

NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF ENROLLED AGENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 24, 2024

Gideon Putnam

24 Gideon Putnam Road
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

- Board of Directors Present: Daniel Coccia, EA President; Koreen Jervis, EA 1st Vice President; Vicki Hermann, EA Secretary; Lisa Cancellarich, EA Treasurer; Phyllis Jo Kubey, EA Immediate Past President; Jeffrey Gentner, EA Association Administrator; Michele Eaton, EA Director at Large; Emilie Archambeault, EA Director at Large; Mary Cole, EA Director at Large; Frank Lin, EA Director at Large; Karen Bair, EA Director at Large; Daniel Magrino, EA Director Brooklyn/Queens; Lisa Rishell-Pelletier, EA Director Western; Payosha Gause, EA Director Metro; Anthony Cancellarich, EA Director Nassau/Suffolk.
- Absent: There was no second vice president in the position at the meeting, Makeeva Darden, EA Director at Large, Capital, Mid-Hudson Valley, Lower Hudson Valley, Central, no one elected to those positions.
- Guests: Henry Grabkowitz, EA, Timothy Gentner, EA; Linda Twigg, EA; Michael Lawrence, EA
- Call to Order: The Board Meeting of the New York State Society of Enrolled Agents was called to order at 6:20 PM by President Daniel Coccia, EA.
- Quorum: Fifteen of Twenty-One Board Members Present.
- Officer's Remarks: Daniel Coccia, EA thanked everyone for coming. He also said he is excited about this year's Conference and the workshop. He also stated that he is proud of all the hard work from a year ago and everything that has been accomplished by becoming an independent affiliate. He also stated that since September 1, 2024, we have 40 new members. Koreen Jervis, EA stated that she is proud of what we have accomplished in a year. She also stated that people look up to NYSSEA. She is also grateful that Daniel Coccia, EA agreed to stay on one more year to see through the completion of the Independent Affiliate transition. Lisa Cancellarich, EA stated that it has been an interesting few months learning StarChapter and linking up QuickBooks to StarChapter so

that our QuickBooks are cleaner going forward. Phyllis Jo Kubey, EA is very happy to be here and looking forward to the coming year. Vicki Hermann, EA stated that she has been keeping up with uploading the CE and has also given dates to the committee that does the webinars so they know when I have to upload the courses.

Agenda:

The agenda and consent agenda were approved with no additional items pulled.

Lisa Cancellarich, EA made a motion that we accept the minutes from the June 1, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Phyllis Jo Kubey, EA. Motion approved.

Unfinished Business:

Phyllis Jo Kubey, EA stated she has been holding Chapter Leadership Meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month. She also noted that the chapter leadership stated that in-person meetings are not working like they did before COVID and are not doable because of the higher prices of meals and meeting spaces. Daniel Coccia, EA suggested that Phyllis Jo Kubey, EA have the leadership of the chapters survey their members and see what they want, why they are not coming, and if members are getting tired of Zoom.

Daniel Coccia, EA gave us an overview of how the Conference will flow over the next few days.

Koreen Jervis, EA stated that we have 12 new attendees to the conference this year and that we have 94 total attendees including the new attendees. She also stated that we need to talk up the scholarship. She also stated she is interested in how the workshop is going to go. She also stated that we have some first-time speakers.

Daniel Coccia, EA stated that at the November Board meeting, he will make extra time to review Strategic Initiatives to see if any group needs help or thinks any of the initiatives are not going to work.

The board discussed other membership types but we are going to have only one right now. Daniel Coccia, EA asked Mary Cole, EA, and Karen Bair, EA, to draft new membership types.

New Business:

Anthony Cancellarich, EA stated that Queensborough Community College wants NYSSEA to come in talk about what and EA is and its benefits. He also stated that maybe we can get Staten Island Community College involved.

Emilie Archambeault, EA stated that Conference 2025 is Sunday-Tuesday, October 26-28, 2025. She also stated that because we have the date so early the Conference Education Committee has already sent out the call for speakers, which is due November 1, 2024. She stated that they are hoping to have the speakers in place before tax season this year which will take some stress off the committee.

Emilie Archambeault, EA made a motion that the Conference Education Committee have the authority to raise our speaker hourly fee to \$400 per hour if necessary. No second needed coming from the committee. The motion was approved.

Daniel Coccia, EA stated that after attending some board training about conflicts of interest, he thought about a conflict that NYSSEA has. The conflict of interest is that Lisa Cancellarich, EA, is our Treasurer and is also being engaged to do our bookkeeping service. He also stated that we have the appropriate checks and balances in place. We have the Finance Committee to keep everything in balance.

Daniel Coccia, EA went over the committee chairs with the board.

Unfinished Business: Chapter and Leadership Meetings, Strategic Initiatives, and Educating America.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Vicki Hermann, EA
Secretary

The next meeting is Saturday, November 9, 2024, via Zoom.