

NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF ENROLLED AGENTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 2016  
HONOR'S HAVEN RESORT AND SPA  
ELLENVILLE, NY 12428

Board of Directors Present: Kenneth Kohlhof, EA President; Michael Lawrence, EA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Handel Edwards, 2nd Vice President; Vicki Hermann, EA Secretary; Salvatore Candela, EA Treasurer; Ann Kummer, EA, CPA 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; H. Rodger Alwais, EA Director at Large; James Racaniello, EA Director at Large; Mason Wristen, EA Director at Large; Linda Senke, EA Director Central, Victoria McGinn, EA CPA Director Nassau/Suffolk; Michele Eaton, EA Director Lower Hudson Valley; Valley; Daniel Coccia, EA Director Western Lee Slater, EA Metro; Loyd Lemos, EA Director Brooklyn/Queens.

Absent: Director for Capital and Mid-Hudson Valley no one elected.

Guest: Nancy Lyman, EA and Marc Dombrowski, EA

Call to Order: The Board Meeting of the New York State Society of Enrolled Agents was called to order at 1:17 PM by President Kenneth Kohlhof, EA.

Quorum: Nineteen of Twenty One Board Members Present.

Officer's Remarks: Kenneth Kohlhof, EA President thanked everyone for coming to the board meeting. He also stated that he was looking forward to serving as the next President of NYSSEA Board of Directors after initially being real nervous at the thought of being President. Handel Edwards, EA said thank you for the confidence of electing him as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and gave a brief history about him. Vicki Hermann, EA said thank you for believing in her for another term as Secretary. Salvatore Candela, EA thanked everyone for allowing him to be Treasurer again. Ann Kummer, EA CPA stated that she was proud of the new Board and thought we would get a lot done. Jeffrey Gentner, EA had no comments. Mason Wristen, EA introduced himself to the Board. Jamie Racaniello, EA stated that we were a team and we should work together. H. Rodger Alwais, EA state that he did not have much to say.

New Business:

Handel Edwards, EA wants to give leadership presentations to the Board members.

Salvatore Candela, EA spoke about the 990 engagement letter with Custom Accounting Services. He also stated that we are on a fiscal year but contract is a calendar year contract. He would also like to see an engagement letter with no increase for the 990 for the current year.

Motion was made by Michael Lawrence, EA that the Board approves to have the Executive committee review and approve a new engagement agreement with Custom Accounting Services before 12/31/16 and present the engagement letter to the entire Board. The motion was seconded by Jamie Racaniello, EA. The motion was approved.

Phyllis Jo Kubey was elected as the Director at Large for the Executive Committee for the current year.

Motion was made by Henry Grabkowitz, EA that the Executive Committee be tasked with engaging a charge of Custom Accounting Services to prepare the Fiscal Year End 06/30/16 Form 990 up to \$500.

Koreen Jervis, EA gave an update on this year's Conference.

Dan Coccia, EA stated that the Sponsors were very happy with their treatment at this year's Conference and is hoping that they will be back next year at the same level.

Salvatore Candela, EA stated that we are just waiting on the decision for the Department of Labor audit. He also stated that we have a new Worker's Compensation policy.

Jeff Gentner, EA has agreed to stay as Executive Director for up to one year or until we find another Executive Director to fill his position.

Loyd Lemos, EA stated that we need to get the word out about the scholarship program we have available.

Handel Edwards, EA will be doing a Conference call for Chapter Representatives and Chapter Presidents.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Vicki Hermann, EA  
Secretary

Next Meeting January 14, 2017 at The Courtyard Marriott East Elmhurst, NY.

AS APPROVED by the NYSSEA Board