

Board of Examiners  
Board Minutes- January 17, 2012  
Illinois CPA Society, Conference Room A  
550 W. Jackson, Chicago, IL

Board members present: Gary Fish, Kenneth Hull, Thomas Winkler, Margaret Cartier, Claireen Herting, Sharon Morrow, and Myra Swick. Penelope Yunker and Cheryl Wilson present by phone

Absent: Richard York

Staff present: Russ Friedewald

Guests: Marty Green, ICPAS

Chairman Fish called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM

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1. Chairman Fish asked for a motion to approve the October 18, 2011 minutes. Ms. Herting moved to accept the minutes. Ms. Morrow seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice acclamation.
  2. Report of the Chair—G. Fish
    - a. Dr. Fish began his report with a discussion of the status of our agreement with Northern Illinois University (NIU) and explained the reason for the delay in the agreement ratification by the NIU trustees. Moving forward, it was agreed that Dr. Yunker would approach Western Illinois University informally about the possibility of affiliating with the Board of Examiners if the agreement with Northern Illinois University is not ratified by their Board of Trustees. In the meantime, Mr. Friedewald will continue discussions with Dr. Kaplan about the status of our relationship with NIU.
    - b. Dr. Fish reviewed with the Board the recent annual meeting of NASBA
    - c. Dr. Fish presented the University of Illinois (U of I) transition agreement as given by the U of I to the Executive Committee outlining the separation from the Board of Examiners including the date of June 30, 2012 for termination of all personal services. Ms. Swick moved to accept the agreement. Ms. Morrow seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice acclamation.
    - d. Dr. Fish related to the board he had calls from all three nominees for NASBA's Vice Chair soliciting the board's support and expressed to all that the board was very comfortable with all three nominees. Dr. Fish also expressed to the callers that the board would not be taking a formal position on any nominee.
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### 3. Report of the Executive Director- R. Friedewald

a. Mr. Friedewald discussed the scores from the previous window, distributed the scores and requested signatures of the members.

b. Mr. Friedewald discussed the applications processed report and noted that applications processed are down from the previous year. He also noted most states are seeing reduced numbers primarily attributed to the change in the examination format from the previous year.

c. Mr. Friedewald advised the board the Auditor General's staff has returned and continues to examine documents. They should complete their audit soon. Once complete, they will provide potential audit findings (PAF) and we will have an opportunity to address those prior to the final audit being released.

d. Mr. Friedewald advised the board Iron Data has restarted the project that had been on hold.

e. Mr. Friedewald received an email of the NASBA Committee Handbook and has sent it all members.

### 4. ICPAS legislative review- Marty Green, V.P., Illinois CPA Society

a. Mr. Green distributed a draft legislative proposal for the sunset revisions of the act. Mr. Green advised the board that January 26<sup>th</sup> will be the last date proposed legislation can be presented to the legislative reference bureau. The society's bill will be sponsored in the house by Representative Bob Rita and Senator Martinez will sponsor the bill in the senate. Mr. Green pointed out that major changes are discouraged in the rewrite bill because you want to be sure the act gets passed.

b. Role of BOE in ICPAS independent status process- Mr. Green explained that he and Jim Fletcher discussed the move toward semi independence, recognizing that we need to get the act passed before moving forward with this project. The society plan is that immediately after the act gets passed, a letter will be sent to legislators advising them of the society's desire to look at the licensure and enforcement of accountants. These letters should go out late summer of 2012 after the rewrite is passed.

### 5. Administrative rule discussion- Dr. Yunker

Dr. Yunker discussed a portion of the rule that allows 1.6 hours of credit for all graduate accounting courses regardless of accreditation. Dr. Yunker wanted to be sure this is what the board intended. Dr. Yunker and Ms. Wilson supported this language and the board unanimously agreed with the recommendation.

## **The ILBOE Committee and Task Force Reports**

### 6. Administrative Committee- T. Winkler

Mr. Winkler reviewed with the board the Northern Illinois University agreement, the University of Illinois agreement and the leasing of NIU office space with the board. It was noted by Mr. Winkler that a final decision will need to be made with NIU relative to the lease of office space.

### 7. Candidacy Committee- P. Yunker

Dr. Yunker reported on three appeals from candidates.

### 8. Education Advisory Committee- C. Wilson-

Ms. Wilson reminded the board of the EATF meeting scheduled for April 13, 2012 at the Illinois State University Alumni Center in Normal.

### 9. Finance Committee- T. Winkler

Mr. Winkler presented the final draft of the proposed budget and pointed out that due to the software update, we should have a deficit of approximately \$46,000. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Winkler moved to accept the budget as proposed. Ms. Cartier seconded the motion and the motion passed by voice acclamation.

### 10. Nominating Committee- K. Hull

No report

### 11. State Liaison Committee - S. Morrow

No report

### 12. Strategic Planning Committee - K. Hull

No report

## **NASBA/AICPA Committee Reports**

### 13. Audit Committee - K. Hull

No report

### 14. Bylaws Committee- C. Herting

Ms. Herting reported the Bylaws Committee held a meeting the previous week and the North Carolina Board wants the committee to look at terms of office for NASBA officers.

15. State Board Relevance & Effectiveness Committee- C. Wilson

Ms. Wilson reported a conference call was held in December. Ms. Wilson related that she has asked to be on the state society committee which deals with state legislation.

16. Nominating Committee- C. Herting

Ms. Herting advised the board that the Nominating Committee had been scheduled to meet in April, but the meeting has now been moved to March. The committee would like to have nominations ready for the April board meeting.

17. BOE & BEC- Internationalization of Exam- G. Fish

Dr. Fish reported that the expansion of the international administration to Brazil has gone well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-- None

NEW BUSINESS-- None

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM