

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2012

The regular meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy (Board) was held in Suite 450 of the Main Street Mall on January 6, 2012 with Dale Coy, President, presiding. Other members of the Board in attendance were: Gene Cogbill, Karen Garrett, Lloyd Franklin, Mike Moore, Wade Turner and William "Bill" Millager. Members of the staff in attendance were: Jimmy Corley, Executive Director; Ann Jessup, Fiscal Officer/CPE Coordinator, Dale Edge, Investigator, Lisbeth Cross, Credentialing Assistant and Alan Fortney, IT Manager. Other attendees were: Brian Thompson, Arkansas Society of Accountants, Arnie Jochums, Assistant Attorney General, Ron Pitts, Arkansas Society of Certified Public Accountants, Suzanne Jolicoeur, AICPA representative.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Coy officially called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was found to be present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2011 board meeting. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2011, as presented. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Compliance

The Compliance Committee has met twice.

- I. Ten new complaints:
 1. Allegation of substandard tax work.
 2. Class Action Fairness Act (CAFA) complaint.
 3. Allegation of a substandard audit.
 4. Three allegations of Conduct Discreditable
 5. Two void licensees requesting reinstatement.
 6. Two substandard classifications from 2011 QR.

II. Requesting closure of 22 complaints – 3 by Consent Order:

1. C08-056 – Non licensee holding out as Accounting Firm. Person has sold firm no longer in business. Requesting closure.
2. C08-058 – Non licensee holding out as Accounting Firm. Person has sold firm no longer in business. Requesting closure.
3. C08-061 – Non licensee in TN holding out as Accounting Firm. Signed affidavit agreeing to cease and desist. Requesting closure.
4. C08-066– (Cert #5749) Applicant requested reinstatement of revoked certificate. Failed to respond to follow up letters requesting additional information. Requesting closure.
5. C08-068 – (Cert #5535R) Applicant requested reinstatement of revoked certificate. Failed to respond to follow up letters requesting additional information. Requesting closure.
6. C09-006 – (Cert #6746) Applicant requested reinstatement of revoked certificate. Failed to respond to follow up letters requesting additional information. Requesting closure.
7. C09-012 – Former licensee had CPA after name on website, website has been corrected. Signed affidavit agreeing to cease and desist. Requesting closure.
8. C10-037 – Non licensee has CPA after name in white page listing has name under Public Accountant. Signed affidavit agreeing to cease and desist. Requesting closure.
9. C11-022 (Cert # 1229 Firm 215C) – Resolved via hearing H11-035. Licensee was assessed a \$5,000 penalty and hearing cost of \$127.50, and required to complete 24 hours of groups study CPE in Accounting and audit, hours not to be used for renewal.
10. C11-029 (Cert # 7653) - Resolved via hearing H11-034. Licensee's CPA certificate revoked.
11. C11-057 (Cert # 48LC) – Firm failed to register current branch offices, paid branch fees and \$400 penalty. Requesting closure by compliance statement.
12. C11-060 (Cert # 6795) – LTP licensee who failed to respond to 2011 Quality Review. Licensee signed compliance statement acknowledging no reports issued, paid \$500 penalty. Requesting closure by compliance statement.
13. C11-062 (Cert # 8501R) - LTP licensee who failed to respond to 2011 Quality Review. Licensee signed compliance statement acknowledging no reports issued, paid \$500 penalty. Requesting closure by compliance statement.
14. C11-065 (Cert # 5133) - Inactive licensee who failed to respond to 2011 Quality Review. Licensee signed compliance statement acknowledging no reports issued, paid \$250 penalty. Requesting closure by compliance statement.
15. C11-066 (Cert # 2442) – Inactive licensee who failed to respond to 2011 Quality Review. Licensee signed compliance statement acknowledging no reports issued, paid \$250 penalty. Requesting closure by compliance statement.
16. C11-067(Cert # 1630) – Inactive licensee who failed to respond to 2011 Quality Review. Licensee signed compliance statement acknowledging no reports issued, paid \$250 penalty. Requesting closure by compliance statement.

17. C11-070 – Unregistered firm holding out as an accounting firm in AR. Firm was incorporated March 2011 before owner passed CPA exam. Firm has signed compliance statement, paid \$300 penalty and submitted application for licensure of a firm (included on Board list for approval). Requesting closure by compliance statement.
18. C11-073 (Cert # 250C) – Firm had employee holding out as Public Accountant on firm business card; employee was not a licensed PA. Employee signed affidavit agreeing to cease and desist. Firm paid \$250 penalty. Requesting closure by compliance statement.
19. C11-074(Cert # 3154) – Licensee holding out while lapsed. Due to staff error Licensee was not sent annual renewal information or notified of licensee's lapsed status. Licensee completed CPE timely in appropriate years. Licensee signed compliance statement and paid prior and current year fees. Requesting closure by compliance statement.

A motion was made and seconded to close C08-056, C08-058, C08-061, C08-066, C08-068, C09-006, C09-012, C10-37, C11-022, C11-029, C11-057, C11-060, C11-062, C11-065, C11-066, C11-067, C11-070, C11-073 and C11-074. The motion passed.

