

ALASKA SOCIETY OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS  
Annual Membership Meeting  
September 23, 2004  
Aspen Hotel – Soldotna, Alaska

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Rex Cruse called the meeting to order at 2:14 pm.

**GUESTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rex welcomed Tammy Schmidt as a guest to the ASIA convention. There were no further announcements. Michael Curnow was appointed as sergeant-at-arms. The agenda was approved as published.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the September 25, 2003 meeting were corrected as follows: Audree Desider name is corrected to Audree Desdier. The minutes were approved as corrected.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report was provided to the membership and a copy of the report was given to all Board Members. Dave Stephenson reported that the actual revenue for the year came in very close, as budgeted. The expenses were approximately \$3,000.00 less, subsequently the budgeted surplus increased accordingly. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Rex reported regarding ASIA's excellent website which was significantly improved throughout this last year. Rex stated he would provide a more extensive report at the banquet.

**NSA REPORT**

Marty presented a written report to the membership. She outlined the significant events for NSA over this past year. District IX's membership had a net change of -1 over the last fiscal year. ASIA contributed \$500.00 to the ASO scholarship fund. A 4<sup>th</sup> year student of the University of Alaska has just recently received this scholarship award. Marty thanked members for the opportunity to serve as ASIA's NSA State Director and continues to look forward to this opportunity in her second term. Tentative dates are set for the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual NSA Convention to be held in Las Vegas August 23 thru 27, 2005 at The Marriott Resort complex. For 2006 the Annual Convention will be in Providence, RI.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership** – Paula Laurion, Chair – A written report is attached to these minutes. Six new members were added to the State Society in the past year. Paula reported that the ASIA membership list is quite accurate at this time due to the work of Linda Stephenson who serves as our Administrative Service Provider. The membership information is available to members on our ASIA website. Dave commented on the rebate program for attending each years convention of \$10.00 per year for all prior years of consecutive attendance.

**Ethics and Grievances** – Lew Beyer, Chair – There has been no activity to report for this past year.

**Education** – Paula Laurion, Chair – Paula reported that twelve members have not submitted reports for CPE hours. These members have been changed from active to associate status. A written report is attached.

**Gear-Up** – Kathie Riley, Chair – Contracts have been signed. The Anchorage Seminar will be held January 4-5-6, 2005. The Fairbanks Seminar will be held January 5-6, 2005. A written report is attached.

**Legislative Affairs** – Ginger Curnow, Chair – Ginger attended three Board of Accountancy meetings, Rex Cruse and Gene Yurkovich attended one meeting in Fairbanks. Rex reported the receipt of a plaque for the Alaska Society of Independent Accountants, from NSA, for monitoring all of the Alaska Board of Public Accountancy meetings in 2004. Gene commented on the discussion at the State Board meeting he attended regarding testing procedures/secure sites for CPA candidates. Ginger, Kathie Riley and Dave commented further.

**MAPP** – Bernadette Koppy, Chair – Bernadette reported that MAPP is available on CD or on the ASIA website inclusive with an index. Bernadette offered her assistance to any members who have questions regarding the use of the manual. A written report is attached.

**Information Systems** – Dave Stephenson, Chair – Dave requested that the membership check out the ASIA website. It is continually being improved. Membership applications are available in PDF format. Current events are posted. The Board of Directors minutes are posted as approved. Annual Membership Meeting minutes are posted, as approved. Financial reports will be posted also. There are several links, including NSA, IRS, and the Alaska Department of Revenue. The ASIA membership list is posted. The NSA membership list is planned to be posted as well. Linda Stephenson was complimented highly for all of her superb efforts with the ASIA website.

**Convention 2004** – Paula Laurion, Chair – The membership thanked Paula Laurion and Kathy Hammer for all of their organization and efforts, putting together our 2004 Convention.

## **CHAPTER REPORTS**

**Anchorage Chapter** – Kathie Riley, President – The chapter meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at Curnow Tax Service. They had a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July meeting. Kathie reported it is very nice to have new faces in the officer line up. Rex stated that he enjoys receiving Kathie's email meeting announcements. 2004-2005 Officers are: Kathie Riley, President; Glenn A. Herring, Vice-President; Leanna Monceau, Secretary and Karen Ague, Treasurer.

**Fairbanks Chapter** – Phyllis Church, President – The Fairbanks chapter is vigorous and active. The chapter meets the last Wednesday of the month at the Regency Hotel with a roundtable and speaker at each monthly dinner meeting. The current officers will continue to serve through this next year. The 2004-2005 Chapter Officers are: Phyllis Church, President; Carl Benson, Vice-President; Kelly Hunter, Secretary and Jean Davies, Treasurer.

**Kenai Chapter** – Kathy Hammer, President – Kathy provided a written report. Kathy reported that they have six to eight members in attendance on a regular basis. The Kenai chapter has a total of thirteen members. The 2004-2005 Officers are: Kathy Hammer, President; Paula Laurion, Vice-President; J.R. Dailey, Secretary and Joe Ryback, Treasurer.

