

OREGON SOCIETY OF ENROLLED AGENTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2018

President Daniel Sterns called the meeting to order at 11:12 am held at Umpqua Bank in downtown Eugene, Oregon. A quorum was established, (see sign-in sheet) and proxies were submitted.

There was a correction to the minutes of the Board Meeting held on October 21, 2017. Correct the 2019 Eugene Conference to 2018.

President's Report: Daniel Sterns submitted his verbal report of the goals he would like to see for ORSEA in the next year. To meet these goals the following meetings will have the ORSEA board members attend these meetings.

Daniel Sterns said he would like to see at least one of the board members attend the Board of Tax Practitioner's Board Meetings. Kirkwood Donavin indicated that he would be able to make the meeting of the Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners next Thursday, January 11, 2018. Daniel Sterns will make it to the following meeting. Kirkwood suggested we invite board members of the Oregon Tax Practitioners to our board meetings as well, in an attempt to build a positive relationship with their board members.

Eve Davis volunteered to attend the IRS Liaison meeting in Portland.

Maddy Gaoiran will attend the APEX meeting.

Vice President's Report: Maddy Gaoiran gave a written report about reaching out to her clients with regards to the new tax laws that just got signed into law. She also indicated that she wrote to her Congressman in October and November regarding the Tax Reform Bill before it was voted upon. Merkely and Wyden both responded to her letters. Maddy said that she would like to put into the news letter the praise Merkely gave Enrolled Agents. He called Enrolled Agents The Tax Experts. Ira Rosenberg said he would put it in the next newsletter. Maddy thanked Ira for the New Tax Law Resources he has put into the newsletter for our reference.

Treasurer's Report: Ira Rosenberg submitted a written report, a copy of which is attached to these original minutes.

Director(s) Reports:

- North Director Eve Davis gave a verbal report. Eve will start having Portland meetings monthly from 8:00 am-10:00 am the 2nd Thursday at Scovones in Portland, starting

February and March. Daniel Sterns will also give a class in June (TBA). The last board meeting decided there will be a Westside & Eastside meeting each on their own.

- Central Director Cletus Fernandez gave a verbal report. His group held a class in December. He said about 20 people attended. The class grossed approximately \$4000.00 but will confirm that amount with Marie. He also wants to start having regular meetings and possibly some small classes at Daniel Sterns suggestions.
- Central Director Cindy Petersen gave a written report of her resignation due to her moving out of state. She said she would still be an ORSEA member as she will still be in Oregon from Jan-April every year for tax season.
- South Director June Brock gave a verbal report. Her group had a meeting with education and had attendance from some Non-ORSEA members, at the Black Bear Diner in Grants Pass. Daniel Sterns taught the class and approximately 22 people attended. OATC and OSTC also advertised the meeting/education. The board discussed having Daniel Sterns of holding the same type of venue again in possibly Bend.
- Directory At Large Carol Mulder gave a written report about a PAC Formation for ORSEA and a Political Action Committee. Her written report had information about what it takes to develop the committee including the rules and regulations at the Oregon Level. Ira suggested we also look into what the Federal Regulations are for a PAC formation. The board decided that a conversation and suggestions for and Oregon PAC should go the general membership meeting at the State Conference in May. Ira Rosenberg will also put a survey in the News Letter for the general members input of any interest in forming an Oregon PAC. This subject will be tabled until the general membership meeting in May, 2018.

Committee Reports:

- Membership-Marie Arbuckle did not attend and no report was submitted.
- Media/Public Relations-Cletus Fernandez had no report to submit.
- Scholarships/Awards-June Brock are looking at potential speakers for the 2018 Conference. June will be putting out NTPI Scholarship information for 2018. She will be putting out an e-mail reminder for the NTPI Scholarship and the Silent Auction.
- Annual Conferences- Kirkwood Donavin submitted a written report on the menu(s) for each day of the Conference. The 2018 State ORSEA Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn at Springfield Oregon, (June to confirm the speakers). A motion for the 2020 Conference vote to be held in Hood River at the Best Western passed unanimously.
- Legislation-Daniel Sterns had no report.
- Communications-Ira Rosenberg gave verbal report that the new website is up-to-date, only a few e-mails need revision.
- By-Laws-Cathy Giovinco gave a verbal report that she is resigning because she retired. She will be leaving her position in May. President Daniel Sterns will have to appoint someone to fill her position.
- Government Relations-Michael Davidson gave no report and was not present.
- Nominating Committee-Kirkwood Donavin gave verbal report that there are some positions that will need to be filled on the board. Cletus will be vacating Central Director West, Cindy Petersen is moving and vacating Central East, (there is another member that

shows interest in Cindy's Position), and Carol Mulder will be vacating the position of Director at Large.

- Strategic Planning- The board discussed looking at the Mission Statement and Purpose at the July meeting as part of Strategic Planning.

Motion by Carol Mulder to Adjourn, with second by Kirkwood Donavin.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Petersen