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**South Dakota Board of Accountancy
Minutes of Meeting
ELO Prof. LLC-Mitchell, SD
November 19, 2007**

The Board of Accountancy held a meeting on Monday, November 19, 2007, at ELO Prof. LLC in Mitchell, South Dakota.

Chair David Olson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The following members were present: Marty Guindon, John Linn, Jr., John Mitchell, Holly Brunick, and John Peterson. A quorum was present.

Also present were Todd Kolden, Administrator-Department of Labor; Laura Coome & Jay Tolsma, South Dakota CPA Society; Sherri Sundem Wald, Legal Counsel; Nicole Olson, Executive Director; and Tricia Nussbaum, Secretary.

Chair David Olson asked if there were any additions to the agenda. The following items were added to the agenda:

- CPE Rules for Active CPA's in Private Sector/Industry
- Additions to Certificates & Firm Permits
- Additions to AICPA
- Additions to PCAOB
- Additions to NASBA
- Additions to Peer Review

A motion was made by John Mitchell and seconded by John Linn, Jr. to approve the October 15, 2007, meeting minutes. The motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Marty Guindon and seconded by John Linn, Jr. to approve the issuance of individual certificates and firm permits through November 16, 2007. The motion unanimously carried.

A motion was made by John Peterson and seconded by Holly Brunick to approve the financial statements through October 31, 2007. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board had a major discussion in regards to the education requirements and the issue of 120 credit hours vs. 150 credit hours needed to sit for the CPA Examination. David Olson asked Laura Coome and Nicole Olson to find out the reasons for and against 120 credit hours and 150 credit hours. NASBA is preparing a white paper on the issue and results may be available in January.

Nicole Olson explained the report to the Board on school statistics. It was noted that the number of students sitting per school distorts the statistics validity value. The Board wants to make the schools and others aware of the information.

Nicole Olson gave a report to the Board on the CPA Exam Survey Inquiry. The Board discussed the survey and the results that were provided by NASBA.

David Olson and Nicole Olson reported to the Board on the NASBA Annual Meeting. Each highlighted topics that were discussed at their breakout breakfast meetings. David Olson discussed the use of the term accountant, education issues, mobility and ALD. Nicole Olson discussed ALD, communication on exam issues, mobility and the Executive Director's Conference.

Nicole Olson discussed NASBA's ALD database and how NASBA agreed to come to the board office to tie the ALD program into the online database if requested.

Nicole Olson discussed the exam diagnostic report issue.

Jay Tolsma entered the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

The Board had a lengthy discussion on mobility. The concerns of other states in the central region and their perception of acceptance on mobility was addressed.

Nicole Olson updated the Board on online licensing. It was noted per Todd Kolden that Nicole Olson would be hearing back from BIT in the next week regarding their bid for the online licensing program.

Nicole Olson updated to the Board in regards to the licensees that are listed as SDNF on the database. She provided information on the continued search efforts to locate these individuals. Sherri Sundem Wald and Nicole Olson will review prior statues and rules and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

A motion was made by John Mitchell and seconded by John Peterson to place the Board Audit for two years ending June 30, 2008, up for bid. A motion to amend was made by Marty Guindon and seconded by John Peterson to place the Board Audit for two years ending June 30, 2008, as a request for proposal. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board discussed the CPE Rules for Active CPA's working in the Private Sector or Industry. Laura Coome explained the Societies' position on CPE courses with regard to Private Industry. The Board and Laura Coome communicated that there is a need to be met with a tool kit of information. Nicole Olson was asked by the Board to build a tool kit that simply and informatively explains CPE rules and make it available to the public.

Laura Coome mentioned briefly how the firms that have participated in the Peer Review Pilot Program are happy and excited about the program being online.

The Board took a lunch break.

Chair, David Olson called the meeting back to order.

Note that Laura Coome, Jay Tolsma, and Todd Kolden did not return to the afternoon session of the meeting.

A motion was made by John Peterson and seconded by John Linn, Jr. to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing peer reviews and personnel issues. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board came out of executive session.

A motion was made by Holly Brunick and seconded by John Mitchell to accept peer reviews in executive session. The motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed information from the minutes of NASBA's Board of Directors' Meeting held in July 2007. The report of the Education Committee was of particular notice as Board Member John Peterson was reappointed to this committee.

Nicole Olson briefly mentioned the Peer Review Pilot Program again and explained more details as to what changes the Board will have to make in the near future regarding rules changes and possible statutory changes.

Nicole Olson explained and went over some of the variables for NASBA's ALD Database. The Board is to look over this information and bring any concerns to the December Meeting.

Future meeting dates were discussed and set as follows:

December 17, 2007-Board Meeting by Conference Call 10 a.m.

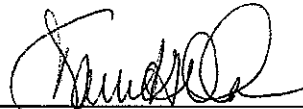
January 25, 2008-Board Meeting by Conference Call 8 a.m.

March 28, 2008-Board Meeting by Conference Call 8 a.m.

May 5, 2008-Board Meeting in Pierre tentatively at Department of Legislative Audit at 8:30 a.m.


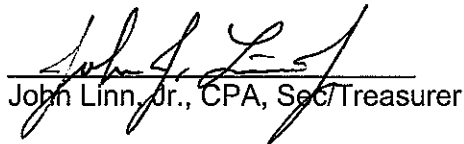
A motion was made by Holly Brunick and seconded by John Linn, Jr. to adjourn the meeting. The motion unanimously carried.

All business having come before the board was concluded and Chair Dave Olson adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.



David G. Olson, CPA, Chair

Attest:


Nicole Olson, Executive Director
John Linn, Jr., CPA, Sec/Treasurer