave withdrew his second. Bernadette then moved for the adoption of Policy 1. Kathy Hammer seconded the motion. Motion Failed.

Mike Curnow moved to adopt Policy Change #2 (Section 1, page 1-2, #6). Nancy Goudy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bernadette moved to adopt Policy #3 (Section 5, page 5-1). Kathie Riley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Curnow moved to adopt Policy #4 (#00-90-5). Dave Stephenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

AD Hoc/Liability Insurance – Tony Prenesti, Chair – Rex reported that the committee had not met as a whole and requested input from the membership as to the need/desire to address this further. The original concern dealt with board member liability at the chapter level and alcohol related accidents at ASIA functions. It was the consensus of the membership that a new committee be formed and estimates be obtained. Ginger Curnow volunteered to chair the committee with Gene Yurkovich and Marty Brantingham as committee members.

NEW BUSINESS

IRS Tax Practitioner Symposium – Kathie Riley reported that the IRS had notified her that they were looking for an organization, such as ASIA, to sponsor the annual event. IRS will/can no longer pay for this Seminar. Currently the room rate at the library is \$400. IRS will continue to advertise the event, and make all the arrangements with the library and provide/find the speakers. The Board agreed to sponsor this annual event to be held on November 21, 2003. The library fee has been paid. Rex will give the opening remarks at the symposium.

Administrative Service Provider (formerly Administrative Secretary) – Kathy Sturgeon did not renew her contract. The Board has contracted with Linda Stephenson to be our Administrative Service Provider. The Board developed a contract for the services we want Linda to perform and that contract has been signed by both parties.

Nominating Committee/Election of Officers – The following slate of officers were named by the nominating committee: President – Rex Cruse; 1st Vice President – Paula Laurion; 2nd Vice President – Bernadette Illichmann; Secretary – Kelly Hunter and Treasurer – Dave Stephenson. There were no further nominations from the floor. Kathy Hammer moved that the slate of officers be accepted as presented. Carl Benson seconded the motion. There was a request from the membership that the mail-in ballots be counted. The presenters rescinded the previous motion. President Rex appointed Gene Yurkovich and Karen Ague as Tellers.

The Tellers reported the following ballot count: President-Rex Cruse - 30 for, 2 blank ballot and 1 write in; 1st Vice President-Paula Laurion - 31 for, 1 blank ballot and 1 write in; 2nd Vice President-Bernadette Illichmann - 31 for, 1 blank ballot and 1 write in; Secretary-Kelly Hunter - 30 for, 2 blank ballot and 1 write in and Treasurer- Dave Stephenson - 31 for, 1 blank ballot and 1 write in. The newly elected officers were congratulated.

Set Annual Dues – Michael Curnow moved and Kathie Riley seconded the motion that the annual dues remain at \$60. Motion carried.

Approval of Proposed Budget – Kathie Riley moved to accept the Income (Total Revenue) as presented. Bernadette seconded the motion. Discussion followed with the membership indicating they would like to see the Education Fund/Costs increased to \$5000. The presenters amended their motion and the motion carried.

Kathie Riley moved and Michael Curnow seconded the motion that the expenditures be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Mike Curnow raised his concern about the amount of monies in the General Account and his concern with the lack of funds in the PAC funds if legislative issues should arise. Mike moved that monies be moved from the General fund, after the close of this convention, to increase the Education fund up to \$10000. Bernadette seconded the motion. Motion carried. Budget Passed.

2004 Annual Convention Site – The following sites were presented to the membership as locations to be researched as locations for next year’s convention: Sheep Mountain Lodge and Mt. McKinley Park. Phyllis Church will get more information regarding Sheep Mountain Lodge.

Good of the Order – Birthday greetings were extended to Carl Benson. The death of former member, Kent Hartzberg was recorded.

Adjournment – There being no further business to come before the membership, President Rex Cruse adjourned the meeting at 4:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Brantingham
Acting Secretary