



OREGON BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

CPE Committee

Minutes –September 22, 2015

Telephone Conference Call

Committee Members Present

Rob Moody, CPA (*Chair*)
Rina Byrne, CPA (*Vice-Chair*)
Al Crackenberg, PA (*Board Liaison*)
Belinda Watters, CPA
Sally Jaeggli, CPA
Tonya Moffitt, CPA

Excused Absence

Linda Weber, CPA

Staff Present

Kristen Adamson, Licensing Specialist
Kimberly Fast, Licensing Manager

Guests

Kara Lewis, OSCPA (arr. 1:17 p.m.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair, Rob Moody, called the telephone conference meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and announced the meeting was being recorded.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 21, 2015

There were no corrections made to the minutes.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Ms. Watters moved to approve the minutes as submitted to the committee.

MOTION PASSED: 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Moody)

3. REPORT OF BOARD ACTION

A. August 3, 2015

Mr. Crackenberg reported that the Board accepted all recommendations submitted by the committee. The new application was reviewed by Board with no issues. Ms. Fast confirmed for Ms. Byrne that the rule change suggested by the CPE Committee were submitted to the Laws and Rules Task Force, and so far it is moving forward. Ms. Adamson confirmed that the updated application will be posted on the Board website immediately.

4. MUNICIPAL AUDITOR PROGRAM

A. New Applications

1. Ronald Fechtner

Ms. Byrne commented on the quality of the application, and stated that it was easy to review.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Ms. Byrne moved to find that there is sufficient evidence to make a preliminary finding that the applicant Ronald Fechtner has met the minimum CPE requirements for admission to the municipal roster per OAR 801-020-0690.

MOTION PASSED. 5 Ayes

2. Jeremiah Leppert

Ms. Byrne noted that the application also looked complete, there was no need for further discussion.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Ms. Watters moved to find that there is sufficient evidence to make a preliminary finding that the applicant Jeremiah Leppert has met the minimum CPE requirements for admission to the municipal roster per OAR 801-020-0690.

MOTION PASSED. 5 Ayes

3. Dan Miley

Mr. Moody abstained as he works at the same firm as the applicant. The committee agreed that Mr. Miley met the requirements.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Ms. Jaeggli moved to find that there is sufficient evidence to make a preliminary finding that the applicant Dan Miley has met the minimum CPE requirements for admission to the municipal roster per OAR 801-020-0690.

MOTION PASSED. 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Moody)

4. Keith Simovic

The committee was confused by Mr. Simovic's submission, in the way that the hours were allocated on the application grid, and several of the courses did not appear to be relevant subject matter. Ms. Byrne expressed that applicants should show how they have met the requirements on their applications, the committee should not be attempting to determine which conference sessions were attended, for instance. The committee decided to go through the CPE report line by line. The committee ultimately came to the conclusion that for the courses on lines 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the application, additional information was needed: course level, proof of which sessions were attended and how many hours he was awarded, and in some cases, it was unclear whether the subject matter was applicable. Ms. Moffitt pointed out that the certificate of completion for the course on line 5 was not the correct certificate.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Ms. Moffitt moved to defer Keith Simovic’s application pending evidence that the courses on the application lines 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8 have met the requirements for admission to the municipal roster.martin

MOTION PASSED. 5 Ayes

B. Deferred Applications

1. Matthew Apken

Ms. Byrne explained that Mr. Apken did not have a total of 40 hours submitted initially, but his subsequent submission of a four hour course met the required hours.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Ms. Byrne moved to find that there is sufficient evidence to make a preliminary finding that the applicant Matthew Apken has met the minimum CPE requirements for admission to the municipal roster per OAR 801-020-0690.

MOTION PASSED. 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Moffitt)

5. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Moody noted to the committee that he had spoken with the Board’s Executive Director about the committee work, and whether or not the committee should continue to exist. Based on what the committee was originally designed to do, and what it has morphed into, he questioned whether it was necessary for a committee to approve municipal licenses based on a pre-determined coursework criteria. There was no outcome in either direction from their conversation, but Mr. Moody wondered if the committee had any thoughts. Ms. Byrne also questioned whether the committee should exist.

6. ADJOURN

Mr. Moody adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.