

**Alaska Society of Independent Accountants**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**September 19, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Paula Laurion called the meeting to order at 1:15 at the BP Center in Anchorage Alaska. Members present were:

Paula Laurion            Rex Cruse            Kathie Riley            Kathy Hammer  
Marty Brantingham    Ashley Lambert      Ginger Curnow (at 2:32)  
James Nolen (NSA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) was our guest in attendance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Paula Laurion announced the board members not present: Dave Stephenson, Roblyn Wiebe, and Bernadette Kopyy.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Kathie Riley moved that the agenda be adopted as presented. Kathy Hammer Seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 27, 2007 MINUTES**

Paula Laurion moved to amend minutes to define on page 1 that legislative affairs needs to specify which board. Kathy Hammer seconded.

Rex Cruse moved to approve minutes as corrected. Marty Brantingham seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Dave Stephenson was not present but did send a written report in the convention packet. As Dave Stephenson was not in attendance it was questioned who was able to sign the checks other than himself. It was discussed that signature cards have not been updated in many years. Dave found after researching that currently the signers are Paula Laurion, Dave Stephenson, Marty Brantingham, and Debra Blackley. To get new signers new forms will need to be filled out at the bank with ID cards. Rex Cruse suggested that the signers should be new incoming president and treasurer. Kathie Riley suggested putting on the past president also. Everyone was in agreement that three (3) signers should be sufficient. Paula Laurion is to get with Kathy Hammer to get taken care of. Kathie Riley says should be Standard Operating Procedure but motion needs to be made at the annual general meeting. Kathie Riley will bring up.

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## **NSA REPORT**

Marty Brantingham provided a written report. The newly elected officers are President Andy Morehead, Vice President James Nolen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bob Cross. Marty Brantingham will be attending the meeting November 4<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas. In Marty Brantingham's report there is outlined future NSA education. Marty Brantingham strongly recommends that everyone try out the NSA Webinars as they are done very well and held on a variety of topics of interest. Kathy Hammer, Debra Blackley, and Ashley Lambert are going to attend the Leadership conference in Tampa later this month. NSA is staying on top of Tax Prep Education. There are five (5) new Alaska members. Only one (1) did not renew. Marty Brantingham is looking for someone to take over as State Director as this is her 6<sup>th</sup> and final year. Marty Brantingham also provided a second handout from the NSA Convention held in Portland, OR, August 2007. In 2008 the NSA Convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri and in 2009 the NSA Convention will be held in San Diego, California.

Rex Cruse also handed out a written report. Rex Cruse said Marty Brantingham covered everything very well and does not need repeating. Rex Cruse did want to say that of the 233 delegates at the convention, 66 (over 28%) were from District IX. Rex Cruse asked James Nolen to bring us up to date on new developments in the Tax Preparer Registration Legislation. James Nolen mentions that in the last week to ten days EVP John Ames and Linda Carlisle met with senior treasury officials and supposedly left the meeting happy. Linda Carlisle is a very impressive person to have representing NSA. Linda Carlisle doesn't take on just any clients so to have her on our side is great. ACAT is calling itself a Credentialing Agency. Peggy Johnson is working real hard at this. ACAT is going to be checking on CPE so make sure you are getting what is required for you.

2:02 PM break until 2:14 PM

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ethics and Grievances** – None to report

**Legislative Affairs** – Bernadette Kopyy provided a written report as she was not able to attend. The Board would like Bernadette to send a copy of MAPP to Roger Berryman. Paula Laurion will follow up with Bernadette Kopyy. It was agreed by the Board that at every Board of Accountancy meeting a representative needs to attend. If Legislative Affairs can not attend then someone needs to go in their place.

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**MAPP** – Bernadette Kopyy provided a written report as she was not able to attend. Marty Brantingham agreed to read aloud at the General Membership Meeting.

**Membership** – Kathy Hammer provided a written report. Currently there are no new members but Kathy Hammer did just receive two (2) new applications, one for Fairbanks and one for Kenai. There are currently 135 members.

**Education** – Paula Laurion is trying to get an update from Nancy Mills on education but Nancy Mills has been having many different health and family issues that has her tied up and not able to continue the education committee. Paula Laurion stepped up to continue it for Nancy Mills. The State CPE needs to be updated.

**Information Systems** – Paula Laurion had given Linda Stephenson several written questions. Paula Laurion read Linda Stephenson’s responses.

First question was Can a member to change MAPP PFD files online? Linda Stephenson’s replied that the MAPP file can not be changed online however the file can be downloaded in word format onto their computer and changed that way but not the permanent file.

The second question was could Linda Stephenson add a resources button on the website? Linda Stephenson’s response was that she would get that done as soon as possible. Linda Stephenson is working on a Hot Topics button also but she was waiting for approval of colors. Board decided unanimously red.

Next question was Is Linda Stephenson working on Dues Renewal for Payments online? Linda Stephenson responded that yes she is. Board agreed that Linda Stephenson doesn’t have to have this taken care of until the next board meeting prior to mailing out Dues Renewal Statements.

Linda Stephenson’s contract is up for renewal. Linda Stephenson’s pay will increase to \$165.00 a month. Kathy Hammer typed up a new contract and it was approved for incoming president to sign.

## **CHAPTER REPORTS**

**Anchorage** – Written Report provided. Anchorage has a new slate of officers as followed: President Mike Curnow, Vice President La Vonne Scott, Treasurer Karen Ague, and Secretary Ginger Curnow. Anchorage is still having trouble getting people to attend meeting.

**Fairbanks** – Written report provided. They have sent out a survey to there members to see how comparable they are to there competitors. Gene Yurkovich is asking if ASIA can change our acronym to something instead of ASIA.

**Kenai** – New board members. Kenai still continues to have monthly lunch meetings.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Bob Jennings Seminar** – Paula Laurion is working on getting a letter out to members. On the letter Paula Laurion needs to delete onsite cafeteria, and change the website information to the ASIA website information. Bob Jennings is confirmed as well as the BP Center.

**2008 Annual Convention** – Robin Harris is gathering information. She will probably have something put together for the Annual Meeting.

**2009 Annual Convention** – It has been narrowed down to three places, Talkeetna, Seward, or Homer. Paula Laurion is looking into it. It seems that people were leaning towards Homer. Ginger Curnow will type up a questionnaire to have people fill out at the Annual Membership Meeting.

**Leadership Conference** – Kathy Hammer is being sponsored by the State to attend.

**Gear Up** – Written report provided. Ashley Lambert confirmed again with the downtown Marriott to make sure everything is lined out for people to start making room reservation. Ashley Lambert is going to drop off the brochures at PIP Printing to have mailed out tomorrow while in Anchorage. Ashley Lambert needs an insert from Fairbanks to insert into Fairbanks brochures.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Kathie Riley made a motion to have a MAPP Policy to review signatures on state bank account annually at convention board meeting. Rex Cruse seconded the motion. All in agreement, motion carried. It will require a 75% vote by General membership. Marty made a motion to refund Dave and Linda Stephenson for State Convention payment due to a medical emergency. A written request was provided by the Stephenson. Rex seconded the motion. All other requests need to be in writing. All in Favor. Motion carried. Someone needs to check with Bernadette Kopy for adding duties in MAPP.

**GOOD TO THE ORDER**

Ginger Curnow will be missed on the board.

Meeting adjourned by Paula Laurion at 4:00 PM