



## Minutes NCACPA Board of Directors

March 24, 2016 | NCACPA Office  
Dan Purvine, CPA, Chair, presiding

**Call to Order:** Dan called the meeting to order and welcomed members of the association's board, members and staff of the NC State Board of CPA Examiners (NCSBCE), the NCACPA Management Team, and Mary Kelly, NCACPA Peer Review Coordinator, to the traditional joint breakfast meeting. CPAs in attendance stood and recited the "Oath of a NC CPA."

### Members attending:

Dan Purvine	Donna Taylor	Rollin Groseclose
Mark Sotichack	Ben Hamrick	Jared Plummer
Art Winstead	Susan Barrett	Lanier Cansler
Michael Massey	Deetra Watson	Zach Donahue
Ronnie Eubanks	Bill Ezzell	Shawana Karkouki
Eddie Sams		

**Staff Present:** Jim Ahler, Sharon Bryson, Nikki Vann, Lorrie Leonhardt, Amanda Davis, Amelia Hodges, Jackie Asekhauno, Jennifer Rowell, and Alexis Verbic.

**Guests:** NCSBCE board members Mike Womble, Hunter Cook, Cindy Brown, Justin Burgess, and Bo Biggs; NCSBCE staff Bob Brooks, Executive Director, David Nance, Deputy Director, Noel Allen, Legal Counsel, and Frank Trainer, Staff Attorney. 2016-17 NCACPA Incoming Directors: Kelli Knoble, Sarah Bruce, and Dianne Uzzell; NCACPA Peer Review Coordinator, Mary Kelly.

**Issues & Eggs:** Following opening remarks from Dan Purvine, Chair of the association's board and Michael Womble, President of the State Board, members and management staff of the board and State Board began discussing key emerging issues. The discussion covered a number of topics, including the AICPA Discussion Paper entitled, "The Proposed Evolution of Peer Review Administration" addressed by NCACPA Staff Mary Kelly, and Art Winstead, CPA, Liaison Director for the Peer Review committee; the proposal to extend the CGMA designation to "other qualified professionals, which would include accounting majors, who do not intend to pursue the CPA credential; the State Board's recently completed Strategic Plan was briefly discussed as was audit quality. The group also briefly touched on the UAA Exposure Draft regarding "Retired CPA Status." The State Board did not make any decision during the discussions because the joint breakfast meeting was not established as a public meeting.

### Invited Guests:

Andy Steggles, President & Chief Customer Officer for Higher Logic, NCACPA partner organization supporting the Connect member service, provided brief remarks to the group regarding his company as well as the partnership experience with NCACPA. Following his remarks, the board thanked him for visiting with them.

### Consent Agenda

Dan Purvine accepted a motion, which was seconded to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes from both the January 21, 2016 board and January 15, 2016 Executive Committee meetings held.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Mark Sotichack, provided the January 2016 financials, with added comments by Nikki Vann, Director of Finance and Administration. Sharon Bryson, COO, and members of the Management Team provided an update on the progress made with the Strategic Initiatives. Mark then presented the 2016-17 association budget as prepared by the management team and approved by the Executive Committee. After discussion, the board approved both the January financials, and ratified the budget as presented.

## **Liaison Director Reports**

Eddie Sams, (Minority Action), Michael Massey, (Not-For-Profit), and Art Winstead, (Governmental Accounting & Auditing), presented their Liaison Director reports. The reports were accepted.

## **Action requests:**

**Minority Issues Committee:** Shawana Karkouki, Chair of the Minority Action Committee gave the board the rationale for a request to change the name of the committee. Following discussion, the board approved the change to the Diversity Action Committee.

**Peer Review Committee:** Art Winstead, board liaison to the Peer Review Committee provided the board with the background regarding the request to drop two CPA firms from the Peer Review Program. Following discussion, the board approved the request to drop the CPA firms: Denise C. Dampier, CPA, and Hope S. Piggee, CPA, PLLC, from the Peer Review Program for non-cooperation and thereby drop them from membership in NCACPA. The committee request was approved.

**Report from Chair-Elect:** Donna Taylor, Chair-Elect, welcomed the incoming 2016-19 NCACPA Directors and the 2016-18 Treasurer, Dianne Uzzell to the meeting. She then discussed; 2015-16 Board Standing Committee assignments; the 2016-17 Liaison Director assignments; and the 2016-17 Mentoring Assignments. Donna sought and received positive feedback regarding the mentoring efforts for new board members. Donna reminded everyone the 2016-17 NCACPA Board and Executive Committee meeting schedule had been previously distributed. Alexis Verbic, Executive Assistant, added the meeting schedule to the Volunteer Toolkit on the association's website as well. Donna then introduced a discussion on the need for NCACPA to form a Risk Advisory Services Committee, supplying supporting information. With the board all in favor, it was passed this committee be added.

**NCACPA/NC CPA Foundation Task Force:** Rollin Groseclose gave an overview of the initial meeting of this task force. Items discussed were: purpose, role, timeline, support and how we align the task force with the strategic initiatives of the NCACPA. A second meeting will be held at the May 2016 Leadership Summit.

**Health & Wellness of Accounting Programs:** Bill Ezzell, and Eddie Sams are leading a small group to evaluate the degree to which some of the Pathways Commission findings might be impacting UNC system accounting programs. They have developed a brief survey to capture comparable data across the accounting programs within the UNC system.

## **Recognition of Outgoing Officers and Directors**

Dan acknowledged the service of each member of the board with terms expiring April 30, 2016. Each member was called forward individually, made brief comments about their contributions, and presented them with a plaque commemorating their board service. The following officers and directors were recognized: Ben Hamrick, Immediate Past Chair (2); Rollin Groseclose, Director; Jared Plummer, Director; and Art Winstead, Director. Art agreed to serve one additional year to fill the unexpired term vacated by the death of Mac Lathan. Cal Christian and Austin Wachter, Directors, were absent from the meeting. Mark Sotichack, Treasurer, had to leave the meeting prior to the recognition for service.

**Other business:** Dave Horne, JD, Legislative Counsel, Smith Anderson, gave a brief legislative update. Jim Ahler and Nikki Vann, reminded board members of the March 31 deadline for their personal contribution to the NC CPA PAC, which is a minimum of \$100. They also reminded the board members of the deadline for the fundraising activities of April 30, 2016.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the board will be held at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro, NC, on June 22, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Ahler, CEO and Secretary to the board