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How Does the Oklahoma Accountancy Board Operate?

We often overlook the question of how the Board operates and how we are funded. The Board is funded solely through the fees you and I pay for our certificates and permits. We do not receive any appropriations from the State of Oklahoma. In fact, 10% of all of our registration fees are sent off the top to the general revenue fund to theoretically cover any state services we do not pay for directly. Additionally, any fines assessed by the Board are also sent to the general revenue fund. No fines are kept by the Board. All funds from fees are kept in a revolving account (think checking account) to pay for the operations of the Board. Note that the state treasurer does invest these funds for the benefit of the general revenue account daily.

The Board, like most non-appropriated professional licensing agencies, was established to be an independent agency charged to regulate professionals. The Board proposes a budget that is reviewed and approved by the legislature. Any fee increases must also be approved by the legislature. Typically, fee increase requests are only done every few years. In our case, the last fee increase was 2006. When fee increases occur, the balance of the revolving fund increases. Over time, hard costs rise and operational cost, as well as capital investment costs, will exceed annual revenues causing the fund to decline. The Board takes these things into consideration as they plan several years into the future, as opposed to those appropriated agencies that receive tax dollars from the general revenue fund annually and generally only plan for the next fiscal year.

Why are we discussing this now? Various Oklahoma professional organizations oppose the legislature taking the revolving funds from their professional licensing agency, as well as the Board of Accountancy. Also, as a stakeholder in this agency, you should know how we operate. I can assure you that the Board operates like most of you. We pinch pennies! We know that the day will come when we will have to address the issue of raising fees, but we continue to push that day further out by operating in the most efficient manner possible. If the Board's revolving fund had been tapped, we would be looking at requesting a fee increase immediately. We strive to keep you informed of the savings and successes in our operational efficiencies which, as a CPA, you should come to expect from your professional licensing Board. ★

Randall A. Ross, CPA
Executive Director

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A MEMBER OF NASBA

OSCPA Names Peterson Executive Director

Blaine Peterson, CPA, JD, CVA, has been named the new executive director of the Oklahoma Society of CPAs.

Peterson, who grew up in Del City, Oklahoma, earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Oklahoma and graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1999. He has more than 20 years of experience working with individuals and organizations in matters related to estate planning, taxation and a broad range of business transactions. He previously had a significant focus on designing and implementing comprehensive estate plans and frequently authored and presented client-focused topics focusing on estate planning and tax-related issues.

An OSCPA member for 20 years, Peterson has chaired the OSCPA Taxation Committee and has served as Board Liaison to the Taxation, Personal Financial Planning and Business Valuation/Forensic & Litigation Support Committees and has served as a Director at Large on the OSCPA Board of Directors. He is the 2012 Gold Pen Award honoree.

He and his wife, Lori, who is the executive director of the Oklahoma Railroad Association, live in Norman, Oklahoma, with their two sons, Charlie (12) and James (8), where he also enjoys coaching youth athletics and attending sporting events.

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Board Thanks Jay Engelbach, CPA, for a Decade of Service

The incoming FY 2017 Board Chair Barbara Ley, CPA, presented outgoing FY 2016 Board Chair Jay Engelbach, CPA, with an honor from the Oklahoma Accountancy Board at its June 17, 2016, meeting. Mr. Engelbach was presented this award for his dedicated service to the Oklahoma Accountancy Board as a member from July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2007, and again between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2016. Mr. Engelbach served as Board Chair twice; once from July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006, then from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016. Oklahoma Accountancy Board members and staff wholeheartedly thank you for your service to the Board and the CPA Profession. ★

DON'T DELETE CONTACT INFO!

Recently, we have noticed many of our exam candidates and registrants have been deleting contact information from their online record. Please do not delete your contact information; this includes your address, phone number, and email. Without this information the Board cannot notify you of important information, updates, or possible deficiencies with applications or reporting. Additionally, failure to respond to Board correspondence may result in Enforcement action. ★

Are You Certified in Multiple States?

A majority of our registrants hold CPA certifications/licensure in multiple states. Please remember, each state has their own statutes regarding certificate renewal, continuing professional education (CPE), compliance, peer review, etc. It is the registrant's responsibility to understand and follow the rules set forth by each state.

