

**NSIA Board Meeting**  
**Hi Mark Club House Inn**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**  
**June 4, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ray Scholl, Dawn Liphardt, Stephen Douglas, Mandy David, Larry Heyen, Donna Trompke, Leota Janousek, Ken Brauer, Jeff Bring, Eric Hansen, and Randy Straatman.

**AGENDA & MINUTES:** President Ray Scholl called the meeting to order at 9:50 p.m. A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Eric to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried. Prior minutes were distributed to the Board. The reading of the minutes from the November 5, 2008 Board meeting was waived after a motion from Ken and second by Leota. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jon Tonniges offered NSIA financial statements for the nine months ended May 31, 2008 to the Board. After Jon discussed the balance sheet and various income statements, Leota made a motion to approve the financial statements. With a second from Steve the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mandy David said the next scheduled publication is June 15th. Two new applications were presented for NSIA active membership: Jim Engel II of Fairfield and Elizabeth Hayman of Omaha. Eric motioned and Donna seconded to approve the two applicants for active NSIA membership. Motion approved.

The NSIA slates of candidates for 2009-10 were presented by Ray. Ray said that he will continue to seek out members to fill open positions, asked for Board members input and will keep the Board informed of any changes. Elections will take place in Norfolk at the annual meeting on 9/22-23.

Mandy confirmed the Farm Seminar date as 9/24 in Norfolk, and the Gear-Up 1040 seminar 11/5 & 6 in Lincoln. Mandy then led a discussion on seminar rates. A motion was made to increase the fall seminar fee by \$5 to \$190 for members and \$220 for non members; motioned carried. Jon made a motion to increase the member and non-member 1040 seminar rates to \$275 and \$305, respectively. With a second from Steve, the motion passed.

For additional information, the "Executive Secretary Report: Board Meeting June 4, 2009" is retained by the Secretary as an attachment to these minutes.

**SEMINAR REPORT:** Jeff Bring said the Andy Biebl 2009 Farm Seminar in Norfolk is all set. Jeff is scheduling speakers from the IRS and Nebraska DOR as part of the annual meeting education sessions. Nina Kavich will present ethics. Jeff requested that NSIA approve a \$250 fee for her services, which was approved. All events will be held at the Norfolk Lodge & Suites.

Jeff stated the 2010 annual meeting location will be in South Sioux City at the Marina Inn. He sought suggestions for future seminars. Ken thought we should consider either Accounting & Financial Statements or Estate & Trust seminars. Further discussion is needed.

**NSA STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Eric Hansen reported on the NSA Board of Governors meeting he attended in Oklahoma City. Many proposed NSA by-laws changes will be presented in San Diego, revamping the State Director position was discussed at length, other talking points were right to practice and leadership programs. There will be three contested Board races. Eric announced his candidacy for District VII Governor in Oklahoma City. A motion was made by Steve for NSIA to endorse Eric for Governor, Donna seconded. Motion carried. Eric thanked the Board.

Sharon Cook held a teleconference call with Dist VII State Directors. The Minnesota SD said her ASO will list or post all district ASO education and seminars on their web site; they also will allow other state ASO members to attend Minnesota events at their member rates. After the Board discussed the issue, Eric motioned that NSIA offer our seminar member rates to all ASO members of District VII. The motion carried. Details and the timeline will be decided by the Executive Committee.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Ray Scholl said he plans to hold just an annual meeting in Norfolk, no Board meeting. He thought there was duplication in the past, this would save time and conformed to NSIA by-laws.

Ray stated there would be a By-Law amendment offered to change the NSIA home office location from Holdrege to Stromsburg. He asked if there were any other changes needed.

Ray mentioned the NSA web site as one that NSIA should look to for learning about member benefits, good articles and use as a guide as NSIA continues to develop our web site. He also said Steve Douglas's home page and web site is a good example.

**1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRES. REPORT:** Dawn Liphardt was the Nebraska representative at a recent IRS Practitioner meeting in Kansas City. Round table talking points included general communication problems, lack of returned phone calls, problems with the POA form, CP2000 issues and time limits, ID theft and other topics. She described a tour of the service center facility.

**2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRES. REPORT:** Steve Douglas discussed issues facing tax practitioners including individual non-filers, unemployment audits, general noncompliance of contractors and IRS plans to audit more self prepared returns.

**DISTRICT DIRECTORS & DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE REPORTS:**

Larry Heyen said "check the box" for preparers does not work, and NSA should pursue this issue.

Randy Straatman mentioned Congress is looking at the consumption tax.

Jeff Bring said preparers can submit a new ID theft form.

Donna Trompke brought up Form 941 & 944 problems she was having.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** Ken Brauer said the Board of Accountancy is finalizing mobility legislation. Ken said he had been in contact with lobbyist Bill Mueller concerning the use of "EA". The Board of Accountancy is looking to amend and clarify the definition and use of "EA" in their rules and regulations

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ray asked for volunteers for the Audit Committee. Ken and Steve offered to serve.

Mandy thinks last year's 1040 Gear Up brochures were confusing and not well done. Ray and Mandy contacted and informed Sue of the problem. Mandy will keep the Board updated.

Eric asked the Board to endorse Ray as NSA State Director and serve the last year of his term. The vote was unanimous; Eric will inform Dist. Gov. Sharon Cook of the endorsement.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Eric informed the Board that NSA recently sent representatives to Alabama. Two national groups sponsored a tax practitioner bill to be used as a model for other states. NSA thought it was poorly written, spent two weeks, manpower and \$10,000 to defeat the legislation.

NSIA's bulk mailing options were presented by Mandy. A handout (an attachment to the minutes) illustrated three options available. Mandy covered the pros and cons of each option. The Board approved Option #2.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Ray Scholl asked if there was any for the Board. There being no further business Ray entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Hansen  
NSIA Secretary