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Board Meeting JAN 11, 2019

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OREGON SOCIETY OF ENROLLED AGENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

January 11th, 2018 2019
11:00 am to 4:00 pm

1. Call to order, Welcome Board Members, Committee Chairs and Guests
2. OrSEA Mission Statement, Roll Call; Proxies for absent Board Members – Barbara Craven
3. Agenda; Revisions and time frames – Daniel Stearns
4. Review/Approve OCT 2018 Meeting Minutes– Barbara Craven
5. Presidents Report.
6. Vice President's Report – Maddy Gaoiran
7. Treasurer's Report Ira Rosenberg
8. Director's Reports/Chapter Reports
 - a. North Directors—Eve Davis, Michael Davidson (Portland Chapter)
 - b. Central Directors—East – Joyce Davis/West – Peter Mar – Review results of Survey
 - c. South Directors—Marie Linders/June Brock
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership
 - b. Annual Conventions
 - i. 2019 – Newport 5/20-23/2019
 1. Education Committee—June Brock
 - ii. 2020 – Hood River 5/18-21/2020 Ira Rosenberg Best Western
 - iii. Bend 5/24-28/21 Barb Craven Mt. Bachelor
 - c. Communications/Website – Daniel Stearns
 - d. Government Relations – Michael Davidson
 - e. By Laws – Caty Giovinco
 - f. Nominating Committee – Kirkwood Donavin
10. New and/or Pending Business
11. Strategic Plan
12. Next meeting time/ Location
13. Adjourn

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT by Maddy Gaoiran, EA –Vice Pres. OrSEA 1-11-19

I got some news from a source regarding this upcoming tax season that we should all be aware of on the e-filing end of things. I have supplied all of you with copy of this regarding state requirements that you may not know of. Oregon is listed as one of the states. Please read this news.

At Caty's request: I brought my copy of the NAEA By Laws and Policy & Procedures that were discussed in May 2018 and finalized in Nov. 2018 that I told you about last year in May and July board meetings. I hope you had a chance to read through some of them.

I also brought just a few extra copies of the NAEA BY LAWS, and emailed many of you with them.

I emailed the Policy & Procedures also that were passed in Nov. 2018, but it was too long to make copies for all of you, sorry.

I was very sick during December and missed attending all of my tax class UPDATES for this season. However, thanks to Jennings DVD's and copies of the Updates material that I PAID FOR to READ while I was sick! Hopefully I am ready for this horrific tax season that is here! One thing I'd like to encourage all of you to do..... is to put up our 'HISTORY of AN ENROLLED AGENT in a Frame and hang it up in your office, if you haven't done so already! I was pleasantly surprised at how many clients actually READ and commented on it. I have at least 50 new clients that I get to Educate this year as to what an EA is. I am more proud every year of being an Enrolled Agent and "Tax Expert" in my community! But sometimes the work load is too much!

I do want to encourage any of you to PRAY FOR Our GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO STOP their "politics" and GET OUR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES BACK TO WORK with PAY! Because they're forcing IRS employees to work without Pay and Union reps are threatening a walk out; which is going to make OUR JOBS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT and ADDED PRESSURE for the crunch months of Feb. March and April this year! I don't care whose at fault. I just want them to 'PLAY NICE' and stop acting like toddlers! I do appreciate all of you here and am grateful to be a part of this Group!!

Regarding the MAY FLY-IN: It is set for May 13th and 14th 2019 and the Apex meeting is the 15th I think. However I would not be attending the NAEA board meeting this time, because it was just too costly last year for me to attend that entire week. There were many costs that I did not turn into the group, because I knew you could not pay them and I was OK with that. I did enjoy my time in D.C. and learned a lot more about NAEA that I did not know. So over all it was a great experience! It is expensive, but worth it!

I would like to go again, but if Daniel would like to go instead; since has not been able to attend as our President, that would be fine with me for us to Pay for HIM instead of Me. I may still try to go on my own if I have the funds to do so after this tax season, even if the group may not be able to afford to send me. The APEX meeting, I feel is important for OrSEA to be represented at the National Level, even if I don't stay for the Board meeting.

