

Federation of Schools of Accountancy

Board Meeting

Saturday, February 19, 2022

**Crowne Plaza Dallas, Dallas, TX – Dealey Room and via Zoom
3:00-4:30pm EST**

Present:

Gary Peters, FSA president (University of Arkansas)
Anne Magro, FSA secretary (George Mason University)
Norma Ramirez Montague, FSA Treasurer (Wake Forest University)
Ann Watkins (Texas State University)
Bill Pasewark (Texas Tech University)
Cortney Brazil (KPMG)
Maria Baltar (AACSB)

On-line:

Arline Savage (University of Alabama at Birmingham)
Richard Dull, FSA past president (West Virginia University)
Janet Butchko ((Deloitte)
Jeffrey McMillan (Clemson University)
Kathy Hackett (AICPA Liaison)

Welcome

Gary Peters, current FSA president, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:00pm CST.

Distributed documents

Gary emailed the following documents prior to the meeting:

1. Feb 2022 Meeting Agenda
2. (a) FSA board meeting minutes_2.15.22
(b) FINAL_FSA board meeting minutes_1.25.22
(c) FINAL_FSA Town Hall meeting minutes_12.10.21
(d) October 2021 Meeting minutes
3. FSA_December 2021 Financial Statements
4. Administrator Report

Approval of Minutes – Anne Magro

Anne Magro submitted the meeting minutes, October 22, 2021, December 10, 2021, January 25, 2022, and February 15, 2022, for approval and asked if there were any comments.

Ann Watkins made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Janet Butchko seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

Gary made a comment regarding an open item from the last meeting minutes in relation to the transition team. He confirmed that Ann Watkins and Norma Montague have agreed to be on the transition team.

Treasurer's Report – Norma Ramirez Montague

Statement of Activities:

- Largest variances - Full member dues increased due to more Full members. Also had an increase from affiliates, non-profit and private enterprise.
- Did not receive the \$2,500 KPMG monetary award payment in 2021 due to no award was given.
- Spent more on awards due to the 2020 and 2021 Mark Chain Award being paid in the same year.
- Received income from the annual meeting.

Statement of Financial position:

- Cash is down.
- Dues receivables are up.

Gary informed the board that FSA has signed an administrative contract with the AICPA for \$40,000. The contract was written in such a way that if/when FSA merges, there is an opportunity for FSA to give notice to the AICPA to end the contract. The refund would be prorated based on what was spent to date and on services that have already been provided.

Anne Magro made a motion to accept the Treasurer's financial report. Bill Pasewark seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

Administrator's Report

- **Membership snapshot:**
 - Total membership – 149
 - Full members – 121
 - Accredited members – 1
 - Affiliate members – 19
 - Non-profit members – 4
 - Private Enterprise Members – 4
 - Cancelled members – 1 (Lehigh University)
- **2021 Outstanding dues and write-off proposal:**
 - Total amount of proposed write offs - \$11,900
 - Full members - \$6,400
 - Affiliate members - \$2,000
 - Non-profit - \$400
 - Private Enterprise - \$3,100\

Gary explained that last February, Rick Dull had done an analysis of outstanding dues from 2020 (COVID year) and there were a significant number of schools who didn't pay their dues. The board approved to forgive those dues. The board also decided that 2021 was a catastrophic year as well, in that many schools did not pay their dues and it was approved to extend forgiveness to those schools' debts as well. Also, there was no version of the May Deloitte Consortium, virtual or in-person.

Afterwards, there was a discussion about moving forward, and the need to be careful about who should pay dues and who should be forgiven, especially when some schools paid in both years.

Gary informed the board that he and Kathy Hackett reviewed the dues receivable list from 2020 and 2021 and determined that only three member schools, The University of Memphis, The University of Tennessee-Knoxville and University of Toledo, and 1 private enterprise member, Ernst & Young, overlapped, meaning they didn't pay in both years. Therefore, these members received an invoice for at least one year that they didn't pay AND for the current year (2022). Essentially allowing members one grace year of not paying dues (in either 2020 or 2021).

Gary brought the case of Grant Thornton to the board's attention. Grant Thornton hasn't paid dues in three years. The reason is that there haven't been good communications with them and therefore did not have a good contact person within their organization. It's not clear if they ever received an invoice, so that is why they are on the dues forgiveness list.

