

Connecticut State Board of Accountancy
August 1, 2006
Minutes

Chairman Reynolds called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. in the second floor conference room, 30 Trinity Street, Hartford.

Present:

Thomas F. Reynolds, CPA, Chairman
Richard P. Bond
James Ciarcia
Philip J. DeCaprio Jr., CPA
Richard Gesseck, CPA
Berthann Jones
Leonard M. Romaniello, Jr., CPA
Richard Sturdevant
Michael Weinschel, CPA

Staff Members Present:

David L. Guay, Executive Director
JiaJia Wang, Board Intern

Motion made by Philip DeCaprio to accept and approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2006 State Board of Accountancy meeting, seconded by Richard Gesseck all voted in favor.

After review of possible dates the Board agreed by consensus to the following meeting dates for 2007.

Tuesday, January 9, 2007	8:30 AM 2 nd floor conference Rm. - 30 Trinity St. Hartford, CT
Tuesday, February 6, 2007	8:30 AM 2 nd floor conference Rm. - 30 Trinity St. Hartford, CT
Tuesday, March 6, 2007	8:30 AM 2 nd floor conference Rm. - 30 Trinity St. Hartford, CT
Monday, April 2, 2007(optional)	8:30 AM 2 nd floor conference Rm. - 30 Trinity St. Hartford, CT
Tuesday, May 1, 2007	8:30 AM 2 nd floor conference Rm. - 30 Trinity St. Hartford, CT
Tuesday, June 5, 2007	8:30 AM 2 nd floor conference Rm. - 30 Trinity St. Hartford, CT
Tuesday, July 10, 2007	8:30 AM 2 nd floor conference Rm. - 30 Trinity St. Hartford, CT
Tuesday, August 7, 2007	8:30 AM 2 nd floor conference Rm. - 30 Trinity St. Hartford, CT
Tuesday, September 11, 2007	8:30 AM 2 nd floor conference Rm. - 30 Trinity St. Hartford, CT
Tuesday, October 2, 2007	8:30 AM 2 nd floor conference Rm. - 30 Trinity St. Hartford, CT

Tuesday, November 6, 2007 8:30 AM 2nd floor conference Rm. - 30 Trinity St. Hartford, CT

Tuesday, December 4, 2007 8:30 AM 2nd floor conference Rm. - 30 Trinity St. Hartford, CT

In a review of Board operations Executive Director Guay briefed the Board on the operations of the Board by providing a written summary.

August 1, 2006 Executive Director's Operations Update and Review

New Intern

- Jiajia Wang has joined us for the remainder of the summer and part of the fall

Licensing Database

- Have been working and meeting with Jamie and his associate Michael Sharpe
- Identified and now prioritizing fixes
- Still trying for online renewals this year

Certificate award event

- Next scheduled for October 24, 2006 – mark your calendar
- New letter going out, recently forwarded to Society for review

New CPA Certificate

- Choosing not to go out to bid for delivery, going out to bid on certificate only
- Will assign to new clerical shipping task

Records retention

- Project continues to be on hold
- Ended due to budget constraints
- May assign to intern or seek another temp employee

Regulations

- Removal of Exam Fee Regulation, notice has been published
- Outlined possible Public Accountant Conversion Regulation
- Review of Experience Regulation at July and August meetings

CPA Exam Services agreement

- Continues to be on Attorney Adams agenda

Web site update

- Drafted new guide for education, working on new guide for Exam
- Will draft a guide on Experience from the outline for the Experience Regulation review
- Drafting new CPE Vender page
- Staff still requires training
- May try to utilize intern for help on this project in the short term

Procedures update

- All procedures are being updated and in some cases created for the first time
- Hope to speed this project along as part of effort to define and justify for the new clerical position

New Position

- Have begun the process.

Board's Budget

- Just received information to prepare for the next cycle

Peer Review

- Major project this summer is to review and update each active firm's peer review information in preparation for renewal and enforcement if appropriate.

Possible Meeting of Northeast States

- Oct 10, 2006 is the preferred date of most members

NASBA Annual meeting

- Scheduled for October 29 – November 1, 2006 in Atlanta
- Michael Weinschel, Richard Gesseck, Richard Bond and James Ciarcia expressed interest in attending.

Executive Guay asked the Board to consider on the September Agenda delegating the authority to staff to approve on a daily basis, Initial License, License Reinstatements, Certificate Registrations, Initial Firm Permits, and Firm Permit Reinstatements. The Board by consensus agreed to place the request on the September meeting agenda.

The Board reviewed the Prometric test center problem report for July 11, 2006 through July 31, 2006 and directed Executive Director Guay to provide with the next report the number of Connecticut Candidates who tested during the same period.

Motion made by Leonard Romaniello and seconded by Richard Bond to approve the August 1, 2006 list of individual applications for CPA Certificate, Registrations and CPA Licenses, all voted in favor.

Philip DeCaprio asked that the firm permit application of Anthony T. Citerella, LLC be tabled pending review of any past enforcement and discipline. The Board by consensus tabled the Firm Permit application of Anthony T. Citerella, LLC.

Motion made by Leonard Romaniello and seconded by James Ciarcia to approve the August 1, 2006 list of Firm Permit to Practice applications, except for the application of Anthony T. Citrella which was tabled, all voted in favor.

Chairman Reynolds noted that the agenda lists inspection reports received from the Public Companies Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) and are available for Board member inspection and review.

Because of the absence of Attorney Adams, no enforcement actions taken were taken at the August 1, 2006 meeting.

Chairman Reynolds noted that he had forwarded to the members an Associated Press article on New York which reported that New York had new a new rule on unprofessional conduct. The Associated Press reported, "The new rules approved by the state Board of Regents revise the definition of unprofessional

conduct for CPAs licensed by the state to include disciplinary actions taken by the SEC and its Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. The definition also was expanded to include settlements with those agencies in which an accountant admits no wrongdoing.” After discussion, by consensus the Board decided to continue discussion at the September meeting. Mr. Bond added and requested staff find out what California does with settlements.

The Board reviewed the outline of the Experience Regulations provided by Executive Director Guay, deferring a final review until the September Board meeting. In a polling of Board members, consensus is being formed around the issue of the age of experience. The consensus is that experience should not be older than 10 years from the date of application for certification and that language to provide the Board with flexibility for exceptions be crafted.

The Board directed the Executive Director to provide the Board with how the State’s which surround Connecticut handle the age of experience. The Board also directed the Executive Director to extend an invitation to former Board member George Veily to attend the September meeting to discuss the experience requirements. The Board also directed the Executive Director to separate out his recommendations and options from his analysis.

The Board noted the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA) Analysis of the Connecticut Statutes and Regulations remains on the Agenda and continues to be scheduled for detailed discussion at the September meeting. Due to printing problems, the Board directed that another copy be forwarded to members.

Under other business Leonard Romaniello noted that in the CPA Letter published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) a Patrick Gentile of Darien, Connecticut was disciplined by the AICPA. Mr. Romaniello asked if the Executive Director could determine whether Mr. Gentile was a Connecticut CPA.

Under other business Chairman Reynolds directed the Executive Director to provide the Board at either the September or October meeting a presentation on the concept of substantial equivalency.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Philip DeCaprio and seconded by James Ciarcia, all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 A.M.