

California Society of Enrolled Agents

Palomar Chapter

Meeting July 18, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Al Sanchez, President. Present were Perry Collins, Selina A. Steele, Ron Watts, Nancy Dixon, Ron Watts. Absent was the secretary.

Guest: Mary A. Ybarra

The minutes from the prior meeting held in June 2012 were not read or approved due to the Secretary's absence. Mary Ybarra filled in as Secretary. It was motioned by Perry Collins and seconded by Selina Steele that the minutes for the June meeting would be read and approved at the August 2012 meeting. Motion was carried unanimously.

The treasure's report was presented by Nancy Dixon, Treasurer. Discussion was held in regards to the Annual Examination that is due one month from today, July 18, 2012. It was noted that Melanie Johnson had volunteered to perform the Annual Examination, but that Ms. Johnson was not present at this time due to family emergency. Al Sanchez stated that if Melanie Johnson was not able to complete the Annual Examination that he would do the Annual Examination. The financial statements were reviewed by the Board.

The Officer's report was given by Ron Watts. Mr. Watts stated that CSEA President, Raven Deerwater, wants to visit the Palomar chapter. Mr. Watts stated he would make the arrangements for the visit. Mr. Watts also, advised the board that a Treasurer's telephone conference was scheduled for July 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. and that he would provide the necessary information to Nancy Dixon, treasurer, so that she could participate in the conference. Mr. Watts also, informed the board of a telephone conference for Chapter Examination workshop on August 2, 2012 and that he would provide this information to Al Sanchez. This concluded the end of Mr. Watt's report.

Selina Steele asked about the speaker at the last meeting and the chapter's response to his presentation. All board members present stated that the speaker did well and that all comments were positive. Ms. Steele stated that the next speaker for the August meeting was Patrick Leone, CPA. Mr. Leone is a North San Diego County accountant, who specialized in Sales Tax Audits. Mr. Leone worked for the Board of Equalization for several years prior to opening his own practice. At this time, discussion was held in regards to speaker's fees. Ms. Steele mentioned that most speakers to this date have not requested payment for speaking other than reimbursement for printing material and mileage costs. Discussion arose that perhaps there should be fees paid in order to bring in speakers that would command a higher participation by Tax Preparers in the North San Diego County area. It was mentioned that perhaps a bottle of wine, gift certificates or something of that nature might be given in addition to mileage and printing costs reimbursements. Ms. Steele also, mentioned the September speakers, Edward Jones' Justin Peak would be presenting information on annuities, elderly care, etc. The October speaker is tentatively Dave Duvall, who will be covering Ethics.

November and December speakers are yet to be scheduled. Ms. Steele stated she would contact Raven Deerwater to see if one of these months would fit into the schedule of visiting the Palomar chapter.

Discussion was held in regards to future workshops/mini-series with hands on subject. A hands-on workshop would be one that would allow participants to bring their laptops. Also, it was discussed that Internet access would need to be available. Ron Watts stated he would speak to Dave Gorisch and Michael Krall to see if they would be available for a workshop. Also, Mr. Watts was going to inquire as to what their presentation fees would be. Ms. Steele stated she would see if Myles Lawrence would be interested in doing a mini-series/workshop.

Ms. Steele also, stated that she had the CSEA and EA list of non-members and that she would forward the list to all board members.

In unfinished business Al Sanchez informed the board that the storage unit had been emptied, cleaned and closed and that he was in possession of a few items that had been held in storage. Mr. Sanchez also, stated that the voting and swearing in of the new officers and board would be held at this evenings meeting. Discussion was also held in response to bringing in new members and if free meals for new members would be offered. This discussion was postponed until the new board would be in place.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.