

**OREGON SOCIETY OF ENROLLED AGENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 22, 2006**

President Michael Addington called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 noon. Present were Michael Addington, Susan Bladorn, June Brock, Phyllis Wilson, Susie Gregory, Denise Bean, Shirley-Marie Raven, Dea Williams, Emmy Bratton, Barry Schweigert, Laurel Crenshaw, Margaret Atchison, Peter Mar.

Susan Bladorn read the Mission Statement. Michael announced that the next meeting would be in Eugene on July 19th. Board members need to turn in their round-trip mileage to Phyllis as it was passed to pay mileage to the board for the seminar since it is also our board meeting.

The minutes were read and corrected. Sue Bladorn moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Emmy seconded. The motion was voted on and passed. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

There were **no revisions or amendments to the agenda**.

Michael presented **the President's Report**. See attached. Senate Bill 832 concerning the national registration is not dead yet. Michael wrote a letter to Senator Charles Grassley telling them that they ought to follow Oregon's example. See attached. The next national meeting is in August in Washington, D.C. Michael will attend. Ron Bergin, Tax Board Compliance Division, will be speaking at Las Vegas at the tax forum. Cheryl Gregory is our contact person at NAEA. Michael had a copy of the Affiliate Survey results and a copy is filed with these minutes. Michael also requested everyone to write to our senators regarding the SB 832.

Director's reports:

Earlier in the year it had been decided to send each Chapter \$5 per member attending education, up to a maximum of \$200, sponsored by the chapter. This money was to come from the Lou Scaffidi fund. Susan Bladorn made a motion that we extend the chapter funding for education per the prior guidelines. Emmy Bratton seconded. Voted on and passed.

North Director: Marv is not present and Emmy had no report.

Central Director: Jayne Williams is not present. Barry Schweigert reported that he attended 3 meetings of 2 hours education moderated by Jayne that were very good. Dea had put some on also, however, this will be her last year. They need to apply for the \$5 per attendee for education.

South Director: Shirley Marie reported that South will have a meeting at the seminar at lunch on Wednesday. They will be discussing the seminar in 2007, which they are

sponsoring. They will also make arrangements for their meeting and 4 hours of education in October at Seven Feathers in Canyonville.

At-Large Director: Laurel Crenshaw reported that last week's OSTC seminar had 170 attendees. There were some people there who did not know about ORSEA. She thought we should do more to get out our information.

Committee Reports:

Communications/Website Committee Report: Peter Mar handed out a written report, see attached. He detailed out the broadcasts involving the seminar and board meetings. He had sent out information about the extension of the time for applying for the ORSEA scholarship for NTPI. There will be an ORSEA newsletter sent out within 60 days of this seminar so be sure to submit articles for publication. The ORSEA web site has a new look and is easier to navigate. There is a calendar of events on the website that they want to keep current so be sure to submit items. Peter is seeking members to contribute and to participate with the ORSEA communications/web site committee. So be sure to contact Peter or Sue Bladorn.

Treasurer's Report: Attached is a copy of the Profit and Loss statement and Balance Sheet for ORSEA thru May 20, 2006. There is a balance of \$17,934.00 in the checking account, \$10,263.55 in the regular savings account, of which \$2,749.64 is designated for the Lou Scaffidi fund, and a total of CD's in the amount of \$8,992.30. The dues for April have not been received from NAEA. The new member reimbursement for the chapters for the 2004-2005 year is being distributed at this meeting. All committees are requested to have their budget requests to the Treasurer by June 30th. The seminar is doing well and there should be a profit. The audit is done. There is no filing requirement but we already decided to file a return anyway. No one talked to Mary about the return. Emmy brought the information for the return to the seminar and she will get it to Phyllis so that she can see that the return is done.

Budget/Audit: See above.

Barry Schweigert reported on TheTaxBook sales. We sold a total of 97 books for sales of \$5,948. Our costs were \$5,260.75, leaving a profit of \$687.25. We also received a \$5 per book rebate from TMI, that equaled \$485. giving us a profit from the sales of \$1,172.25. Thank you Barry for the donation of the postage to send the books out and all you time involved.

Scholarships/Awards: The Awards/Scholarships Committee got approval from the Board to extend the NTPI scholarship application deadline to May 15, 2006. One application was received. A decision will be made today to determine if that person will receive the scholarship. The committee also had several communications via e-mail to determine the 2006 Founders Award recipient. The committee chair worked with the President to award the President's award. These awards will be presented at the banquet on Wednesday. There are a raffle and a silent auction planned for the seminar to raise money for the Lou Scaffidi Scholarship Fund.

Historian: The ORSEA scrapbook is up to date and will be on display at the seminar. The historian records were used to assist in choosing the ninth recipient of the Founders Award, the eleventh recipient of the President's award and the second recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Seminars: 2007—June reported that all is on schedule. There will be discussion and assignment of jobs at the meeting of the South Chapter on Wednesday. There is a handout at the registration desk with the place and date. Be sure and take one to remember the date.

2008—That seminar will be in either Portland or Eugene and we still need chairmen.

2009—Will once again be in Bend and Margaret Atchison and Michael Addington will chair.

The 2006 seminar seems to be off to a great start. We have a lot of people of signed up and the education looks great.

Education: Susie Gregory handed out a review of the education offered at the seminars since 1990. This year we will have Beanna Whitlock, EA speaking on Forensic Accounting, Statute of Limitations, IRS Issues, NR P S-Corps Audits; Kay Gagna, EA speaking on Options Qualifying and Nonqualifying, AMT, Energy Credits; the IRS will speak on E Services w/DOR, OIC, and the Bank Secrecy Act. Susie will work with June setting up the education for 2007 in Ashland.

Public Relations: We need a new chairman. Michael and the others have completed the new taxpayer education program. Now is the time to set up the presentations with schools for next year.

Ethics/Violation and Education: Bill Chambers was not present. Michael reported that the state has more power to collect fines and is starting to do just that.

Government Relations: Marv Carlson was not available but Laurel Crenshaw had much to report. See attached. Laurel attended the IRS Tax Practitioner liaison meeting. Gerry Reese, Director Western Area Exam from Denver gave a presentation on the background of the SB/SE division of IRS, the National Research Program, The Tax Gap, Enforcement and Exam Issues. She attended the Oregon Department of Revenue meeting in May. More members than ever attended and there was good discussion from both sides. Then she also attended the Oregon State Board of Tax Practitioners Public Committee and Board Meeting on May 11 and 12. See the attached handouts.

By-Laws: There has been nothing to report and Jayne was not present.

Membership: We received a list of new members from Phyllis. She has new member packets available and will send around a sign up for anyone who has not received so they can get one here at the seminar. Sue will get a banner made for ORSEA. We have one for South Chapter but not one for ORSEA. Phyllis reported that NAEA will be sending

out new member packets to passers of the SEE but we must also supply new members with information from ORSEA.

Nominating: Peter supplied a written Nominating Committee report. Officers to be voted on are as follows: Secretary--Denise Bean, Treasurer--June Brock, North Director—Marv Carlson, Central Director—Barry Schweigert, South Director—Shirley-Marie Raven. There were some questions about whether Marv is going to step down. Peter will verify before the General Meeting and the vote.

New Committee Sheets: Michael will prepare sign up sheets and hand out at the seminar.

No other business before the board.

June moved to adjourn, Phyllis seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

June M. Brock