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Lights, Camera, Action!!!

We recently had a little fun here at the OAB office putting together a couple videos to be used as educational tools for our registrants. We would like to extend our thanks to NASBA on this project collaboration. Both videos have some lighthearted dialog, but point out some important issues that we routinely encounter in the office. I have also written articles concerning both of these issues in past *Bulletins*.

The first video focuses on the failure to obtain sufficient CPE hours. It highlights a common trap that registrants may fall into when scheduling CPE during the year, and how easy it is to think "I can get this later". "Later" comes and you have failed to get the required CPE hours by the end of the year. As a reminder, failure to earn required CPE hours may lead to disciplinary action, which can include fines. It can be very cumbersome to get back on track once you fall out of compliance.

The second video addresses improper registration and the consequences of allowing another person, such as an assistant, to register for you. It shows several areas of the registration process that can cause complications, but can easily be avoided. Registrants are responsible for accurately completing their registration renewals and attesting to the information entered. Improper completion of the registration renewal may lead to possible disciplinary action as well. Please take the time to properly complete this simple task. It will save you time and trouble in the future!

The scenarios depicted in these videos are real. They stem from cases we have dealt with at the OAB on multiple occasions. I encourage you to take a couple of minutes to view them. I think you will find them entertaining and informative. The links to the videos can also be found on the OAB home page.

As always, please contact the Board should you have any questions. Have a great summer! ★

Randall A. Ross, CPA
Executive Director

Certificate Renewal

Failure to Earn CPE Hours

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Board Thanks Barbara A. Ley, CPA, for a Decade of Service

Barbara Ley

The Oklahoma Accountancy Board members and staff extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to Barbara A. Ley, CPA, for a decade of service to the Board and to Oklahoma's CPAs and PAs. Her expertise will be missed as the Board convenes to conduct its monthly meetings.

Appointed by Governor Brad Henry in 2007 and reappointed by Governor Mary Fallin in 2012, Barbara has held every leadership position on the Oklahoma Accountancy Board including Board Chair, Vice Chair and Board Secretary. She twice served as Board Chair; first, from July 2011 to June 2012, and from July 2016 to June 2017. Her expertise and advice has proved invaluable to numerous Board Committees.

Barbara A. Ley, CPA, founder and president of Barbara A. Ley, A Professional Corporation, has been serving clients for over 28 years. Mrs. Ley also holds professional certifications as both a Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP) and Financial Forensics (CFF).

Mrs. Ley is an active member of the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants (OSCPA) serving on the Board of Directors and multiple committees. To honor her exemplary career, the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants (OSCPA) inducted Mrs. Ley to the Oklahoma Accounting Hall of Fame in 2010. She was a recipient of the Oklahoma State University School of Accounting 2012 Distinguished Alumna Award and recognized by CPA Magazine as one of the top 100 Most Influential Practitioners in 2006.

Mrs. Ley has been an active leader for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). Notably, she has been a member of the AICPA Board of Examiners (BOE), was a member of the BOE State Board Committee for four years (two years as Chair) and a member of the Executive Committee from 2013 to 2014. Barbara's participation in NASBA has been vital to the profession. She regularly attends regional and annual meetings, staying abreast of and reporting on changes within the profession. From 2010 to 2014, she was the NASBA Regulator Representative on the Board of Examiners and served on related committees in a number of capacities. Barbara also served on the CPA Licensing Examinations Committee and Education Committee for NASBA. CPAs nationwide will benefit from her past, present, and future contributions in the years to come.

In recognition of her integrity and service to the profession, the staff and members of the Oklahoma Accountancy Board express their gratitude for a decade of service. ★

BOARD RECOGNIZES PASSING OF FORMER BOARD MEMBER

The Oklahoma Accountancy Board is saddened to hear of the recent passing of former Board member, Noel P. Kirch, CPA. Mr. Kirch, 85, of Edmond, passed away June 27, 2017.