Gary reminded the board that there needs to be a decision on the dues write-off of \$11,900, which will be very similar to last year's amount. The reason for this is so FSA can close out the books for the year and prepare for the audit of the financial statements that will take place in April. With the exception of University of Memphis, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, University of Toledo and Ernst and Young, the motion is to forgive the debt of the other members listed below for not paying dues in 2021.

Outstanding 2021 Dues = \$11,900

Full Members: \$6,400

- East Tennessee University
- Florida International University
- Marquette University
- Morgan State University
- Ohio University
- Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville
- Stetson University
- **The University of Memphis**
- **The University of Tennessee-Knoxville**
- University of Colorado Denver
- University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
- **University of Toledo**
- University of Virginia
- University of West Georgia
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Wichita State University

Affiliate Members: \$2,000

- Drake University
- Mercy College
- Pittsburgh State University
- University of Missouri-Kansas City
- University of Southern Maine
- University of Tampa
- Widener University
- Yeshiva University

Non-profit Members: \$400

- Missouri Society of CPAs
- Ohio Society of CPAs

Private Enterprise Members: \$3,100

- **Ernst & Young**
- Grant Thornton, LLP



After some discussion, members of the board would like to wait until after the invoice payment deadline of February 28 to see if the 4 members who were billed twice pay. Gary agreed and that an update would be given to the board after 2/28 with the hope that the board will be able to make a final decision regarding dues write-offs.

A motion was made by Norma to forgive the 2021 dues of all the members listed on the administrative report as stated, except those highlighted, if not paid by March 15th. Cortney seconded.

Before the board voted, Gary noted that administratively there has been a lot of hiccups throughout the year. It's somewhat equitable to 2020, but it's not completely equitable to those who paid in both 2020 & 2021. But members pay their dues because they want to contribute to the mission of FSA, not just FSA. Gary is comfortable accepting dues from those who want to pay them and forgiving those with exceptional circumstances.

All in favor; none opposed. Motion passed.

- **Review of revoke, resigned and recent previous removal of members:**
 - Gary reminded the board that the members listed below had been previous voted by the board to be removed from membership.
 - Pacific Lutheran (Affiliate member)
 - Castleton (Affiliate member)
 - Long Island CW (Affiliate member)
 - Metropolitan State Denver (Affiliate member)
 - University of Tennessee – Martin (Affiliate member)
 - Alabama Society of CPAs (Non-profit member)
 - Florida Institute of CPAs (Non-profit member)
 - Institute of Chartered Accountants Ontario (Non-profit member)
 - Anne Magro made the motion to revoke the membership of the following members, based on non-payment of dues for the past three years (or more). Maria Baltar second. Motion passed.
 - Pittsburgh State University (Affiliate member)
 - Widener University (Affiliate member)
 - Missouri Society of CPAs (Non-profit member)
 - Ohio Society of CPAs (Non-profit member)
 - Update to the board that the following members resigned in 2021:
 - University of Colorado – Denver (Full member)
 - University of Missouri – Kansas City (Affiliate member)
 - University of Southern Maine (Affiliate member)
- **Student awards process update:** Student Awards will be taking place this year. Gary and Kathy to discuss specifics and emails will be going out soon.
- **Website update:** Kathy showed the board the new FSA logo and the new FSA website layout. Gary let the board know that in discussions with Kathy Hackett and Jan Taylor with AICPA last fall that one of the administrative problems was website maintenance for FSA. Since then, FSA/AICPA has contracted with Krobe Interactive to help redesign the website, color scheme, and rebrand the FSA logo. Through these conversations, Jan has agreed to pay for the web redesign from last year's fee. In addition, Krobe will be developing a back-door administrative piece where updates will be easily done by the administrator. The important thing is that it's up to date for historical and institutional memory. This website might be able to continue to exist well after the merger.

- **Spring newsletter solicitations:** An email will go out to membership soliciting content for the spring newsletter. Hoping to get this out mid-May.
- **Looking ahead dates:**
 - **May 13-14, Dallas, TX** – Deloitte Foundation/FSA Faculty Consortium
 - **May 13, 2022** – FSA Board of Directors meeting
 - **June 2022** – FSA elections (in the event if we don't have a merger)
 - **August 1, 2022** – FSA Board of Directors meeting, San Diego
 - **Fall 2022** – Fall FSA newsletter published

ACTION: Check on any COVID requirement/restrictions for the FSA/Deloitte Consortium and ensure that information is communicated in the invitation

Future Business

- Gary thanked the board for coming and for their contributions.
- Communication will go out Monday for voting on proposed merger. Majority is 2/3 of all voting members.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm EST.