

Association of Government Accountants – Olympia Chapter

Board Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Present:

Stefanie Niemela
Maryam Jacobs
Denise Nguyen
Kari Summerour

Heidi Algieri
Laura Saunders
Mike Paquette

Absent:

Bret Brodersen

President's Report (Stefanie Niemela):

- Minutes for the June 2021 board meeting were approved.
- Stefanie informed members that she has switched Kari Summerour's position from CGFM Coordinator to Scholarship/Early Learning Chair, which is currently vacant and requires ongoing attention.
- The board discussed AGA National Office's request for a donation to the National Community Service Fund. The board felt that with the current uncertainty due to COVID restrictions and the financial condition of the Chapter, a donation at this time would not be a good idea and voted to decline on the offer.
- Finally, Stefanie informed the board that she sent Nationals the names of all current board members so everyone should have access to the appropriate web resources. She asked that members let her know if they didn't have access to any of these resources.

Treasurer's Report (Denise Nguyen):

- Denise reported that there hadn't been any financial activity during June, except for interest earned. She provided members with the Treasurer's report and reminded everyone that she would be paying for the AGA webinars this month, which would reduce the chapters account balance to around \$9900.00. Heidi stated the Brian from FMAC was on leave for the next few weeks, so the chapter would not receive FMAC's portion of the webinar payments until sometime in August.
- Denise asked if any of the members needed reimbursement. The following individuals requested funds:
 - Mike requested to be reimbursed for annual chapter dues. The board approved this payment.
 - Maryam asked for reimbursement for her annual dues and for her payment to SOS for the renewal of the chapter's business license. This reimbursement was also approved by the board.

- Laura submitted a request to be reimbursed for board dues. The repayment was approved and will be mailed to Laura.

On-Line Education (Heidi Algieri):

- Heidi reported that she received notification from the bank that the chapter account has been changed to a business account. This does not appear to change any of the account features and interest and fees will remain the same as before.
- No update on on-line webinars. The next webinar is scheduled for October.

Live Programs (All):

- Denise will reach out to Scott Wolfe to confirm he will provide the Ethics for CPA training this fall and the dates he will be available.
- Stefanie reminded everyone to keep thinking about possible events for the coming year. She stated that the National office did provide a list of possible speakers to Chapters, which she will look into the options provided.
- Two possible subjects/speakers were discussed. First, Heidi suggested someone for GASB training. She noted that most briefings up to now have been a general update and were a broad overview of new guidelines, but a speaker to concentrate on those GASB's applicable to governments would be well-received.
- In addition, Stefanie mentioned a speaker from Treasury that was on the Nationals list. She will look into this option to see what subjects this speaker could present on.

Membership Report (Bret Brodersen):

- No Update

Scholarship Chair:

- Stefanie informed members that Kari Summerour is now the Chapter Scholarship and Early Education Chair. Stefanie will meet with Kari next week to describe the duties of the position and for planning.

Chapter Recognition (Laura Saunders):

- Laura submitted the Chapter's report, but no points were earned. Laura will look over the email sent by Nationals with summary of activities that would earn points and the board discussed reviewing these items at the next meeting to earn points for next year.

Web Master (Mike Paquette):

- Mike will post all upcoming webinars to the chapter site.

Secretary Report (Maryam Jacobs):

- Maryam confirmed that she had updated the Chapter's business license for 2021-22.

Community Service (All):

No update

Other Business:

- Stefanie informed everyone that all chapters have been asked to look at their by-laws and make sure they included certain items. Stefanie will look over these requirements and the Chapter's by-laws and determine if any changes are needed and will discuss her findings at the next meeting in August.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Next meeting location and date:

August 17, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.

Virtual