May is packed with many TAX CLASSES, and I missed out on many of them last year since I was gone to D.C. However, I will never miss OUR ORSEA CONFERENCE, even if I miss any other tax classes! ☺

I would also like to ENCOURAGE all of YOU here, to be on the look out for any GOOD DEALS to get donated for our conference in May. I'd like to get some really GOOD PRIZES FOR this Year's conference to raise money for Our Group and be able to actually SEND people to NTPI this year! I applied to be an instructor for NTPI this year, but since I haven't heard from anyone from NTPI, I'm pretty sure I didn't get the job. Sadly. Oh well. Moving forward, I do plan on attending GRADUATE LEVEL at NTPI this year regardless!

Sincerely,

Maddy Gaoiran, EA and Vice Pres of OrSEA

12:17 PM
01/08/19
Cash Basis

Oregon Society of Enrolled Agents
Balance Sheet
As of January 8, 2019

	Jan 8, 19
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Umpqua Checking	12,941.92
Total Checking/Savings	12,941.92
Total Current Assets	12,941.92
TOTAL ASSETS	12,941.92
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Restricted Funds	
Restricted Education Funds	
Restricted Fund - Education	3,416.71
Restricted Fund - L Scafidi	233.10
Total Restricted Education Funds	3,649.81
Restricted Funds Lobbing	510.00
Total Restricted Funds	4,159.81
RET Fund Balance	16,808.57
Retained Earnings	-9,806.59
Net Income	1,780.13
Total Equity	12,941.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	12,941.92

Oregon Society of Enrolled Agents
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 July through December 2018

	Jul - Dec 18	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Dues				
Dues - New Member	72.00	54.00	18.00	133.3%
Dues - Renewals	5,835.00	4,000.00	1,835.00	145.9%
Total Dues	5,907.00	4,054.00	1,853.00	145.7%
Total Income	5,907.00	4,054.00	1,853.00	145.7%
Expense				
Bank Charge				
Bank Fees	-0.01			
Total Bank Charge	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	100.0%
Board Meetings				
Meals for Board	198.65	277.80	-79.15	71.5%
Mileage	1,243.23	649.76	593.47	191.3%
Total Board Meetings	1,441.88	927.56	514.32	155.4%
Committee Functions				
Awards	125.00	0.00	125.00	100.0%
Communications				
Website	0.00	31.84	-31.84	0.0%
Total Communications	0.00	31.84	-31.84	0.0%
Total Committee Functions	125.00	31.84	93.16	392.6%
Education Expenses				
Legal Fees	460.00	565.00	-105.00	81.4%
Lobbying	0.00	45.00	-45.00	0.0%
	2,100.00	1,800.00	300.00	116.7%
Total Expense	4,126.87	3,369.40	757.47	122.5%
Net Income	1,780.13	684.60	1,095.53	260.0%



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Constant Contact Survey Results

Survey Name: Dec 04 2018 Survey

Response Status: Partial & Completed

Filter: None

1/10/2019 4:04 PM PST

TextBlock:

Please share your feedback on being a member of the association so we can best meet your needs.

Rank the services you perform from most to least

1 = performed most

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Ranking Score*
Tax filing compliance						26	1.1
Planning and advising						26	2.8
Representation						26	3.5
Write up/compilation/bookeeping						26	3.2
Other						26	4.3

*The Ranking Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted rankings by the number of total responses.

Reasons you chose OrSEA (1 most important to 6, in order of importance)

1 = most important

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	6	Number of Response(s)	Ranking Score*
Networking with other EA's							26	2.2
Quality education / speakers							26	1.8
NAEA and affiliate member benefits							26	3.8
Practice growth and management							26	4.4
Timely industry news							26	3.1
Other:							26	5.6

*The Ranking Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted rankings by the number of total responses.

CPE tax subjects that interest you most (1 most important to 7, in order of importance)

1 = most important

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Number of Response(s)	Ranking Score*
Individual								25	2.0
Small business & Corporations								25	2.2
Representation								25	3.7
Estate and Trust								25	3.8
Non-profit								25	5.3
Advanced Tax Planning								25	4.2
Other:								25	6.8

*The Ranking Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted rankings by the number of total responses.

What is your preference(s) for OrSEA conference location?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
All (will travel to event wherever held)			14	56.0 %
Areas (Coast):			8	32.0 %
Areas (Metro PDX):			8	32.0 %
Areas (SALEM):			2	8.0 %
Areas (EUGENE):			2	8.0 %
Areas (Central/East):			2	8.0 %
Other			4	16.0 %
Totals			25	100%

Would you like to connect with other EA's in your area?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes			25	96.1 %
No			1	3.8 %
No Response(s)			0	0.0 %
Totals			26	100%

Tell us where and how you think we can improve as an organization

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Newsletter/communications			9	36.0 %
Local networking with other EA's			14	56.0 %
Education subjects/Speaker(s)			12	48.0 %
Location of education			4	16.0 %
Other			2	8.0 %
Totals			25	100%

How valuable do you find each of the following attributes of membership?

1 = 1 - Very valuable, 2 = 2, 3 = 3, 4 = 4, 5 = 5 - Not at all valuable

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Newsletter						26	1.7
Educational programs						26	1.5
Discounts to events						26	2.5
Access to research						26	2.0
Networking						26	1.8
Membership overall						26	2.2
Website content						26	2.3

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

Please rate your agreement with each of the following aspects of your membership.

1 = 1 - Strongly agree, 2 = 2, 3 = 3, 4 = 4, 5 = 5 - Strongly disagree

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
I am getting good value for the cost of membership						24	1.9
I am getting useful information						24	1.5
Participating in events is worth my time						24	1.5

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

Please rate your overall satisfaction with your membership experience.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
1 - Very satisfied			12	46.1 %
2			8	30.7 %
3			3	11.5 %
4			1	3.8 %
5 - Very dissatisfied			0	0.0 %
No Response(s)			2	7.6 %
Totals			26	100%

How likely are you to do each of the following?

1 = 1 - Very likely, 2 = 2, 3 = 3, 4 = 4, 5 = 5 - Very unlikely

Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Number of Response(s)	Rating Score*
Recommend this association to friends or colleagues						25	1.5
Renew your membership						25	1.3
Attend upcoming association events						25	1.2

*The Rating Score is the weighted average calculated by dividing the sum of all weighted ratings by the number of total responses.

Which ways do you prefer we communicate with you? Please select all that apply.

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Phone			2	7.6 %
Email			25	96.1 %
Online newsletter			15	57.6 %
Paper newsletter			3	11.5 %
Website updates			8	30.7 %
Facebook			3	11.5 %
LinkedIn			0	0.0 %
Twitter			0	0.0 %
Other			1	3.8 %
Totals			26	100%

What suggestions do you have for us to improve the value of your membership?

7 Response(s)

How many years have you been in practice?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Less than 5			1	3.8 %
5 to 10			0	0.0 %
11 to 20			7	26.9 %
21 to 30			12	46.1 %
Over 30			6	23.0 %
No Response(s)			0	0.0 %
		Totals	26	100%

Please tell us your age group:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Under 25			1	3.8 %
26 to 35			0	0.0 %
36 to 45			2	7.6 %
46 to 55			4	15.3 %
56 to 65			8	30.7 %
Over 65			11	42.3 %
No Response(s)			0	0.0 %
		Totals	26	100%

In which region are you located?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Portland Metropolitan Area			15	57.6 %
Salem Area			1	3.8 %
Eugene Area			2	7.6 %
Southern Oregon			3	11.5 %
Eastern Oregon			2	7.6 %
Other			3	11.5 %
No Response(s)			0	0.0 %
		Totals	26	100%

Constant Contact Survey Results

1. Rank the services you perform from most to least - Comments

Answer

Retired with non-compete. Error message to fill in all preferences when my only preference is the number 1. Don't do compilations, do review bookkeeping
Commission for payroll outsourcing.
other is payroll

Respondent

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2. Reasons you chose OrSEA (1 most important to 6, in order of importance) - Comments

Answer

why is other a requirement to be checked?
Retired so number 6 is not applicable, but survey requires entry for all numbers.
Advocacy
Connections with state legislative fly-in and status with the governing tax agencies.

