

ALASKA SOCIETY OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 6, 2005  
510 W. Tudor, Suite 8  
Anchorage, Alaska

The May meeting of the ASIA Board was held at Mike Curnow's office, Anchorage, Alaska. Meeting was called to order by President Paula Laurion at 10:00 am. Members present were Paula, Kathie Riley, Marty Brantingham, Bernadette Koppy, Rex Cruse, Kathy Hammer, Dave Stephenson, and guest Jean Davies.

The agenda was approved as amended.

Minutes from December 13, 2004 Board Meeting were not available. Motion was made by Bernadette and seconded by Kathie Riley to table approval of these minutes until they are available. It was noted that the September 22 minutes also had been tabled and had not been approved.

Bernadette read some notes that she had taken at the December meeting but they were not official.

Treasurer's reports for December 31, 2004 and March 31, 2005 were presented by Dave and approved as presented. He stated that dues are low and seminars are down about \$3000. We need to be aware of spending guidelines.

## REPORTS

**NSA Director Report:** Marty reported on NSA's Serving Aging America Seminar being held in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 23-28, 2005. NSA's Annual Convention will be held August 25-27, 2005 at the Marriott Las Vegas Resort. She would like to see a large contingency from Alaska, particularly since Rex will be running for Governor of District IX. For complete information go to NSA website. NSA is following closely Senate bill 832 that would regulate non-enrolled preparers of federal tax returns.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Ethics & Grievances:** Position vacant. The Board will act in this position if needed.

**Legislative Affairs:** Moved to New Business

**MAPP:** Bernadette presented updated MAPP pages on Current Governing Bodies and Travel Reimbursement. An updated CD will be provided to Linda Stephenson to replace the version currently on our web site.

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**Membership:** Kathy Hammer reported 11 new members since December and 3 new applicants. The committee is working on the new application form and it should be ready for Board approval in July.

**Education:** Rex is preparing a spreadsheet to track CPE's for ASIA members. Information will include date, course title, speaker, number of hours, and whether tax or accounting.

IRS, Department of Treasury, has approved ASIA as a qualified sponsor for CPE until March 31, 2008. We must reapply by January 31, 2008.

**Information Systems;** Dave is responding for Linda. Linda is setting up current events on the web site. She suggested the format be the current year on the front page and earlier events on the historical site. Another suggestion was a revolving 12 month period on the front page. After discussion it was decided that Linda should see what would work best. Since we have a link to NSA on our web site, Paula didn't think that we needed to include NSA events on our calendar.

Linda was asked to increase the quality of the PDF file. She replaced it with a scan from Kinko's and that is about all she can do without recreating it.

Kathie Riley stated that our Gear Up data base should be updated yearly. After discussion of the Board, Bernadette made a motion "Request Linda perform additional duties, paid by the hour, to update the database using current Gear Up registrations". Motion seconded by Marty. Passed unanimously.

## CHAPTER REPORTS

**Anchorage:** Kathie Riley reported they will have election of officers at their August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The speaker at that meeting will be Sharon Elliot from Alaska Exchange. Her topic is Upside Down Exchanges.

**Fairbanks:** Phyllis Church was unable to attend this Board Meeting but provided a written report. Bernadette has temporarily assumed the Secretary's duties. A three member nominating committee for next years officers has been established.

**Kenai:** Kathy Hammer reported that in addition to the Gear Up 1040 video seminar they held a Gear Up Tax Administration of Estates and Trusts video seminar. They have had 2 membership lunches since tax season and the next lunch is scheduled for May 17.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**2005 Annual Convention:** Paula has signed the contract with Lake Lucille Inn in Wasilla for the convention site. Discussion followed on the activities available to us in the area.

The format will be similar to previous conventions. Speakers and topics are still being finalized. This must be completed before our next meeting as the brochures should be mailed by July 1.

**Gear Up:** Kathie Riley suggested that we raise the cost for Gear Up seminars to improve the quality of the meals served. After discussion a motion was made by Rex to "Raise both 1040 and Business Entities registration fees by \$25 each". Seconded by Kathy Hammer. Passed unanimously.

Dates in Anchorage and Fairbanks for Gear Up 1040 are January 6 & 7 and for Business Entities is January 5.

Kelly Hunter had chaired the 1040 Seminar for Fairbanks but Paula is going to see if Roblyn is interested in taking over that chairmanship as she is already Business Entities chair.

**Technology Seminar:** Kathie Riley has arranged for this seminar to be held in Anchorage at The BP Energy Center on August 12 & 13. Following a discussion on the registration fee, Rex moved to "Charge members \$150 for early registration and \$175 after June 30; charge for nonmembers \$250". Seconded by Dave. Passed unanimously. Seating is limited to 72 so sign up early. Linda will do the brochure.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Officer Nominations:** Paula asked that the Chapter Presidents come up with a slate of nominees for state officers for the coming year. She would like to have this done before the July meeting.

**Budget:** Dave agreed to prepare a draft budget for the coming year.

**NSA Convention Delegates:** Marty explained that ASIA is allowed seven delegates at the Convention. As NSA State Director, Marty is not included as one of ASIA's seven delegates. Delegates selected by the Board are Rex Cruse, Paula Laurion, and Bernadette Koppy. The rest will be selected from Delegates at Large at the Convention.

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**990 Issue:** Dave was going to check to see if we are violating any nonprofit requirements concerning member benefits. Bernadette made a motion to "Table the issue until we have more information". Seconded by Marty. Approved unanimously.

**Gear Up Contract, 2005:** Kathie Riley has received the new Gear Up Contract for signature. There were discussions and questions on the new Loyalty Program with the result that we need more information before the contract is signed. Kathie will check with Gear Up for clarification.

**Free Seminar:** ASIA has a certificate for a free Fred Pryor Seminar to be used before December 1, 2005. It was agreed to use the certificate as a door prize at the Technology Seminar unless a Board Member decides that they can use it.

**Legislative Affairs:** Ginger Curnow joined our meeting to report on the April State of Alaska Board of Public Accountancy meeting. She presented a summary of House Bill #274. Discussion followed. The Board decided that this bill is so important that we should obtain professional advice on how to proceed.

Marty will talk with NSA Legal to help determine which of our funds we can use to fight this legislation. She will also see if they can provide any other help.

Rex will talk with someone from SROC to see if this bill impacts our society and how they might help.

Bernadette will call lobbyist, Linda Anderson to see if she would be able to work for us on this legislation.

Paula will write a President's letter to all members to be included with our news letter. It will include name and number of the bill and highlights so they will be aware of what is going on.

**Enrollment of Preparers, Bill 832, Sec 4:** NSA Federal Taxation Commission in conjunction with ACAT is working to seek recognition of the Taxation & Ethics Section of the ACAT ABA exam as the eligibility examination and a waiver of current holders of ACAT credentials from the eligibility examination.

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Discussion followed on holding a preparation course for those wishing to take the ACAT exam.

Marty will write this up for the newsletter.

**Resolution to Support:** Kathie Riley's motion "Alaska Society of Independent Accountants wholeheartedly supports the candidacy of Rex Cruse for NSA Governor of District IX". Seconded by Marty. Passed unanimously.

**Thanks** to Curnow's Tax Service for allowing ASIA to once again use their office.

The next ASIA Board meeting will be July 15, 2005 in Anchorage.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Davies  
Acting secretary