Oklahoma's requirements are outlined in the Oklahoma Accountancy Act and Oklahoma Administrative Code. You can view these laws on our website at www.ok.gov/oab, under "About the Board – Rules/Law" or contact the Oklahoma Accountancy Board for assistance. ★

January-June 2016 Enforcement Actions

A complete list of OAB Enforcement Actions completed between January 1 and June 30, 2016, has been published on the OAB's website. The document can be found by clicking here:

January - June 2016 Enforcement Actions

AICPA Announces Next Version of CPA Exam, Testing to Begin April, 2017

The American Institute of CPAs today presented final details on the next version of the Uniform CPA Examination that will be launched on April 1, 2017.

The next version of the exam is based on a practice analysis, an extensive research project overseen by the AICPA's Board of Examiners, which included input from key stakeholders across the accounting profession. The result maintains the strong commitment of the profession to protect the public interest. The next exam remains current, relevant, reliable and legally defensible. The exam meets the needs of boards of accountancy by providing reasonable assurance that individuals who pass the exam have the technical knowledge and skills necessary for CPA licensure.

Among the changes to the next version of the CPA Exam:

- Increased assessment of higher-order cognitive skills that include, but are not limited to, critical thinking, problem solving and analytical ability.
- Additional task-based simulations (TBSs) will be included on the exam, which are an effective way to assess higher order skills.
- New exam blueprints containing approximately 600 representative tasks across all four Exam sections will replace the Content Specification Outline (CSO) and Skill Specification Outline (SSO). These blueprints are more robust than the CSO and SSO, identifying content knowledge linked directly to representative tasks performed by newly licensed CPAs.
- Total CPA Exam testing time will increase from 14 to 16 hours – four sections of four hours each.

The Exam will remain composed of the four existing sections – Auditing and Attestation (AUD), Business Environment and Concepts (BEC), Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR) and Regulation (REG).

"The next version of the CPA Exam, will continue to help protect the public interest by ensuring that newly licensed CPAs have the skills and knowledge they need to meet the needs of a business environment that is increasingly complex," said Michael Decker, AICPA vice president of examinations. "On behalf of the AICPA, I'd like to thank all of the key stakeholders for their role in the rigorous process of creating the next version of the CPA Exam. I believe that, as a profession, we have created an exam that is relevant, reliable and current in today's world."

To increase candidate convenience, there will be a 10-day extension of the testing window each quarter in the months of March, June, September and December. The 10-day extension will not be available during June 2017, as additional time will be required to analyze exam results and set new passing scores. In addition, administration of the new exam will include a 15-minute standardized break during each section that will not count against a candidate's testing time. Any combination of passing current Exam sections and passing next Exam sections (within the 18-month window following passing one section) will count toward licensure.

More information on the next version of CPA exam is online at www.aicpa.org/nextcpaexam.

Original article published April 04, 2016 and retrieved from the AICPA website, www.aicpa.org. ★

Spring 2016 New CPA Recognition Ceremony

On May 21, 2016, OAB staff and Board Chair Jay Engelbach, CPA, convened at the Oklahoma State Capitol to recognize Oklahoma's newest CPAs. Chair Engelbach, CPA, addressed attendees, emphasizing the important nature of the accounting profession. Vice Chair, Barbara Ley, CPA, led the new CPAs in reciting the Oklahoma Accountants' Pledge. As family and friends looked on, 68 new CPAs were presented with their Oklahoma CPA certificates.

OSCPA President, Robin Byford, CPA, recognized the following individuals for achieving the highest exam scores in their respective windows:

Gold Medal

Brian Edward Cash, Oklahoma City

Silver Medal

Krista Carleen Gray, Broken Arrow; Cole Garrett Carter, Edmond; and Danny Joe Meier, Oklahoma City

Congratulations to our newest CPAs and the OSCPA award winners, and thank you to the many friends and families who helped make the day memorable! ★

Vice Board Chair, Barbara Ley, CPA leads new CPAs in the Accountants' Pledge.

Board Chair, Jay Engelbach, CPA, presents CPA certificate to Aaron V. Schnider.

Robin Byford, CPA, Presents Gold Medal Award to Brian Edward Cash.

The OAB Welcomes New Board Member, Randa Vernon, CPA

The Board is pleased to announce Ms. Randa R. Vernon, CPA, appointed by Governor Mary Fallin and confirmed by the State Senate in May 2016, to serve as its newest member beginning July 1, 2016. Randa will replace outgoing member Jay Engelbach, CPA.

Ms. Vernon graduated from the University of Tulsa, Cum Laude, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in Accounting. Randa joined HoganTaylor's assurance practice in 2001 and was made partner in 2005. Randa currently serves as HoganTaylor's Assurance Division Leader, and as the engagement partner on several of the Firm's SEC clients. Previously, with Arthur Andersen LLP, she has more than 20 years of experience in audit and accounting services. She has served publicly held and privately held companies in many industries including service, employee benefit plans, distribution, manufacturing, transportation and retail.

