Connecticut State Board of Accountancy
January 06, 2009
(Unapproved Draft, Set for February 03, 2009 Board meeting approval vote)
Minutes

Chairman Thomas F. Reynolds called the meeting to order at 08:32 A.M. in the second floor conference room, 30 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106.

Present:
Thomas F. Reynolds, CPA, Chairman
Richard P. Bond
James S. Ciarcia
Philip J. DeCaprio, Jr., CPA, CrFA, CVA, ABV
Richard H. Gesseck, CPA
Leonard M. Romaniello, Jr., CPA, CITP, MST
Richard L. Sturdevant
Martha S. Triplett, Esq.
Michael Weinshel, CPA

Staff Members Present:
David L. Guay, Executive Director
Rebecca E. Adams, Legal Counsel
Angel D. Acevedo, Office Assistant

Motion made by James Ciarcia and seconded by Philip DeCaprio to approve the minutes of the December 02, 2008 State Board of Accountancy meeting. All voted in favor; no votes against and no abstentions.

Executive Director David Guay provided the Board with the following Operations Update and Review:

Budget

- No change, Legislative session begins on Wednesday, January 07, 2009

On-line Renewal

- Login greatest problem this year
- Spelling errors on license, corrected and reissued
- Some CPE Issues
    - Being able to renew without the full 40 hours – several instances
    - CPE carryover adjustment issue
- Printing issues resolved by back end work around
- Bulk email will be tried for 2nd and final notice
- 3823 Licenses have renewed so far – 81% of 4700 eligible
- 2140 Certificate Registrations have renewed so far – 85% of 2508 eligible
- 1291 Firms have renewed so far – 80% of 1614 eligible

Personnel

- I attended three mandatory training sessions on sexual harassment, work place violence prevention and diversity in December

The Board reviewed and noted, for the record, CPA Certificate Registration, CPA License & Firm Permit applications approved by the Executive Director between December 02, 2008 and January 05, 2009.

Executive Director Guay informed the Board of the PCAOB Inspection Reports received from Hein & Associates LLP and Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. by our office on December 22, 2008.

In a continued discussion of Proposed Experience Regulations, published in the Connecticut Law Journal on November 25, 2008, Ms. Adams provided the Board with comments from the CSCPA, Dr. Dawn Massey, CPA, Chair of the Acounting Department at Fairfield University, Mr. Harold Colvocoresses, CPA, & Mr. Mark Makuch, CPA, CFE.

In response to suggestions received by the public, Ms. Adams amended the regulations incorporating references to AICPA standards which is specific enough to accomplish the goal of the regulations while general enough to remain relevant despite any revisions adopted by the AICPA. As a result, Ms. Adams was legally required to resubmit the regulations for publication in the Connecticut Law Journal; they will be published on January 06, 2009 and public commentary will be accepted until February 05, 2009.

Under Public Comment: Arthur Renner, Executive Director of the Connecticut Society for Certified Public Accountants briefly addressed the Board.

Enforcement Brief - Public Session

Case Number- Name- Primary Complaint-Status

2003011-2449- **Greenberg**- fraud in DSS filings- hearing to be scheduled in February 2009

2003018-2460- **Tucci**- unauthorized use of title- hearing scheduled today/settlement pending

2005014-2819- **Ariola**- felony guilty plea- hearing scheduled today/settlement pending

2005019-2824- **Gold**- defrauding client- hearing continued today

2007128-3091- **Gold**- failure to return records- hearing continued today

2007300-2463- **Haas**- violation of CPE settlement- certificate suspended

Attorney Adams placed the above items on the Enforcement Agenda- Public Session as FYI items only. The Board noted these for the record, but no action was taken.

2008007-3107- **Salvatore**- unlicensed practice- requesting dismissal
Mr. Salvatore was supplying clients with a summary of the "bottom line" of their transactions for the year providing them with Quickbook statements and reconciliations. The statements do

not purport to offer any opinion or advice; do not use any of the "terms of art" or refer to any standards that would indicate they are compilation statements or reviews of any kind.

Motion made by James Ciarcia and seconded by Michael Weinshel to dismiss case # 2008007-3107 against Mr. Salvatore for unlicensed practice. All voted in favor; no votes against and no abstentions.

2008011-3111- Yeager- failure to hold firm permit- requesting formal charges
Mr. Yeager has not held a Firm Permit since 2005. When first contacted, he stated he was not practicing as a CPA. However, advertisements and a complaint show otherwise.

Motion made by Philip DeCaprio and seconded by Leonard Romaniello to issue formal charges for failure to hold a firm permit in case # 2008011-3111 against Mr. Yeager. All voted in favor; no votes against and no abstentions.

2008014-3114- Fish- SEC suspension- requesting settlement approval
Ms. Adams is recommending suspension with eligibility for reinstatement when reinstated by the SEC.

Motion made by Richard Bond and Leonard Romaniello to table case # 2008014-3114 against Mr. Fish. All voted in favor; no votes against and no abstentions.

2008035-3141- Reilly- practicing without a license- requesting formal charges
Ms. Jolly has been waiting since 2007 for her records. Mr. Reilly has not been licensed since 1998 and is utilizing someone else's work space to pass his work off as CPA work. He has refused to speak with counsel, has refused all certified mail regarding this matter and has not returned client records.

Motion made by Richard Sturdevant and seconded by Leonard Romaniello to issue formal charges for unlicensed practice in case # 2008035-3141 against Mr. Reilly. All voted in favor; no votes against and no abstentions.

2008045-3152- **Gannon**- failure to return records- requesting dismissal

Motion made by Leonard Romaniello and seconded by Richard Bond to dismiss charges for failure to return clients' records in case # 2008045-3152. All voted in favor; no votes against and no abstentions.

2008066-3166- **Madonna**- reinstatement petition- under legal review – hearing in February

Motion made by Richard Bond and seconded by Leonard Romaniello to enter into the executive portion of the meeting at 09:43 A.M. to review cases where litigation is pending. All voted in favor; no votes against and no abstentions.

Motion made by Michael Weinshel and seconded by Leonard Romaniello to close the executive portion of the meeting at 10:11 A.M. All voted in favor; no votes against and no abstentions.

Motion made by James Ciarcia and seconded by Leonard Romaniello to adjourn the January 06, 2009 Board meeting at 10:13 A.M. All voted in favor; no votes against and no abstentions.