

Federation of Schools of Accountancy
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 7, 2019
Hilton Tampa Downtown
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. EST

Present: Craig White, Antoinette Smith, Lisa Francisco, Janet Butchko, Steve Matzke, Yvonne Hinson
Via Phone: Parveen Gupta, James Irving, Kristy Chernick, Sean Robb
Administrator: Megan Tarasi

Meeting called to order at 12:30pm by President Craig White.

Minutes

Minutes from the August 5, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report

Sean Robb gave a report on the FSA financial statements, no questions or concerns were discussed.

Administrator's Report

Megan Tarasi provided the administrator's report. 2018 invoices have been sent to membership with 3 reminders, with total dues receivable for 2018 at \$4,800. Megan explained the process of dues write-offs, which happens each year in February for any outstanding dues from the previous year. The board requested further follow up on 2018 outstanding dues. In addition, Megan explained the process of notice and discontinuing membership of any organization with outstanding dues for three consecutive years, which would affect two affiliate members in 2019: Long Island University – CW Post and Metropolitan State College of Denver. The board asked to table this decision until the further dues follow-up phone calls. Megan will get write-off and notice of membership cancellation confirmation from the board via email. Megan also noted that we have 2 new members in 2019 and one member moving up from accredited to full membership status.

In addition, the Faculty and Practitioner Service Awards will be distributed at the APLG/FSA Award Luncheon on Friday, February 8, 2019. The award recipients photos and bios are uploaded to the FSA website. The 2019 FSA Student Award program and invitation to the Deloitte/FSA Faculty Consortium will be coming soon.

Deloitte/FSA Faculty Consortium Update

Kristy Chernick gave an update on progress for the May 2019 Faculty Consortium. The topics will cover technology, audit and data analytics. They will have sessions on data analytics tools, audit transformation, as well as case studies on day two. Some topics being considered include leasing, tax, skillsets for the future and curriculum implications. Antoinette commented that the last data analytics session seemed like too much to take on in a semester and that this would be a simplified version with easy tools for implementation. Antoinette and Kristy asked for feedback on titles, content, cohesion and recommendations for faculty volunteers.

The board requested documentation of prior year topics and the audience each is directed towards.

FSA/APLG Joint Committee Discussion:

Craig White reviewed the Process document created by the joint committee reviewing the possibly merge scenarios. Discussion began in Summer 2018 and continued with 4 committee meetings throughout the fall of 2018. The committee developed a template for the new, joint organization. Pros to the merge include increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of each organization. The major discussion here was due to concern over a lack of interested volunteers, having a unified organization would allow for the limited bandwidth of volunteers to be utilized most effectively. Concerns of the organization were the individual membership model, both from a programmatic standpoint and a revenue standpoint. In addition, it would be difficult to determine the place of non-university members (including state societies, firms and other non-profits). Yvonne did state that an independent voice under the AAA should not be a concern because in her experience, other committees are able to maintain an independent voice within AAA. Another concern discussed was the effect of a non-merger vote on the current relationship – would the joint conference be continued and/or would the FSA's relationship with AAA and the APLG be negatively impacted and advocacy be weakened.

Craig said the current plan would be for all FSA programs to continue and for the new organization to have a plan to utilize current FSA resources in a way that would reflect good stewardship of the purpose of those resources. The question arose about what assets the APLG was bringing to the relationship, Craig committed to getting clarification from the APLG.

The board discussed who the members of the new organization would be – department chairs or program directors from current FSA schools. There was a concern about how many people would join the new organization if each school had the same member benefits, regardless of how many representatives were members. The question was raised about how much overlap there is currently in FSA member schools and the schools represented by APLG members – Craig will be conducting further research.

The APLG currently collaborates on the joint APLG/FSA meeting and hosts the New Chairs event. Due to the numerous programs run by the FSA, the board questioned whether the FSA model of institution membership (and an independent organization) made more sense rather than merging into an individual membership model under which the FSA programs may have difficulty executing. It was also suggested to review the ATA's relationship since merging within the AAA to see if the group could provide any guidance on our discussion.

Craig emphasized the importance of creating an organization for our members which has the resources to meet the changing needs of the environment. He strongly believes the new organization will be better setup to handle and address changes and give members the benefits that they deserve. Craig put forth a timeline that the FSA would follow up with a conference call after the member forum at the FSA/APLG event. During that call, the FSA would call a board vote on whether to move forward with a merger.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm by President Craig White.