Ms. Vernon is a part of several professional and civic affiliations including membership with the American Institute of CPAs and the Oklahoma Society of CPAs (OSCPA), former Board Member for Youth Services for Tulsa and Tulsa Advocates for the Rights of Children with Development Disabilities. Randa's honors include OSCPA Trailblazer (2010), University of Tulsa, Beta Alpha Psi and School of Accounting Faculty, Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2010, and University of Tulsa, Collins College of Business, Outstanding Alumna Award in 2014. ★

New Professional Designation and Who Can Use It

The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) has entered into an arrangement with the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants to offer a new professional designation to non-CPAs; the Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA).

Although the designation can be grandfathered to CPAs, this particular initiative is geared toward non-CPAs who satisfy certain requirements, beginning in 2017, as associate membership of the AICPA. While the Board supports the growth of the CPA profession, it must be noted that the use of this title by a non-CPA is prohibited by Oklahoma law.

Title 59 section 15.11(A) reads "No individual, other than as described in subparagraph d of paragraph 34 of Section 15.1 A of this title , shall assume or use the title or designation "Certified Public Accountant" or the Abbreviation "C.P.A." or any other title, designation, words, letters, abbreviation, sign, card, or device tending to indicate or represent that such individual is a certified public accountant, unless such individual has received a certificate as a certified public accountant and holds a valid permit issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Accountancy Act or is granted practice privileges under Section 15.15C of the title. Further, Title 59 section 15.11(E) states: "No individual or entity shall assume or use the title or designation "Certified Accountant", "Chartered Accountant", "Enrolled Accountant", "Licensed Accountant", "Registered Accountant" or any other title or designation which could be confused with "Certified Public Accountant" or "Public Accountant", "or....."

It is clear that this new designation can be utilized by CPAs in Oklahoma but may not be used by non-CPAs.

An example of a CPA using this designation which is acceptable is: John Smith, CPA, CGMA.

An example of the use as a non-CPA which violates Oklahoma law would be: John Smith, CGMA. ★

OKLAHOMA ACCOUNTANCY BOARD

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WINDOW 1/2016

(01/01/2016 THROUGH 02/28/2016)

LINDSEY ANNELLE BRADLEY
MICHELLE MARIE BUCKNER
JORDAN ABRAHAM BURNS
KEVIN SEAN CAMERON
COLE GARRETT CARTER
WHITNEY LYN CHANEY
TENEIL CLARKE
DEREK JAMES DOAK
JOSEPH E DUBORD
VY NGUYEN DYER
PETER JOSEPH EDWARDS
TERI LYNN ENGLAND
ADAM ROBERT WILLIAM FARR
KYLE PATRICK GRAHAM
JESSICA LORENE HIGHFILL
MISTY LEE HOVENGA
CLARISSA HOPE HUNTER
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TODD EDWARD KELLEY
BRITTANY N. KING
THOMAS CHARLES LEWIS II
LING BIN LU
JOHN ROBERT MAZURK
JAMES LEON MEEKS
DANNY JOE MEIER
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JONATHAN CLIFFORD READ
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KATIE CAROLINE STRAHAN
JAMIE WARD
DAVID ALLAN WARDE JR.
STEPHANIE MARIE WATKINS
NATALIE MARIE WILSON
JASON DWIGHT WINTERS
CASSIDY ELIZABETH YOUNG

Total Successful Candidates
Window 3/2015 = 40

BOLD = Each section passed on first sitting

OKLAHOMA ACCOUNTANCY BOARD

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WINDOW 2/2016

(04/01/2016 THROUGH 05/31/2016)

