



Washington State Society of Enrolled Agents

Annual Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2013

Attendance

President	Barbara Culver, EA
President-Elect	Ed Harris, EA
Immediate Past President	Sandra Robb, EA
Vice-President	Pat Schmick, EA
Treasurer	Linda Newell, EA
Secretary	Margaret Furtado, EA
Director	Debra Huestis, EA
Director	Dick Schmidt, EA
Director	Jack Holder, EA
Office Administrator	Dennis LeMaster, EA

Call to Order

President Barbara Culver called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2012 annual meeting were made available. A correction to the starting time from 6:15 pm to 5:15 pm was made. Dick Schmidt, EA moved to accept the 2012 minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded. Accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Newell, EA presented the Treasurer's Report. There were no questions. Linda stated that WSSEA is financially better than the previous year, and the 2013 Convention is doing well. We should have funds for reserves at the end of the fiscal year (June 30th). The Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

President's Message

Barbara Culver, EA, spoke about her opportunity of participating in the Young Professionals Task Force with other EA's from around the country. This is in response to the challenge from NAEA to recruit younger professionals into the Organization. She pointed out that we now have more attendees at the Convention and as Directors who are younger.

Barbara recapped highlights of the Board over the past year. She encouraged us to participate in our organization by working on committees. Her President's Comments are in the Board packet.

Reports

1. Administrative Director: Report is in the packet. Highlights included reminding us to confirm our PTIN numbers with NAEA. He also reported that we have had a net gain in membership this year.
2. Affiliate Council: Barbara Culver reminded us that this is a good way to speak with other members from other states. If you are interested in participating, let Ed Harris know.

3. NAEA Congressional Fly-In: Ed Harris provided a report in the Board packet. He reported that the Fly-In is open to all NAEA members. He gave more details about the experience, which he found to be very rewarding. The calendar was set up to meet with local Representatives and Senators. One item that NAEA is working on is to codify EAs. It will take Congress and the Senate to do this. Ed strongly encourages us to attend. You need to sign up in January.
4. NAEA APEX: Ed Harris attended the APEX meeting. This is an opportunity to meet with other leaders from other State Societies. NAEA is promoting the idea that we are “America’s Tax Experts” through radio ads, the internet, and the web. Ed said that he received high value from attending the meeting and encouraged all of us to attend, if possible.
5. NAEA Benefits: Reminder to go to the NAEA website. There are many resources available. We get one research free annually. There are networking opportunities to meet practitioners throughout the country. There is a weekly newsletter.

NAEA PAC: Pat Schmick, EA reminded us that the NAEA PAC opens the door for us to get the “ear” of our Representatives. We do not contribute to any one party. As a result of our PAC, we are now approached regarding laws and regulations.

Audit Report: Pat Schmick, EA, reported that the Board worked hard on the finances of WSSEA. As a result, we are in a much better financial position than previously.

Education: Debra Huestis, EA, will do Education this year. The Tax Update will be held in Renton in January. Convention 2014 will be held at LaQuinta in Tacoma. Check our website for education opportunities and pass this information on to others. Debra is working on getting education on the Affordable Care Act and Trusts. Please let her know what we would like for topics and speakers.

Election of Officers and Directors: A slate of officers was provided in the Board packet. Some changes were made at this meeting. Nominations were made from the floor for President Elect (Virginia Goldman), and Vice President (Trudy Moore). Motion to close nominations was made by Joe Ardizone. Seconded by Kate Grubb.

Slate of Officers for vote was:

- Immediate Past President – Barbara Culver
- President – Edward Harris
- President Elect – Virginia Goldman
- Vice President – Trudy Moore
- Secretary – Debra Huestis
- Treasurer – Linda Newell
- Director – Kate Grubb
- Director – Michelle Allen
- Director – Ashley Lannoye
- Director – Jennifer McManis

Dick Schmidt moved to approve the new slate of officers. Seconded by Claudia Wyckman. Approved.

The new Board of Directors was introduced to WSSEA.

Awards

Awards were presented to the following: Sandra Robb for her work as Immediate Past President; Ed Harris for his work as President Elect; Pat Schmick for her work as Vice President and the budget; Margaret Furtado for her work as Secretary; Linda Newell for her work as Treasurer; Debra Huestis for her work as Director; Jack Holder for his work as Director; Dick Schmidt for his work as Director; Frank Emory for his work as Director; Dennis LeMaster for his work as Administrator. A special award was given to Ed Harris for

this work on Education. He was the recipient of the President's Special Award. Ed Harris presented a gift to Barbara for her work as President.

Installation of Officers

Frank Degen, EA, installed the new board.

New President's Message: The gavel was passed to Ed Harris. He requested assistance from the WSSEA members. Assistance is needed on committees. We need to get the EA message out. He invited all of us to a BBQ at his home in July 2013.

Good of the Order: Dick Schmidt requested help with the Small Biz Fair which is held in September. Also, the new Board will be on the website.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Furtado, EA, Secretary