

ALASKA SOCIETY OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS
STATE BOARD MEETING
May 5, 2006
Interior Accountants Office
Fairbanks, Alaska

The May meeting of the ASIA State Board of Directors was called to order by President Paula Laurion, at 9:15 am on May 5, 2006. Members present were: Paula Laurion, Bernadette Koppy, Kathie Riley, Marty Brantingham, Rex Cruse, Kathy Hammer, Dave Stephenson, Ginger Curnow and Jean Davies.

Motion was made by Marty and seconded by Kathie Riley to adopt the agenda as corrected. Motion carried without objection.

Motion was made by Dave to approve the November 18, 2005 minutes as presented. Seconded by Kathie. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report as of December was presented by Dave. He does not have the March 31 Report because he hadn't received the hotel bill for Anchorage Gear Up. Kathie gave it to him today. At our next meeting he will have his report up to date through March 31. Dave reported that the income from seminars is above budgeted amount. However, memberships are under budget at this time. Motion was made by Kathie Riley to accept report as presented. Seconded by Rex. Motion carried.

NSA REPORT

Marty presented a written report. (Copy attached to permanent file.) Marty reminded everyone that the NSA Annual Convention will be held August 16 – 19, 2006 in Providence, Rhode Island. Early registration ends July 1st. Check the NSA website for further information.

NSA will be holding a Serving Aging America Seminar Series in Las Vegas on June 5 – 10. Those completing all three levels and passing the test can obtain the ACAT Elder Care Specialist credential.

This August completes Marty's 2nd term as Alaska NSA State Director. As no one else has expressed interest in this position she would be willing to commit to another term.

NSA GOVERNOR DISTRICT IX REPORT

Rex presented a written report. (Copy attached to permanent file.) He gave an update on Senate Bill 832. This will be discussed at the NSA Board of Governors May Meeting. He would like comments on how you feel about testing, licensing, registration, CPE requirements, ACAT credentials or any other requirements you feel tax preparers should be required to meet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ethics & Grievances—Toni Prenesti, Chair – No report

Legislative Affairs—Bernadette Kopy, Chair –Bernadette reported on HB 274 and the State Board of Public Accountancy meeting on April 20 – 21. HB 274 (as amended) was signed into law by Governor Frank Murkowski on April 28, 2006.

Also a report from our lobbyist Yuri Morgan is attached plus the 27 pages of transcripts Yuri provided from the hearings in Juneau. (These two written reports are attached to the permanent file.) Board members wishing a copy should contact Bernadette.

Ginger expressed her concerns over the way this matter on HB 274 was handled by the Board. Discussion followed to sort all this out. There were some misunderstandings that were resolved.

Dave asked where we were with the paperwork to request reimbursement from NFA. Bernadette said it had not been submitted and she would work on that. Dave will prepare his quarterly financial statement to accompany the report. The special report prepared in November is no longer current. Rex indicated that after this report is received by NAS it has to be approved by committee and needs to be acted on this fiscal year.

MAPP - Bernadette Kopy, Chair -- Bernadette reported no changes from last report because she hasn't received the information that she needs. After discussion, she decided to use information from the web site to update MAPP. (Written report attached to the Permanent File.)

Membership – Kathy Hammer, Chair, -- Kathy reported that currently we have applications from 4 potential new members and 3 rejoining members. The approval letter will be mailed next week.

Kathy has the new membership application completed and she has offered to print them for us as needed. Thank you Kathy!

(Written report attached to the Permanent File.)

Education – Nancy Mills, Chair – Nancy has recorded most of the CPE records sent to her. Paula will check with Nancy on the CPE audit.

She has e-mailed Bob Jennings about the tech seminar this summer in Fairbanks and Anchorage. She will keep Paula informed. (Written report attached to the Permanent File.)