Respondent

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3. CPE tax subjects that interest you most (1 most important to 7, in order of importance) - Comments

Answer

Oregon updates
Small work group discussion on specific tax issues that come up in practice. Perhaps similar to "peer review".

Respondent

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4. What is your preference(s) for OrSEA conference location? - Other responses

Answer

Geographic variety nice, but Metro area probably brings more attendees.
Bend
Southern OR
Doesn't matter. I like seeing different parts of the state

Respondent

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5. Would you like to connect with other EA's in your area? - Comments

Answer

there is no networking in Vancouver and nothing anymore in Portland
I do network with others in my office and also through OATC
PDX please

Respondent

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Not monthly.
I prefer specialized topics not often found with other groups.
No need for it to be Federal based (ie for CE) - more important to keep us well-rounded tax practitioners.
Format TBD
Closest is at least 100 miles away

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6. Tell us where and how you think we can improve as an organization - Other responses

Answer

See below
Include more people in the decisions

Respondent
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6. Tell us where and how you think we can improve as an organization - Comments

Answer

Sure wish more would be interested in participating.
Metro education topics; dates and locations need to be announced far in advance so we can calendar for them
More detailed education on representation. We are so far from NAEA's major education events such as NTPJ and east coast local affiliates. Would also like more education on Corporations.
Small volunteer based organization that is doing well. I don't want too much pressure put on members to do more; everyone has a lot going on running tax practices. Having a good annual conference with occasional 1 hr/2 hr/ half day seminars with local chapters is plenty. And maybe occasional social or informal events to network!
Communication: doing well here in my personal opinion. Would like to especially emphasize events using multiple advanced notice for volunteer, networking, and legislative fly-in opportunities.
Check out the Nevada Society of Enrolled Agents newsletter. It has been very good.

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7. How valuable do you find each of the following attributes of membership? - Comments

Answer

I would find all those useful and valuable, but ORSEA doesn't provide any of those
I didn't know that you offered access to research
I'm not familiar with "Access to research."
Response based on ORSEA alone, not NAEA.
Periodically remind members to visit the website to view content.

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8. Please rate your agreement with each of the following aspects of your membership. - Comments

Answer

[No Responses]

Respondent

10. How likely are you to do each of the following? - Comments

Answer

[No Responses]

Respondent

11. Which ways do you prefer we communicate with you? Please select all that apply. - Other responses

Answer

I don't check website; I really strongly on email/newsletter for

12. What suggestions do you have for us to improve the value of your membership? - Responses

Answer

I have let my membership lapse so I didn't answer the membership questions I don't know really. I want to figure out how to get our profession know to younger people. Communication is key and very difficult in our over-extended lives. Being all volunteer is also difficult. More presence in National communications regarding our events and lobbying efforts would give us more exposure. Possibly regular communication of behind the scenes OrSEA happenings might get the members interested in getting involved.

Improve and make the membership survey at least an annual event, if not bi-annual.

Post anonymous results with number of survey responses.

Board decide on member feedback, then have member email vote for implementing changes and new member benefits.

Communicate the opportunity for contributions and involvement in the organization.

More education around the end of the year for the oncoming season, including Oregon

Keep reminding us in the newsletters and through surveys like these, which offer input, about the issues the board is working on. Your efforts are appreciated.

Closer events

15. In which region are you located? - Other responses

Answer

Vancouver - and someone needs to spell check metropolitan

Mid-coast

Central Oregon

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Education / Scholarships + Awards

Wow—this year has been a pisser. Excuse my language. I am just today finishing up the education. My husband has had numerous health issues and to top it off, he had his prostate removed on New Year's Eve. Happy New Years!! I am giving this committee up to someone else who can come up with some great ideas.

Wednesday we have a person that I have not heard about before but she came recommended by Lisa Ihm from California who was recommended by Alan Pinck. She has been teaching for 15 years and often teams with Lisa. She will be teaching an update on One Year of the New Tax Law, TCJA, Individual and Business Tax Issues and Section 199A.

Tuesday we have Claudia Hill. She will be teaching Data Breaches which she thinks will qualify for ethics because of our requirements to protect client information. She will also do section on Advanced Examination Techniques with a 4 hour case study and another section on Correspondence Audits what to do when it doesn't work the first time.

