

**OREGON SOCIETY OF ENROLLED AGENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2005**

Vice President Michael Addington called the meeting to order at 10:10 am on Wednesday, January 5, 2005. Members in attendance were as follows:

Peter Mar	Michael Addington	June Brock	Phyllis Wilson
Susie Gregory	Ferol Blaney	Sharon Falardeau	Mary Lunceford
Marv Carlson	Jayne Williams	Dee Williams.	

Michael Addington read the Vision and Mission Statements. Roll call was taken with no proxy votes.

The minutes of the July meeting had been sent out via email. Jayne made a motion to accept the minutes as previously examined and Phyllis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion approved.

Changes to the agenda were:

- Add June Brock's name after the review and approval of the meeting minutes.
- Add Director at Large—Susie Gregory in the Director's Reports area.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Peter reported at the October session on his trip to Washington, DC and about The Good Government Bill that has been tabled for revisions. Peter reported on the NAEA sponsored President's issue exchange conference call. Peter was unavailable but reported that the intent of the NAEA is to work toward connecting national leadership with the needs and wants of affiliate states. Helen O'Planick is affiliate liaison to Oregon, Washington, and Alaska.

ORSEA NEWS:

Peter would like to see the nominating committee expanded to 3 people. Traditionally the past President has been responsible to head up the Nominating committee. Michael, as incoming President, would like to part of this year's committee.

Discussion on this issue followed.

Peter reminded the chapters that they should plan to hold at least one meeting per year. Chapters can now be reimbursed for attendees at educational chapter meetings.

As most EA's have email we can broadcast out to all members the news and upcoming events for all chapters.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

North - Marv Carlson reported that there will be a seminar by the North Chapter in October/November of 2005. Bev Stone, Treasurer of the Chapter, wants to resign so the Chapter is looking for someone to take over as treasurer.

Central - Jayne and Dea reported that the Chapter is spread out and it is difficult to put on education because of the travel. They are setting up study groups in Salem and Eugene. The first one will be on representation. They present 2 questions each month for the group and then they meet at a restaurant

from 6:30 to 8:30 for discussion on these two questions. Dea said that the response was good for the first group and Jayne is preparing for hers. They are also going to work with Sharon and Emmy to try to get Capital up and working again.

South - Ferol and Susie Gregory reported on the education at Seven Feathers on Ethics. Thirty paid members were there. The leader also did some on mortgage interest and interest expense with AMT. Peter reminded the group that ORSEA is paying for education to chapters. South has received their payment.

AT LARGE:

Susie G. has had telephone calls and meetings with EA's in Glide who moved from California who did not know who in group to contact. They came to the seminar last May and may join ORSEA. She also had a call from CPA in Bend who wants to be involved in ORSEA. Would have been an EA if they had known more about EA's earlier. Was very involved in California and wants to continue involvement here.

A survey was done as to who has what director's books. Michael will prepare books for those who don't have one.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications/Website—Peter had out a written report. Copy attached. He will be investigating firms to manage the Website and will report at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Audit—Phyllis Wilson handed out a written report. We ended the 2004 year with a profit of \$.35. Well within the budget. The Checking account has \$4,786.64 balance. With \$18,472.31 in savings accounts.

The audit has been done by Mary Lunceford and the tax return is prepared. Mary wants to know if there is a conflict with her preparing the tax return and doing the audit. She feels uncomfortable doing both. Discussion followed with no decision. June made a motion to give each board member a copy of the 990 each year to put into their books. Marv Carlson seconded. Motion voted on and passed.

Scholarships/Awards—No report from Bev Stone. She provided information from Elizabeth Rivera, NAEA. Under our non-profit status, 501©(4), scholarships benefit one person and that is not allowable. Michael said that he had been in group that had same Code number. If a person who wins scholarships had to do presentation to group then it was not to benefit just one person. Susie Gregory, Michael Addington, Sue Bladorn and Marv Carlson will work together to do more research on this subject. Jayne Williams recommended that we move the Lou Scafidi fund to separate a bank account so we are set up to perhaps go for a 501©(3) foundation. Phyllis will move to separate savings account. Jayne made a motion that with the Lou Scafidi fund we establish a 501©(3) ORSEA Education Foundation. Marv seconded. Motion was withdrawn after much discussion. It was decided that between now and the May meeting the above mentioned people will work to determine what needs to be done and how and who will do it.

