

NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF ENROLLED AGENTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OCTOBER 23, 2015  
HONOR'S HAVEN RESORT AND SPA  
ELLENVILLE, NY 12428

- Board of Directors Present: Ann Kummer, EA, CPA President; Ken Kohlhof, EA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Michael Lawrence, EA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Vicki Hermann, EA Secretary; Donald Rosenberg, EA Immediate Past President; Jeff Gentner, EA Executive Director; Henry Grabkowitz, EA Director at Large; Phyllis Jo Kubey, EA Director at Large; Koreen Jervis, EA Director at Large; Gino Comparetto, EA Director at Large; Handel Edwards, EA Director at Large; James Racaniello, EA Director at Large; John Roland, EA Director Central, H. Rodger Always, EA Director Nassau/Suffolk; Carolyn Hallisey, EA Director Mid-Hudson Valley; Marc Dombrowski, EA Director Western; Loyd Lemos, EA Director Brooklyn/Queens.
- Absent: Eve Lansing, EA Treasurer; Michele Eaton, EA Director Lower Hudson Valley; Director for Capital no one elected.
- Guest: Terry Durkin, EA President of NAEA; Barbara McDonald, EA Salvatore Candela, EA and Judy Strauss, EA.
- Call to Order: The Board Meeting of the New York State Society of Enrolled Agents was called to order at 4:32 PM by President Ann Kummer, EA CPA.
- Quorum: Eighteen of Twenty One Board Members Present.
- Officer's Remarks: Ann Kummer, EA, CPA President thanked everyone for coming to the board meeting. She also stated the Strategic Plan is one of the topics we will be looking at during this meeting and Monday October 26, 2015 meeting. Ken Kohlhof, EA saved his remarks for later. Vicki Hermann, EA thanked everyone for allowing her to serve as Secretary for the past year. Don Rosenberg, EA thanked Koreen Jervis, EA for getting the NYSSEA shirts. Jeffrey Gentner, EA had no comments. Terry Durkin, EA President of NAEA thanked us for having her at our Board of Director's meeting and Conference.
- Agenda: Motion to Approve Agenda was made by Handel Edwards, EA. Seconded by Marc Dombrowski, EA. Approved. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda was made by Henry Grabkowitz, EA. Seconded by Phyllis Jo Kubey, EA. Approved with the following pulled out.

1. Mid-Hudson Valley's Report
2. Handel's Director's Report
3. Membership Report

Special Order of Business: Terry Durkin, EA President of NAEA presented a power point presentation on the Strategic Plan that NAEA has put together that updated the older one in place. Ann Kummer, EA CPA also presented a power point presentation help jump start NYSSEA on updating our Strategic Plan.

Unfinished Business: Chapter CE pricing: The Board realized that we cannot have one single price for CE because of the differences between Chapters but Chapters are encouraged to continue to work on difference for member versus nonmember pricing.

New Business: Motion made by Michael Lawrence, EA to approve minutes from June 6, 2015 as presented. Motion seconded by Kenneth Kohlhof, EA. Motion passed.

We discuss the Director of Mid-Hudson Valley's report and the problems they feel they have with the board. It was stated that Chapter Representatives are not taking back information to their chapters and if there is a problem with one particular person they should contact them and not accuse anyone.

We discussed that maybe all the Treasurers have a conference call or meeting to be trained as what is need for the reports to send to the State Treasurer and the reports to be reimbursed for expenses they incur.

We discussed how we fix the problem of getting members to meetings and knowing what chapters they belong to.

We discussed the membership report and Kenneth Kohlhof, EA would like to have one person from each chapter helping him by reaching out to the new members to welcome them to our organization and tell them about our meetings.

Motion made by Kenneth Kohlhof, EA that the Board allow the individual chapters to determine their own pricing and member/non-member differentiation to meet their individual needs but urges the chapters to charge 20% or greater to non-members. Motion was seconded by Donald Rosenberg, EA. Motion passed.

Motion made by Lee Slater, EA that Standard Operating Procedure for the Treasurer should be accepted. Motion was seconded by Loyd Lemos, EA. 9 Ayes and 6 Nays. Motion passed.

Motion made by Donald Rosenberg, EA that we table the Standard Operating Procedure for Finance Committee. Motion was seconded by Vicki Hermann, EA. Motion passed.

Motion made by Donald Rosenberg, EA that we waive the state membership fee for Academic Associate members to conform with the policy of NAEA. Motion seconded by Gino Comparetto, EA. Motion passed.

Motion made by Governance Committee to accept the revision of 7.02 and 8.01 of the By-Laws. No seconded needed because it came from Committee. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business: SOP for Finance Committee.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Vicki Hermann, EA  
Secretary

Next Meeting October 26, 2015 at Honor's Haven Ellenville, NY 12428.

AS APPROVED by the NYSSFA Board