SHANNON DELYNN ANDERSON
MCKENZIE RENEE ANDERSON
STEPHAN MICHAEL BALLIET II
BRANT K. BATES
TRAVIS PATRICK BIDDICK
AUDRA NASALROAD CASSON
SHEA DEL COCKRELL
JENNIFER L. COLLINS
LYNSEA ROSE FREEMAN
LANA ELAINE GRAGERT
CINDY D. HALBERT
MICHAEL HECHTNER
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DANIEL TIMOTHY HILTON
BECKY RENAE HOLLAND
AARON ORECE JONES
KAIMEE DORTHY KELLIS
BRIDGET MASSEY LIENHARD
JORDAN ALEXANDER LOPEZ
MOLLY ALLISON MCGEE
BENSON CULLEN MELTON
MARYKATE ELIZABETH MILLER
WILLIAM JONATHAN MITCHELL
PAMELA JILL ORR
ASHLEY MARIE OZMENT
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KIMBERLY SHARRON PRAG RYALS
SHARMIN RAHMAN
DEREK SHANE REYNA
KELSEY SUZANNE RIGGS
CLAY ADAM RISENHOOVER
NICKI LYNNE SMITH
KATE MARIE SNELSON
AUSTIN TYLER SNOW
VICKI RAE SPLAWN
JARRETT CARSON STRAMSKI
ELIZABETH MAE TOWNLEY
BLANCA YESSICA URZUA
COLIN DIANA EMILI VAZQUEZ
MICHAEL LEE VINCENT
JUDITH COSTA WHITE
JACOB CLAUDE WOOD

Total Successful Candidates
Window 4/2015 = 42
BOLD = Each section passed on first sitting

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Enforcement Actions

Individual Orders in these cases can be found under the registrant's name on the OAB website's "Find a CPA" search engine. This list includes only those enforcement cases from January - June 2016.

RESPONDENT: Gerald Duane Parsons, CPA –Stillwater, OK
CASE # 6027 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 2/19/2016
Respondent violated the Act, the Board's Rules by violating professional standards and engaging in professional misconduct by failing to timely file client tax returns. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $2,500, plus costs of $239.24.

RESPONDENT: Dell Frazier, CPA – Tulsa, OK
CASE # 2080 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 2/19/2016
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance period 2012-2014. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $239.24. In addition, Respondent must complete 28 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Helen Synder Rambo, CPA – OKC, OK
CASE # 2081 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 2/19/2016
Respondent violated the Board's Rules by failing to complete the required minimum CPE hours to "return to active status." Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $271.99. In addition, Respondent must complete 77.5 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: John David Dunham, CPA – Bentonville, AR
CASE # 2082 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 2/19/2016
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance period 2012-2014. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $239.24. In addition, Respondent must complete 2.5 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Patricia Marie McBratney, CPA – Dallas, TX
CASE # 2083 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 2/19/2016
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance period 2012-2014. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $239.24. In addition, Respondent must complete 49.5 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Ricky James Goza, CPA – Woodlands, TX
CASE # 2084 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 2/19/2016
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance period 2012-2014. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $239.24. In addition, Respondent must complete 11.5 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: V. Elaine Childs, CPA – Edmond, OK
CASE # 2085 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 2/19/2016
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by violating professional standards and engaging in professional misconduct by failing to obtain an e-file authorization before electronically filing a client's tax return. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $350.24.

RESPONDENT: Rhame and Company, P.C., CPA Firm – OKC, OK
CASE # 2087 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 4/22/2016
Respondent violated the Board's Rules by receiving two consecutive substandard peer reviews. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed costs of $314.24. In addition, Respondent agrees not to perform audit work in the future without first providing written notification to the Board and to comply with any and all corrective actions suggested by the peer review administering entity.

RESPONDENT: J. Kevin Vann, CPA – Tulsa, OK
CASE # 2088 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 4/22/2016
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance period 2012-2014. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $332.99. In addition, Respondent must complete 22 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

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RESPONDENT: Daniel Edwin Casement, CPA – OKC, OK
CASE # 2089 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 4/22/2016
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance period 2012-2014. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $239.24. In addition, Respondent must complete 24.5 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Eric Paul Funk, CPA – Newfoundland, Canada
CASE # 2090 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 4/22/2016
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance period 2012-2014. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $233.70. In addition, Respondent must complete 12 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Antonio M. Shelby, CPA – Edmond, OK
CASE # 2091 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 4/22/2016
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to timely complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance period 2012-2014. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $454.24. Respondent completed 40 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Elizabeth Walters Schumacher, CPA – Clinton, OK
CASE # 2093 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 4/22/2016
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance period 2012-2014. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $239.24. In addition, Respondent must complete 3 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Christine J. Dennis, CPA – Jenks, OK
CASE # 2086 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 5/20/2016
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to comply with professional standards while working on an audit engagement. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is formally reprimanded and is assessed costs of $442.99.

RESPONDENT: Judy A. Poltera, Revoked CPA – Rocky Mount, MO
CASE # 2092 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 5/20/2016
Respondent violated the Board's Rules by embezzling funds from an employer. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed costs of $510. In addition, Respondent's certificate is revoked for cause.