20. C10-063 (Cert # 5145) - Applicant's CPA certificate became void August 12, 2006 for failure to renew. Applicant requested a 2012 LTP pursuant to A.C.A. § 17-12-301, has completed 136 hours of CPE. Requesting closure by Consent Order.

A motion was made and seconded to close C10-063 by Consent Order. The motion passed.

21. C11-076(Cert # 6344) – Applicant surrendered CPA certificate as of 12/31/2010. Applicant requested a 2012 LTP pursuant to A.C.A. § 17-12-301, has completed 124 hours of CPE. Requesting closure by Consent Order.

A motion was made and seconded to close C11-076 by Consent Order. The motion passed.

22. C11-087 (Cert # 3934) – Applicant's CPA certificate became void January 1, 2010 for failure to renew. Applicant requested a 2012 LTP pursuant to A.C.A. § 17-12-301, has completed 129 hours of CPE. Requesting closure by Consent Order contingent on receipt of monies due.

A motion was made and seconded to close C11-087 by Consent Order contingent upon receipt of monies due. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Stipend policy

Mr. Corley presented the Board with a stipend policy outlining the circumstances under which a Board member will receive a stipend. A motion was made and seconded to approve the stipend policy. The motion passed.

Adjourned and reconvened

Mr. Coy called for a brief recess at 9:45 am and returned at 10:00 am.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Interest Statements

The board members received the Financial Interest Statements and were reminded to file them with the Secretary of State, per the Ethics Commission requirements on or before January 31, 2012.

CPE Request

Dory Stiles – Mr. Stiles submitted documentation supporting his request to receive a waiver of group CPE for the calendar year 2011. A motion was made and seconded to waive the group CPE requirement for 2011. The motion passed.

Expense Reimbursement Authorization (A.C.A. §25-16-902) & Stipend Authorization (A.C.A. §25-16-903)

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the stipend and expense reimbursement for all Board Members for 2012 per State Statutes §§25-16-902 and 25-16-903. The motion passed.

NASBA Nominations

Carlos Johnson – A motion was made and seconded to nominate Carlos Johnson to the Nominating Committee as the Vice-Chairman. The motion passed.

Exam

Exam Scores

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January and February exam scores subject to audit by a Board member. The motion passed.

Reciprocal CPE requirements

A motion was made and seconded to refer the issues dealing with reciprocal CPE requirements to the Rules committee. The motion passed.

NASBA

Executive Directors and Legal Conference

A motion was made and seconded to send Mr. Corley and Mr. Edge to the Executive Directors' Conference and Mr. Jochums to the Legal Counsel Conference in San Antonio, Texas, March 11 – 14, 2012. The motion passed.

AICPA

Ms. Suzanne Jolicoeur, Senior Manager of the AICPA, presented an update from the AICPA's state regulations and legislation division.

APPLICATIONS AND SURRENDERS

A motion was made and seconded to approve the applications and surrenders subject to review by a board member. The motion carried.

NEW LICENSE

8892	Yan Sun Chen	8893	Morris Wade Cothran
8894	Chad A. Graham	8895	William M. Jones
8896	Zachary B. King	8897	Albert Clark Mcdougal
8898	Jorge L. Perez	8899	Christopher Walter Roberston, Jr.

8900 Drew B. Smith
8902 Steven Wickman
8904R Laura Ashley Fehr
8906R Kimberley Kathleen Gordon
8908R Rebecca Marie Riley
5609 Karen A. Brunetti
•"R" DENOTES A RECIPROCAL LICENSE

8901 Randall E. Stone
8903R Tracy Lynn Anderson
8905R Debra Laine Feuerbacher
8907R Lona Skelton Noonan
8909R Johnna Elizabeth Staudinger

NEW FIRM LICENSES

836C Annie Duvall, CPA, PA
838C Kershaw CPA & Associates, PC
168LC Brandao Valuation & Litigation Services, LLC DBA: Diamond Lakes CPA Services

837C Guenther Accounting Solutions, Inc.
839C Lauren E. Erion, CPA, P.A.

INDIVIDUAL AND ENTITY SURRENDERS

8566R Ellen J. Arnold
7814R Jean M. Hobby
826R Bobby L. Jones
8208R Joseph John Lucas
8233 Kevin Christopher Morales
5119R George Alfred Scott
7280R Paul Tarwater
23LP Clifton Gunderson, LLP
692C Katherine A. Gronen, P.A.
Associates, PLLC
268C Terry L. Mercing, CPA, A Professional Corp.

7670R Dana Suzanne Case
2833 Joanne M. Johnson
7207R Donald H. LeBlanc, Jr.
8367 Michael Gregory McLanahan
8394R Jarrett Dylan Rea
4752R Sharron Kay Skinner
2816 Sarah Anne Vestal
421C Gregory A. Williams CPA P.A.
104LC Robert E. Kershaw, CPA &
613C Robert St. Pierre CPA, P.C.

INDIVIDUAL AND BUSINESS NAME CHANGE

68LP CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
754C Lorraine L. Bunnell CPA PA

DECEASED

6304 Lisa Marlee Danley
2742 Margaret Helm

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:53 p.m.