

Illinois Board of Examiners Meeting
April 18, 2013-10:00 AM-11:35 AM
Barsema Hall-Northern Illinois University
740 Garden Road, DeKalb, IL

Members Present: Thomas W Winkler, Chair, CPA; JD, Dr. Penelope Yunker, Vice-Chair, CPA; Claireen L Herting, CPA, JD (participated by phone); Sara Mikuta, CPA; Simon Petravick, CPA & Phyllis Walker

Members Absent: Howard Engle, CPA; Sheldon Holtzman, CPA; James G Kelley, CPA; Rhonda Kodjayan, CPA & Sharon Morow

Guests: Mr. Christopher Gearin, President, Hickey College
Mr. Marty Green, Illinois CPA Society (ICPAS)

Staff: Russ Friedewald, Executive Director
Tia France, Assistant Director- Certification

Call to Order—Severe weather and heavy rain in the Chicago area prevented several members from attending the meeting.

Chairman Winkler called the meeting to order at 9:23 AM. All in attendance were introduced by Mr. Winkler.

1. Hickey College & National Accreditation

Mr. Christopher Gearin, President of Hickey College of Missouri addressed the board regarding accreditation. The Illinois Board of Examiners does not currently accept national accreditation for educational requirements at Hickey College and Mr. Gearin explained the value of the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools. Mr. Gearin also advised the board Hickey College has articulation agreements with several institutions (Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Saint Louis University, Washington University, etc.) that allow Hickey credit to transfer into the accepting institution despite the national accreditation designation. Various members discussed how school review teams are appointed to designate school accreditations and how the reviews are performed. Mr. Winkler stated that when the rules were passed in 1997, this issue was never discussed. The board will review current accreditation rules and evaluate the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools.

ACTION 2. Approval of January 8, 2013 Minutes

Mr. Winkler motioned to accept the January 8 minutes. Dr. Petravick clarified sections of the January 8th minutes and Ms. Mikuta moved to accept the minutes as amended. Ms. Walker seconded and the motion passed by voice acclamation.

3. Report of the Chair-Thomas Winkler

Mr. Winkler and Mr. Friedewald discussed the lease updates on the Naperville campus as well as the status of the office build out. Mr. Winkler reminded members of our agreement with NASBA, Prometric and the AICPA that we

would monitor exam administration at the Prometric centers. Members were assigned to specific test centers and Mr. Winkler will send notification to all new members. The assignments follow:

Mr. Friedewald-Springfield
Ms. Herting-Chicago
Ms. Mikuta-Milwaukee, Sycamore & St. Louis
Mr. Petravick-Peoria & St. Louis
Ms. Walker-Champaign
Mr. Winkler-Lombard
Dr. Yunker-Betendorf

4. Report of the Executive Director-Russ Friedewald

ACTION

a. Score Report-Mr. Friedewald gave a brief discussion of the first quarter grades. Mr. Winkler moved to accept the scores and Dr. Yunker seconded the motion. Motion was approved by voice vote.

b. Meeting with NASBA- Mr. Friedewald advised the board that he and Tia France worked with staff at NASBA to discuss the impending move and shared ideas on the process.

c. Update on IronData Installation- Mr. Friedewald advised the Iron Data project was ongoing and testing of the system continues.

d. Reminder to Complete the Ethics Package- Mr. Friedewald reminded members to complete the ethics requirement and submit the completed form to him.

f. Current Lease (Wolfram Building)- Mr. Friedewald advised the board that our current landlord would entertain an offer to be released from our current lease. Mr. Winkler suggested in order to minimize the cost, we make an offer of three months' rent beyond our move date.

g. Proposed Provisional Policy Change-Mr. Friedewald advised the board candidates are not complying with the intent of the current provisional rule. Candidates are approved to sit, but often do not sit until well after the completion of their education due to the fact the ATT is valid for 90 days and then they have up to six months to schedule once they pay to sit. Mr. Friedewald requested a meeting of the Candidacy Committee to review the current rule and perhaps input a date final in which candidates can sit under the provisional rule.

5. Financial Committee-Dr. Yunker advised applications are ahead of forecast and that due to lower personnel costs, the financial status of the board is better than expected.

6. Legislative Update-Mr. Green discussed the following updates regarding the spring session:

Mr. Green reviewed the current legislative session and advised the sunset bill was positioned well. There are currently no major issues confronting the measure.

Mr. Green reported the search for a new CEO for the society was proceeding well.

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7. Administrative-Mr. Winkler advised the board it is time for a review and rewrite of the administrative rules and this will occur in the near future.

8. Candidacy Committee-Ms. Herting confirmed that all appeals have been addressed and all related materials are in the attachments for review.

9. Education Advisory Task Force-Dr. Yunker stated that the education task force meeting has been postponed until Fall, 2013. The specific date and itinerary are TBD.

10. Nominating-

11. State Liaison-No Report

12. Strategic Planning-No Report

NASBA/AICPA Committee Reports

13. Nominating Committee- Ms. Herting stated that Mr. Walter Davenport, NASBA, was selected as Vice Chair for the upcoming year. She also advised that nominations for Regional Directors should be submitted to NASBA no later than April 25th

Unfinished Business-None

New Business-None

Mr. Winkler adjourned the meeting at **11:35 AM.**