Mr. Kirch was a retired partner of KPMG Peat Marwick. He was very active in the community, serving on multiple boards, including the first Oklahoma president of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). Additionally, Kirch was inducted into the Oklahoma Accounting Hall of Fame and the OSU School of Accounting Spears School of Business Hall of Fame. He received the OSCPA Public Service Award and the William H. Van Rensselaer Public Service Award through NASBA. Kirch made significant contributions to the accounting profession. Board members and staff wish to extend our condolences to the family.

Keep Us Updated

The Board works hard to make sure all of our candidates and registrants receive important notifications regarding application status, registration, and compliance. To receive accurate and timely correspondence please make sure you keep the Board up-to-date with any changes to your address, employer, name, or email. Changes can be submitted via regular mail, fax, or email. Alternatively, you may complete and return a change reporting form located on our website under the "Forms" section. ★

The OAB Welcomes New Board Member James Taylor, CPA

James Taylor

The Board is pleased to announce that James Taylor, CPA, was appointed by Governor Mary Fallin to serve as its newest member beginning July 1, 2017. Mr. Taylor replaced outgoing member Barbara A. Ley, CPA, who served on the Board for ten years.

Mr. Taylor graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1971. He immediately went to work for a "Big 8" accounting firm and stayed there for 20 years. Eventually, Taylor and a partner branched out and began their own accounting firm known today as HoganTaylor LLP. After 24 years of business, HoganTaylor LLP is the largest CPA firm in its market area. The firm has four offices, the largest being in Tulsa, with others in Oklahoma City, and Fayetteville and Little Rock, Arkansas.

In 2009, Taylor was inducted into the Wilton T. Anderson Accounting Hall of Fame and in 2012 was recognized as a "100 for 100" business leader at the OSU Spears School of Business Centennial Celebration. During his last two years as a HoganTaylor partner in 2012 and 2013, he was asked to serve as an adviser to the Financial Accounting Standards Board as a member of the financial accounting standards advisory council in Norwalk, Connecticut.

Taylor locally volunteers with the Tulsa Housing Authority and Oklahoma Methodist Manor. He is a member of the advisory board for the University Of Tulsa Conference Of Accountants. He and his wife, Johnna Taylor, are also active at Asbury Methodist Church in Tulsa. ★

Government Auditor List Interpretation

The Oklahoma Accountancy Board, in accordance with the Oklahoma State Auditor & Inspector's interpretation of Title 74 Oklahoma State Statutes Section 212A(B), requires that only registrants performing Audits of Oklahoma governmental entities register annually in accordance with 10:15-43-1. This no fee registration is due December 31st each year and requires registrants to attest to meeting Governmental Auditing Standards Continuing Education Requirements. Firms must complete this registration PRIOR TO engaging to perform an audit of an Oklahoma governmental entity. ★

Spring 2017 New CPA Recognition Ceremony

On May 20, 2017, OAB staff and several Board members convened at the Oklahoma State Capitol to recognize Oklahoma's newest CPAs. Board Chair, Barbara A. Ley, CPA, addressed attendees, emphasizing the important nature of the accounting profession. Board Vice Chair, David Greenwell, CPA, led the new CPAs in reciting the Oklahoma Accountants' Pledge. As family and friends looked on, 59 new CPAs were presented with their Oklahoma CPA certificates.

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

Silver Medal – Morgan Tyler Gould, Lawton; Sarah Anne Polakow, Broken Arrow

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! ★

Steve Milam, CPA, presented Silver Medal Award to Sarah Anne Polakow.

Enforcement Actions

A complete list of OAB Enforcement Actions completed between December 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017, has been published on the OAB's website. The document can be found by clicking here:

December 2016 -May 2017 Enforcement Actions ★

Board Vice Chair, David Greenwell, CPA, led new CPAs in the Accountants' Pledge.

Board Chair, Barbara A. Ley, CPA, presented CPA certificate to Tuong Vi T. Ngo, CPA.

Registration and CPE Reporting – Don't Skip this Section!

Please don't forget to report your CPE hours or CPE exemption (if applicable) when completing your Registration Renewal during your birth-month. Many registrants overlook this section when completing their registration renewal. Not only does it create additional work for staff members, but for you as well.

