

NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF ENROLLED AGENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2017
THE COURTYARD MARRIOTT
EAST ELMHURST, NY

Board of Directors Present: Ken Kohlhof, EA President; Michael Lawrence, EA 1st Vice President; Handel Edwards, EA 2nd Vice President; Vicki Hermann, EA Secretary, Salvatore Candela, EA Treasurer; Ann Kummer, EA, CPA Immediate Past President; Jeff Gentner, EA Executive Director; Phyllis Jo Kubey, EA Director at Large; Koreen Jarvis, EA Director at Large; James Racaniello, EA Director at Large; Mason Wristen, EA Director at Large; Rodger Alwais, EA Director at Large; Linda Senke, EA Director Central, Victoria McGinn, CPA EA Director Nassau/Suffolk; Daniel Coccia, EA Director Western; Loyd Lemos, EA Brooklyn/Queens; Lee Slater, EA Metro.

Absent: Henry Grabkowitz, EA Director at Large; Michele Eaton, EA Director Lower Hudson Valley; Director for Capital and Mid-Hudson Valley no one elected.

Guest: Barbara MacDonald, EA.

Call to Order: The Board Meeting of the New York State Society of Enrolled Agents was called to order at 9:30 AM by President Ken Kohlhof, EA.

Quorum: Seventeen of Twenty One Board Members Present.

Officer's Remarks: Ken Kohlhof, EA President thanked everyone for coming to the board meeting and remarked we will be working on expanding membership and we got an award from NAEA and that he would like to try webcasting meetings at the state level. Michael Lawrence, EA 1st Vice President said May 9, 2017 is Legislative Day and that he will be getting a notice out soon about it. Handel Edwards, EA 2nd Vice President stated that he is working on Chapter Revitalization.

Agenda: Agenda and consent agenda approved with the following items removed:

1. Treasurers Report.
2. DTF Report.
3. Educating America Report.

Committee Reports:

Salvatore Candela, EA informed us that the Form 990 was on extension and he had not seen a draft copy of it because of some outstanding unclassified funds.

DTF report states that the Driver's License is required by New York State this year on the state return.

Rodger Alwais, EA stated that we could do better educating unenrolled preparers.

Unfinished Business:

Dan Coccia, EA explained to us how the sponsorship program worked and who we currently have as Platinum level sponsors. He also told us of a couple more vendors we have agreements with. He also asked Jeffrey Gentner, EA if he would post the vendor engagement on our website. He also stated that we have an agreement with Tax book.

Motion was made by Koreen Jervis, EA that we auction off the Tax Book Web Library Plus by email blast starting at a minimum of \$100. The highest bidder wins. If a tie, it goes to the first bidder at that amount. Seconded by Ann Kummer, EA CPA. Motion approved.

2017 Legislative Day is May 9, 2017 and we will try to get an IRM equivalent to go to the Senate and Assembly this year.

Koreen Jervis, EA stated that for the 2017 Conference that we have 12 people registered and 9 fully paid. She would like to be able to let members make payment for the Conference now while they have the money available. Jeffrey Gentner, EA is going to send out an e-blast to let people know when Conference is and to let them know about when registration is.

New Business:

Motion was made by Michael Lawrence, EA that NYSSEA transfer \$2500.00 to our restricted funds Legal Defense Fund and have this fund separately stated on our financials. Motion seconded by Salvatore Candela, EA. Motion approved.

Governance Committee Recommends the following change to the Policy and Procedure Manual. 5.5 The Bank signatures for all NYSSEA accounts will include the following: President, 1st Vice-President, and Treasurer. This coming from Committee does not need a second. This change was approved by the Board.

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Awards & Scholarship Committee SOP changes were approved by the Board.

Motion was made by Salvatore Candela, EA that we increase dues to \$65 from \$60 starting with renewals after 06/30/17. Motion was seconded by Michael Lawrence, EA. Motion approved by 15 for and 2 abstentions.

Handel Edwards, EA passed out a survey to see where we think we could see a little more education as a board. He also asked for more time at the June board meeting to do more of this training.

Ken Kohlhof, EA would like to look in to doing a web-based presentation, wants to know what we think of the concept, and will be looking for guidance and what other organizations are doing.

Unfinished Business: Custom Accounting Services engagement agreement.
Web Based Presentations

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Vicki Hermann, EA
Secretary

Next Meeting June 3, 2017 at the Courtyard Marriott.

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