June will communicate with Bev regarding awards for the convention.

Historian Report—No report from the committee. Michael A. will update the ORSEA boards in time for the convention.

Seminars ORSEA 2005—Written report submitted. Copy attached. Sharon reported that Mary will run credit card payments through her business and then payover the amount to ORSEA. Need to get the information out right away and they are planning on doing this.

2006—Peter said that they are planning on the Best Western Agate Beach Inn as the site. Laurel will be helping them along with Barry.

2007—Will be hosted by South. June mentioned that she will contact the RogueRegency and started making inquiries as to what they can offer. Will have a meeting during May to discuss the theme and start the planning.

Education—Susie Gregory handed out a written report. Copy attached. This showed what education has been offered in the 2 prior years and what is coming up in 2005. We have some very good national speakers for this year's seminar.

Public Relations—Michael Addington handed out a written report. Copy attached. There was a NAEA commercial running again during the season on a national program. Michael A. attended a meeting of the Tax Board. There will be no fee increase for LTCs until 2007. Expenses are steady. The governor wants to combine boards to save money but the Tax Board is fighting this. The Oregon board has done nothing regarding the national registration. We are all upset with this. There has been lots of negative publicity regarding refund anticipation loans. The state board wants to regulate those who issue these loans. Michael also had a meeting with Steve Hogue and friends. IRS is cutting the amount education that will be offered through them to preparers. Any meeting that they attend will have to be along the I5 corridor and no more than 2 hours driving time with at least 75 people present.

Ethics—Jim Coplin—no cases to report.

Government Relations—Marv Carlson—IRS—good attendance at the Enrolled Agent Exam. Dates will be about the same as last year. Handed out information about the IRS Practitioners Forum. Copy attached.

DOR—Marv handed out minutes from the December 3, 2004 meeting of the Tax Practitioners Liaison Meeting. Copy attached.

Laurel reported on the meeting of the Tax Board and handed out written information. Copies attached. She reported that she was very frustrated about not being able to participate at Board Meetings. Marv felt that it was his fault that this has come about because he has requested information from them at the meetings and in writing.

Jayne reported on the pass rate on the LTP test. The scores are down. She reports that the test is too ambiguous and there is no memorizing of numbers. The test is written by people who do not do taxes and have no test and education credentials. The test takers have to decipher the "intent" of the question.

By-Laws—Nothing to report at this time. Michael asked if by laws had any information on proxy votes. Jayne said not at this time but she would prepare a form for this. Jayne will also see if we have to change the By Laws to have a 501©(3) Foundation.

Membership—No report from Barry. Michael very concerned about lack of activity in this committee. Peter will look into the matter. Michael also brought up mentoring program. Our organization could grow fast with licensing law from state and federal.

Nominating—Mary has some names but Michael and Peter also have names as they formed a committee at the work session in October that Mary did not know about. Seems that most of the names are the same. Discussion about what directors are needed and adding directors for Eastern part of the state, keeping at large director, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

If there are any changes to affiliate dues then the Chapter has to notify NAEA by 3/31/05. Our dues are \$35 at this point. We do not plan a raise in the dues now. NAEA might be raising the dues at some point. Phyllis made a motion to keep the Oregon dues at \$35. Jayne seconded. Motion voted on and passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Jayne is the NATC president. This is a regional organization and needs definition of LTP or LTC so people know that they are not EA's. Organization will either fall in the next couple of years or truly become national because of the Federal licensing law. What does an organization of preparers do? NAEA has been around for years and what is it's relationship to ORSEA and how has it benefited or not the state? Jayne is asking these questions and would like anyone to email her answers or discussions of these issues.

Next meeting will be in Salem on May 23 just before the Seminar.

Phyllis made a motion to adjourn. Marv seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

June M. Brock, Secretary