Please take care when reporting your CPE hours. It is important to properly categorize your hours and verify the totals agree with your records. We suggest having your CPE certificates or CPE tracking manager available while completing your registration to avoid any mistakes. As a reminder, you should always report prior calendar year (January 1- December 31) CPE hours on your registration regardless of your birth-month; not current calendar year hours. ★

Should You Be Earning CPE hours?

Yes, in most cases! Registrants who perform any services associated with accounting work must comply with Oklahoma CPE requirements, regardless of employment classification (i.e., industry, government, academia, or public accounting). The Board's definition of "services associated with accounting" is very broad given the vast professional positions our CPAs and PAs hold, resulting in few cases where an exemption can be claimed. Employers, the public, and our profession expect persons with the CPA or PA designation to maintain their competency and be up-to-date with all changes in the profession. This is accomplished through continuing professional education and has been codified in both the Act and our Rules.

As stated before, CPE is contingent on the type of work you are performing. This includes registrants in industry, government, and academia, registrants who do not hold a permit, registrants who do not represent themselves as a CPA, and registrants residing in another state. This also applies to attorneys whose main practice areas involve tax compliance, planning, or advice (includes signing or preparing any type of tax return).

The Board is currently in the process of verifying the validity of CPE exemptions being claimed by our registrants. If we determine your exemption is not valid, you will be notified by the Board and an appropriate course of action will be initiated to bring you into compliance. ★

Self-study Learning Activities

As a reminder, self-study (online) courses must be taken through sponsors registered with the National State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), or courses through the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) or Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants (OSCPA). Sponsors can be verified through www.nasbaregistry.org, or you may contact the Board for assistance. Please note, this rule also applies to self-study learning activities offered through your employer. ★

Half-Credit CPE Hours

We have seen an increase in registrants completing learning activities that are less than 50 minutes in length. These activities do not meet Oklahoma CPE requirements. As a reminder, the Board does not accept half-credit courses (25 minutes) until after the first full credit (50 minutes) has been earned in a learning activity. Exceptions to this rule, include conferences or seminars, in which individual segments are less than 50 minutes. In this situation, the sum of the segments are considered one total program. Additionally, the Board rounds CPE hours down to the nearest half-increment. ★

If you have any questions regarding CPE reporting, CPE requirements, acceptance of CPE activities or CPE compliance matters, please contact the Board to discuss. Also, don't forget to check out our videos regarding CPE and Registration. The links are provided on the front page by clicking the images.

OKLAHOMA ACCOUNTANCY BOARD

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WINDOW 1/2017

(01/01/2017 THROUGH 02/28/2017)

ELIZABETH AYER ADDCOX
SARAH RADWAN AL-JARRAH
GERARD CLIFFORD AUSTRIE
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MASON LEE GROVES
HANNAH ELIZABETH HANKEY
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ERIC MICHAEL HARRIS
JESSICA MICHELLE HITT
HARRISON COFER HOSS
KATHY FENGQIN HUANG
BRADY M. HUGHES
MEGAN LEIGH JOHNSON
STEPHANIE LYNN KELLER
JONATHAN WILLIAM LACKEY
EMILY ELISE MCCARTHY
TYLER RUSSELL MCGARY
JAMES MICHAEL MORGAN
JOHN STUART MORROW
MARK ROBERT MOSKAL
BOYD RAY MUSIC
ABIGAIL CHARISSA NEAL
ASHLEY ERIN NEEL
BRITTNEY NICOLE NEWER
TUONG VI T. NGO
NICHOLAS ROBERT STEPHENS
JONATHAN DAVID SWANSON
STEPHANIE ALANE TAYLOR
ZACHARY EDWARD TIDHOLM
KONG CHI TSANG
CARL RON WHEELER JR
CAROL GOLDIN WILLS
LORI MARIE YEARWOOD
KRISTA ZACHARIAE

Total Successful Candidates
Window 1/2017 = 48

BOLD = Each section passed on first sitting

Successful List Window 2/2017 - Due to the new examination launch in April 2017 the successful list for Window 2/2017 will be published in the January 2018 *Bulletin*.

