

Illinois Board of Examiners (ILBOE) Meeting
Board Minutes- April 30, 2020-10:00 AM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Meeting ID 94612506931

Members Present: Simon Petravick, Chair, CPA; Larry Wojcik, Vice-Chair, CPA, JD; Thomas Homer, JD; Rhonda Kodjayan, CPA; Annette O'Connor, CPA; James Kelly, CPA; Sara Mikuta, CPA; Brian Whitlock, CPA, JD; Marty Green, VP ICPAS and Todd Shapiro, CEO ICPAS

Guests: Marty Green, VP ICPAS and Todd Shapiro, CEO ICPAS

Staff: Russ Friedewald, Executive Director
Mary E. Fitzgerald, Business Manager
Lianne Mace, Assistant Director of Certification
Carlarta Ratchford, Assistant Director of Evaluation Services

Call to Order-First Meeting

Chairperson Petravick called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

1. Approval of January 8, 2020 Minutes

ACTION Mr. Kelly motioned to accept the January 8, 2020 board meeting minutes. Ms. Kodjayan seconded the motion. Motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

2. Report of the Chair- Dr. Simon Petravick

- a. Chairperson Petravick reported that the Exposure draft letter was delivered on April 8, 2020.
- b. Chairperson Petravick updated information about regional meetings, which will now be virtual. The Eastern region will meet June 10-11. The Western region will meet June 3-4.
- c. Chairperson Petravick reported that the position of Vice Chair will be open for 2021.
- d. Marty Green announced that the names of the three potential board candidates are waiting for approval in Deputy Governor Dan Hines' office.
- e. Chairperson Petravick suggested that members serving on NASBA committees with expired positions continue to do so in anticipation that there may be delays in the appointment of new members.
- f. Chairperson Petravick reminded all that the July meeting would be held at NIU Naperville with the election for Chair and Vice-Chair scheduled.

3. Report of the Executive Director-Mr. Russ Friedewald

- a.** Mr. Friedewald informed the Board that a 20Q1 report is not available because of the limited opportunity for staff to be in the NIU Naperville building, which is closed until June 1. Score reports for 20Q1 and 20Q2 will be available at the July meeting.
- b.** Mr. Friedewald reported that a finalized version of the Administrative Rules has been sent to JCAR. He has not yet received notification that the rules have been posted for publication.
- c.** Mr. Friedewald announced the names of the eight winners of the Elijah Watts Sells Award for 2019.
- d.** Mr. Friedewald said the Sells award winners will be recognized in the board newsletter.
- e.** Mr. Friedewald provided an update of working conditions in the office as a result of Covid-19. Staff has been able to report to work intermittently in order to process mail and update paperwork. This will continue until the building reopens June 1.
- f.** Mr. Friedewald assured the board that the office was in full compliance with all requests from the Auditor General's office. An in-person visit to the office has been delayed because of the virus.

Vice President for Government Relations, Illinois CPA Society- Marty Green

- a.** Mr. Green discussed the progress of a lawsuit filed questioning the Governor's use of his emergency powers.
- b.** Mr. Green gave information about the avenues the state is pursuing in order to find money for the 7.4 billion dollar deficit.
- c.** Mr. Green said the working groups within the General Assembly will return at the end of May to pass a budget on legislative items.
- d.** Mr. Green outlined the Advocacy Lines of Effort by the ICPAS.
- e.** Mr. Shapiro emphasized that the need for accounting firms to stay current with technology is very important, especially in light of the fallout from Covid-19.

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4. Administrative Committee- Mr. Brian Whitlock

No report

5. Candidacy Committee- Ms. Rhonda Kodjayan

- a. Ms. Kodjayan reported that three candidates appealed the 18 month rule. Of these three, two were granted a score extension.
- b. Mr. Friedewald announced that, because candidates have been experiencing unprecedented difficulty scheduling exams, the committee has decided to extend to December 31, 2020 all exam scores due to expire between March 15, 2020 and December 30, 2020.
- c. Mr. Friedewald emphasized that the committee is equally concerned about expiring NTSs, but because this is more of a national problem than a local one, they hope an outcome of the CBT committee meeting is to also extend those dates.

6. Education Advisory Task Force- Dr. Simon Petravick

Chairperson Petravick reported that no new meeting date has been set for the meeting cancelled because of the coronavirus.

7. Executive Committee- Dr. Simon Petravick

No report

8. Finance Committee- Mr. Larry Wojcik

Ms. Fitzgerald gave an overview of the current financial statements.

9. Strategic Planning-Mr. Tom Homer

Mr. Homer said a virtual meeting is being planned for July.

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10. Bylaws Committee-Mr. Thomas Homer

No report.

11. CBT Administration Committee-Mr. Russ Friedewald

Mr. Friedewald said the committee will be meeting the week of May 4 to discuss possible extensions of NTS dates.

12. Diversity Committee-Ms. Rhonda Kodjayan

Ms. Kodjayan said new members to NASBA will be welcomed at the end of May.

13. Education Committee-Mr. Simon Petravick

Chairperson Petravick updated members regarding the CPA evolution project.

14. Ethics Committee-Mr. Jim Kelley & Mr. Larry Wojcik

Mr. Kelley said the committee was responding to the exposure draft regarding staff augmentation practices and non-assurance services.

15. PEEK- Mr. Larry Wojcik

Mr. Wojcik reported that a virtual meeting is scheduled for the week of May 4.

The April 30, 2020 Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:45.