

GEORGIA SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, INC

2008 FALL COUNCIL MEETING

The Ritz Carlton Lodge, Greensboro, GA

November 10, 2008

ATTENDANCE:

Board of Directors:

Colin Blalock
Stewart Carlin
Larry Cohen
Royce Duncan
Barbara Evans
Scotty Jones
Paula Mooney
Marlan Nichols
Terry Parker
Bob Prator
Donnie Roland
Joe Spradlin
Gary Julian

Council

Members-At-Large:

Rod Adair
Jenny Barber
Alyssa Belcher
Rebecca Boggs
Walt Bryde
K. Scott Collins
Nina Daigle
Mark Dawkins
Bob Dow
Jeff Forrestall
Tom Fuller
Wendy Gates
Denise Grove
Tracy Mathews
Martha Merritt
Lowell Mooney
Richard Negus
Denise O'Connell
Joel Pascaner
Ed Pease
Janise Phillips
Lydia Rosencrants
Darla Shuler
Michael Skinner
Ann Smith
Sondra Smith
Brandon Verner
Roger Ward

Chapter Presidents:

Edward Bland
Michael Broughton
Lisa Conti-Bacon
Chuck Dinkins
Chris Etterlee
Lee Ellen Fields
Jerry Maxwell
James Ray
Geoffrey Rhines
Perry Rountree

Chapter Representatives:

Jennifer Birtz
Jill Boykin
Alan Grothe
John Holden
Michael Levine
Holly McDowell
Josie Miller
Kathy Moffeit
Beth Morrison
Paul Oddo
Randy Whitelock
P. Ronald Wrenn

Committee/Section Chairs:

Barbara Borczak
Bonnie Cox
Bill Godshall
Adrian Loud
John Masters
Margaret McConnell
Tim Minster
Martha O'Brien
Robert Taylor
Ronald Thomas
Ian Waller

Past Presidents:

Ruth Bartlett
Bill Bomar
Mike Cauley
John Cook
Julian Deal
Charles Hendry
Sam Johnson
Bob Minnear
Denise Mummert
John Nix
J. Allen Poole
Carolyn Riticher
Bill Schneider
Harvey Tarpley
Jim Underwood
Scott Voynich
Bobby Whitmire

Other Guests:

Tim Mason

GSCPA Staff:

Donna Heavener
Deborah Reeder
Don Cook
Jennifer Poff
Lloyd McCreary

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Stewart Carlin called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. RECOGNITION OF PAST PRESIDENTS

Past presidents in attendance were recognized.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was passed to approve the minutes of the 2008 Spring Council meeting as presented.

IV. ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS -Paula Mooney

Paula Mooney presented the names for nomination to the Nominating Committee and announced the requirements to serve. Ballots were distributed; three past presidents were asked to tally ballots.

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATION - Bill Ezzell

Bill Ezzell, former chair of the AICPA and current chair of the AICPA Educational Foundation presented a program on the future change of the profession and why we should care. He stated outside forces and public policy and regulations are having more impact on the profession due to the history of crisis and increased regulation. A new regulatory framework is in place. Bill Ezzell discussed the SEC initiatives, treasury panel on audit firms, possible changes to FASB, the future of financial reporting, state regulations related to the 120/150 hour requirement, and the national license option. He also presented information on the AICPA Accounting Doctoral Scholars Program. The goal is to fund 120 stipends of \$30,000 for PhD candidates over a 5 year period. The budget is \$17.3 million and \$16.3 has been raised from firms and other state societies. Bill Ezzell spoke to the Educational Foundation Board of Directors meeting yesterday.

VI. BREAOUT SESSIONS

The Council broke into small groups to discuss issues. (see attachment)

VII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - Paula Mooney

Paula Mooney announced that Lisa Conte-Bacon, Ellen Sweatt, and Harvey Tarpley were elected to the Nominating Committee. The committee will begin meeting next month.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Gary Julian

Gary Julian presented the latest information regarding the mobility legislation which finally passed as HB 1055 and will take effect July 2009. The State Board of Accountancy is currently working on the rules to implement the legislation. The first draft is in place and will provide time for public comments before the rules are finalized. The Society will assist with publicizing the information on the public hearings. The primary areas that are being addressed by the legislation are the work experience of one year, the mobility of the license and the non-cpa ownership. The Society is pleased to be working with the State Board on this important legislative issue.

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT - Scotty Jones

Scotty Jones presented the treasurer's report. The financial crisis is hitting the profession. The membership drop for this year is 630 compared to just over 400 last year. The Statement of Financial Position shows cash is down \$500,000 compared to last year due primary to funding for the Educational Foundation. The Statement of Activity shows the gross margin for CPE is down due to loss from SEAS. SEAS registration was down 270 people from previous year. Training

Center rentals are down; advertising revenue is down. The majority of the other differences are due to timing of expenses. Some projected expenses are lower than budget including administrative expenses. The final change in net assets shows a deficit of \$381,961; the greatest portion of this deficit is due to investment income that has been lost due to the financial crisis. Stewart Carlin discussed the change in the make-up of the Budget Committee. The budget process will begin earlier this year.

X. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

- Bonnie Cox

Bonnie Cox presented the audit report on behalf of chairman Chris Rouse. The Society hired Frazier & Deeter as the new audit firm to audit all three entities including the Society, the Insurance Trust and the Educational Foundation. The auditors determined the three entities did not meet the rules for consolidation. The Society received a clean audit opinion with no significant adjustments and the most unusual expense is the contribution to the Educational Foundation. The other two entities also received clean audits.

XI. APPOINTMENT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER

- Stewart Carlin

Stewart Carlin appointed Jason Blair of Robinson Grimes to serve a three year term on the Audit Committee. A motion was made and approved.

XII. AICPA COUNCIL

- Carolyn Riticher

Carolyn Riticher and Mike Cauley are rolling off the AICPA Board this year. Carolyn reported that the Feed the Pig campaign is going very well. The contract for the CPA exam is under review. Peer Review continues to

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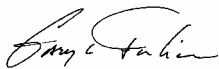
XIII. EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT

-Lowell Mooney

XVI. AJOURNMENT

The Council adjourned following the break out group discussions.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary L. Julian, Secretary