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December 2016 - May 2017

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 December 2016 - May 2017.

RESPONDENT: Ibrahim Bello Issa, CPA – OKC, OK
CASE # 2117 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 12/16/2016
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 $218.97. In addition, Respondent must complete 49 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Kristi D. Benton, CPA – Tomball, TX
CASE # 2118 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 12/16/2016
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance period 2013-2015. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $238.97. In addition, Respondent must complete 16.5 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Barry Charles Coats, CPA – Edmond, OK
CASE # 2119 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 2/17/2017
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for calendar year 2015. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $218.97. In addition, Respondent must complete 12 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Shannon McCormack Brown, CPA – Mustang, OK
CASE # 2120 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 2/17/2017
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance period 2013-2015. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $218.97. In addition, Respondent must complete 7 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Xiaohong Zheng, Revoked CPA – Longmont, CO
CASE # 2121 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 2/17/2017
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for calendar year 2012, and for compliance period 2011-2013. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed costs of $218.97 and Respondent's CPA certificate is revoked for cause. Should Respondent apply for reinstatement, he must show proof he has completed Professional Ethics: The AICPA's Comprehensive Course with a score of 90% or better, and meet the burden of proof at a show cause hearing as to why his certificate should be reinstated.

RESPONDENT: Rachel A. Navarro, CPA – Tulsa, OK
CASE # 2122 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 2/17/2017
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance period 2013-2015. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $218.97. In addition, Respondent must complete 11 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Marsha Hunt Tidwell, CPA – OKC, OK
CASE # 2123 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 2/17/2017
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance period 2013-2015. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $218.97. Due to retired status, Respondent is not required to complete CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Christopher Todd Matheny, CPA – Wichita, KS
CASE # 2124 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 2/17/2017
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 $218.97. In addition, Respondent must complete 5 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

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Enforcement Actions

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RESPONDENT: Steven Luther Chandler, CPA – OKC, OK
CASE # 2125 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 2/17/2017
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance periods 2012-2014 and 2013-2015. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $1,000, plus costs of $218.97. In addition, Respondent must complete 75 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Richard Allan Magann, Jr., CPA – OKC, OK
CASE # 2127 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 2/17/2017
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance period 2013-2015. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $218.97. In addition, Respondent must complete 9 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Brian Patrick Ralhlf, CPA – Dallas, TX
CASE # 2094 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 4/21/2017
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 $394.24. In addition, Respondent must complete 2.5 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Melinda Jean Gieseke, CPA – Chicago, IL
CASE # 2126 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 4/21/2017
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance periods 2013-2015 and 2014-2016. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $1,000, plus costs of $218.97. In addition, Respondent must complete 37 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Norma Lee Carpenter, CPA – Fairview, TX
CASE # 2129 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 4/21/2017
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance period 2013-2015. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $218.97. In addition, Respondent completed 20 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Richard Joseph Roberts, CPA – Holladay, UT
CASE # 2130 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 4/21/2017
Respondent violated the Act and Board's Rules by failing to complete the minimum required CPE hours for compliance period 2013-2015. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed a fine of $500, plus costs of $285.22. In addition, Respondent must complete 78 hours of CPE to apply to the shortage.

RESPONDENT: Karen J. Tucker, CPA PLLC, CPA Firm – OKC, OK
CASE # 2131 DATE OF BOARD ACTION: 5/19/2017
Respondent violated the Board's Rules by receiving two consecutive adverse peer reviews. Respondent agreed to an Administrative Consent Order which provides for the following: Respondent is assessed costs of $2,103.31. In addition, Respondent agrees to follow any recommendations of the OSCPA Peer Review Program; to review SQCS No. 8 to fully understand the standards for a firm's system of quality control and make any necessary additions to the Firm's quality control document; and to continue obtaining pre-issuance reviews of any OMB Circular A-133 audits.