Thursday is 4 hours with Robert Kerr and I am still working on Karen Hawkins for the last two hours. As soon as I get more detail, I will let you know.

Can you report on this at the meeting Friday? I have to take Clyde to his after op appointment and won't be at the meeting. There is nothing to report on Awards at this time but some ideas for recipients would be great. Ask Maddy and Marie about the class that South presented. I had to leave early that day.

You have my proxy for any votes that come up. I trust you. Do I need to send you some kind of paperwork?

August 31, 2017

Former IRS official Karen L. Hawkins of Yachats, Ore., named chair of ABA Section of Taxation

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 31, 2017 — Karen L. Hawkins of Yachats, Ore., has been selected to chair the American Bar Association Section of Taxation, the nation's largest organization of tax lawyers. Hawkins will serve a one-year term to end August 2018

"It is no exaggeration to say that I am who, and where, I am today because of my 39-year engagement with the section and its members," Hawkins said. "I am ready for the challenges to come and hope you will join me in keeping the Section of Taxation at the forefront of tax professionalism."

Hawkins served as the director of the Internal Revenue Service Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), where she oversaw the standards of practice for tax professionals. Prior to government service, she was a partner in the San Francisco law firm of Taggart & Hawkins PC, where she specialized in civil and criminal tax controversy.

Hawkins has held several leadership positions with the section. Prior to serving as last year's chair-elect, she was selected as chair-elect in 2009, but resigned to serve as director of OPR. She also served as vice chair of professional services (now Continuing Legal Education) and as a member of the section's council. Hawkins also was former chair of the IRS Liaison Meetings Committee, chair of the Committee on Civil and Criminal Tax Penalty's Penalty Subcommittee, a member of the IRS Advisory Committee and liaison to the director of OPR.

During her year as chair, Hawkins said she will focus on enhancing the section's existing pro bono commitments to include tax assistance to the nation's growing elderly population and to providing support for the Texas and Louisiana communities devastated by Hurricane Harvey.

The ABA Section of Taxation is the largest professional association of tax lawyers, with more than 17,000 members nationwide. Its goals include helping taxpayers better understand their rights and obligations under the tax laws and working to achieve a simplified tax system that is equitable and efficient.

For more information about the Section of Taxation, visit its website,
<http://www.americanbar.org/groups/taxation>.

Go to www.abalegalfactcheck.com for the ABA's new feature that will cite case and statutory law and other legal precedents to distinguish legal fact from fiction.

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2019 - 2020 ORSEA SLATE OF NOMINEES

May rd 2019
Kirkwood Donavin, NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Following is the slate of ORSEA Officer and Director Nominees with prospective initial election, maximum term(s), re-election date, and mandatory term end.

Officers	Nominee	Initial Election	Maximum Term	Re-Election Date	Mandatory Ending Date
President	Maddy Gairan	May 2019	(2) one-year terms	May 2020	June 2021
Vice President	Eve Davis	May 2019	(2) one-year terms	May 2020	June 2021
Secretary	Barbara Craven	May 2018	(4) one-year terms	May 2019	June 2022
Treasurer	Jane Brock	May 2019	(4) one-year terms	May 2019	June 2022
Immediate Past President	Daniel Stearns				
Directors	Nominee	Initial Election	Maximum Term	Re-Election Date	Mandatory Ending Date
North Director	Michael Davidson	May 2018	(2) two-year terms	May 2020	June 2022
North Director	Joe Anthony	May 2015	(2) two-year terms	May 2017	June 2019
Central Director – West	Peter Mar	May 2018	(2) two-year terms	May 2020	June 2022
Central Director – East	Joyce Davis	May 2018	(2) two-year terms	May 2020	June 2022
South Director	Jane Brock	May 2018	(2) two-year terms	May 2020	June 2022
South Director	Marie Linders	May 2017	(2) two-year terms	May 2019	June 2021
At-Large Director *	Carol Wilde	May 2018	(2) two-year terms	May 2020	June 2022

(BOLD) Indicate pending new election or re-election for Fiscal Year July 1 to June 30