Information Systems – Dave Stephenson, Chair – Dave brought up for discussion the question of putting the Gear Up registration on the web site and paying by credit card. Everyone was in favor of the idea. Rex moved and Kathy seconded the motion “Authorize Linda to put Gear Up Seminar registration on our web site.” After discussing this it was decided that the cost should be determined. Kathie Riley moved and Rex seconded motion to “Table the first motion until the cost is known.” Second motion passed.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Anchorage Chapter – Ginger Curnow, President – Chapter continues with their monthly meetings. Ginger provided a schedule of meetings and topics through September. (Written report attached to the Permanent File.)

Fairbanks Chapter – Roblyn Wiebe, President – Paula presented Roblyn’s written report as she could not be there. (Written report attached to the Permanent File.)

Kenai Chapter – Kathy Hammer, President – Kathy reports that they continue to have their luncheon meetings. (Written report attached to the Permanent File.)

OLD BUSINESS

Gear Up, 2006-recap – Kathy Hammer says the Business Entities attendees in Kenai did not receive their manuals until after the seminar was over. Then Gear Up paid to mail them to each person. Dave reported that we have still not been charged for any manuals or videos. We had this same problem last year.

Tony organized Gear Up Fairbanks this year and did a great job. Paula will see if he would like to do it again next year.

2006 Annual Convention – Paula gave a report on the convention. Things are coming together. We will be staying at the Westmark Hotel. The cost will be \$65 per night which includes breakfast. Joe Rybak will be going to Valdez for 10 days and will check out things for Paula.

She is still working on the speakers, which could include someone from IRS and NSA.

The cost of last year’s convention was \$175 registration cost per person. Paula is considering an increase of \$25 to \$200 per person which would include a 6-1/2 hour boat tour on Stan Stevens Charters (\$95 per person based on 25 people).

It was decided to send a letter to Wanda requesting that the NSA representative be 2nd vice-president Andy Morehead.

Paula requested help to finish up a few remaining items.

We will have Linda will put the convention information on the web site the end of June.

NEW BUSINESS

Convention Location Survey – Paula—Only 11 responses were received on the survey for next year's convention. (Survey attached to the Permanent File.) There was discussion on how to evaluate the survey and how to get more response. Talkeetna has not been open in the past but will be open next year until the end of September. It appears that everyone would prefer Talkeetna or Homer for next year.

Gear Up Contracts 2007—Kathie Riley has the contracts. The dates are January 4, 5, and 6, 2007. Gear Up wants a 3 year commitment to lock in on the current rates. Discussion followed if we wanted to change from Gear Up to another person, possibly Bob Jennings. We are committed to Gear Up for this year but do not want the 3 year commitment. We want 4 speakers this year.

Additional Gear Up Topics – Kathie had sent an e-mail to everyone on additional seminars offered by Gear Up. They include Fraud, Practice Management and Planning for Retirement. Gear Up, also, offered to extend the first day of Gear Up by 2 hours for Ethics. Everyone thought that a 10 hour day would be too much.

Technology Seminar – Dave asked if we were going to do the seminar again this year. Paula had asked Nancy to contact Bob Jennings about holding a 1 day seminar in Anchorage and Fairbanks. Need to coordinate dates with Bob Jennings and the BP Center. Looking at July 18 – 22, would prefer 18, 19 & 20. Once dates are set we will need someone in Fairbanks to coordinate.

Nominating Committee – Paula -- Chapter presidents will be the nominating committee. Present a slate at the next meeting.

National Convention – Delegates to the convention will be Rex, Paula, Marty, Ginger and Bernadette.

Next meeting will be July 28, 2006 in Anchorage. Items to be addressed include officers, budget, reimbursement from NSA, convention, Linda's proposal.

Dave asked about the refund for Daniel Watsjold for Gear Up. Rex moved and Bernadette seconded the motion to refund him 80% plus he gets a copy of the manual. Motion passed.

Bernadette wants one of us as liaison on the task force to rewrite the regulation. After discussion, Bernadette will e-mail ASCPA President Melody Schneider and State Board of Accountancy and Lisa Rogers of ASIA's intent to offer assistance on the task force to rewrite of the regulations.

Paula adjourned the meeting at 4:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Davies, Secretary