## **DISTRICT DETERMINATION**

Kathie Riley moved for the district determinations to remain the same. Marty Brantingham seconded. Motion carried.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF NEW CHAPTERS**

There are no new chapters in 2003-2004.

## **BY-LAW CHANGES**

There is one by-law change to be included with the ratification of MAPP changes. There was no objection to proceed with the ratification list.

## **RATIFY ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY & PROCEDURE CHANGES**

Bernadette presented four (4) changes to MAPP and one (1) By-Law change to be ratified by the membership. (The Ratification List is attached for changes I, II and III.) Ratification change IV was stated as: To amend policy #08-01-01, to replace the word June, with September. This was adopted September 22, 2004. Ratification change V was

stated as: In regards to the Website Bulletin board, the maximum posting period for announcements on the website bulletin board period shall be 60 days. This was adopted July 30, 2004. David Stephenson moved that we ratify the MAPP changes identified in numbers I, IIa, IIb, IV and V. Kathie Riley seconded the motion. Motion carried. David Stephenson moved that we adopt the By-Law change noted in item number III. Kathie Riley seconded. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No further old business was heard.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers** – Roll call was called by Acting Secretary, Roblyn Wiebe. (Attendees of this Annual Membership Meeting are disclosed at the conclusion of these minutes.) Ballots were passed out to the membership as needed. The following slate of officers were named by the nominating committee: President – Paula Laurion; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President -- Bernadette Kopy; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – no nominations; Secretary – Kelly Hunter and Treasurer -- Dave Stephenson. Dave Stephenson moved to close the nomination for President. Phyllis Church seconded. Motion carried. Dave Stephenson moved to close the nomination for Vice President; Marty Brantingham seconded. Motion carried. Dave Stephenson nominated Virginia Curnow for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Kathy Hammer seconded. Motion carried. Bernadette Kopy nominated Sharon Blackwell from Fairbanks and Kathy Hammer from Kenai for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Joe Ryback seconded. Motion carried. There were no further nominations for Secretary or for Treasurer. Ballots were gathered. President, Rex appointed Gene Yurkovich, Joe Ryback and Glenn Herring as Tellers.

The Tellers reported the following ballot results out of a total of 47 ballots: President – Paula Laurion, 46 votes; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Bernadette Kopy, 44 votes; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Kathy Hammer, 10 votes; Secretary – Kelly Hunter, 44 votes and Treasurer – Dave Stephenson, 46 votes. The newly elected officers and the efforts of the tellers were congratulated.

**Set Annual Dues** – Kathie Riley moved that the annual dues remain the same at \$60.00 per year for active members and that the student rate of \$12.00 per year and the non-resident rate also remain the same. Marty Brantingham seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of Proposed Budget** – Dave Stephenson suggested to raise the proposed budget for Membership Committee from \$250.00 to \$500.00 and to reduce the Board Discretionary Fund budget from \$500.00 to \$250.00, to cover the ASIA Convention rebates. This suggested correction was accepted by the membership with no discussion. Mike Curnow suggested increasing the NSA Convention budget from the proposed \$4,000.00 amount. Discussion followed regarding the surplus that is available within the general fund and the requirements for members to receive NSA Convention registration fee, airfare, and room/board reimbursements. Dave Stephenson moved to increase the

NSA Convention budget to \$10,000.00. Bernadette seconded. General discussion ensued regarding setting a reimbursement limit per person. Glenn Herring made a motion to amend the previous motion to increase the NSA Convention budget to \$10,000.00; to reimburse NSA convention attendees a maximum of \$1,000.00 per person. Gene seconded. Joe called for the vote on the amended motion. Motion passed with two nays. The original motion was voted on also; motion passed with two nays.

Dave noted that there will be a revenue line item titled Prior Year Surplus of \$6,000.00 in order to balance the budget.

Kathie Riley moved that the budget be accepted as amended. Gene Yurkovich seconded. Motion carried.

Mike Curnow moved that we transfer funds from the General Fund to the Education Fund to bring the Education Fund balance back up to \$10,000.00. Kathie Riley seconded. Motion carried.

Gene Yurkovich reported that we have the supplies left to make (15) fifteen more badges. We will need to order more material or contract out the making of the badges. Paula Laurion reported that she has an invoice for the material needed for 50 badges with an average cost of \$4.00 each. Our badge engraving machine was donated to ASIA, long ago, by Chris Christianson.

**Good of the Order** –None reported.

**Adjournment** – There being no further business to come before the membership, President Rex Cruse adjourned the meeting at 4:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roblyn L. Wiebe,  
Acting Secretary

#### ROLL CALL

Carl Benson  
Marty Brantingham  
Carolyn Christianson  
Phyllis Church  
Rex Cruse  
Virginia Curnow  
Michael Curnow  
Jean Davies

Nancy Mills  
Kathy Hammer  
Glenn Herring  
Bernadette Kopyy  
Paula Laurion  
Kathie Riley  
Joe Ryback  
Tammy Schmidt

Dave Stephenson  
Roblyn Wiebe  
Gene Yurkovich