



Phoenix West Chapter of Enrolled Agents
Agenda for Board Meeting

Date: January 13, 2021 10:00 AM

Via Zoom

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89140870496?pwd=aUhKQjhPN1BGQkl6K3JXL1lEN0grdz09>

Call to order

Secretary's Minutes: Kathryn Tracy, EA

- Review and accept Minutes from November 18, 2020

Treasury Report:

- Financials – Cathy Hacker, EA
 - Need a committee to create next years budget to present at May meeting.

Membership:

- Member report – Tom Gorczynski, EA USTCP
 - Lifetime - 16
 - Annual - 10
 - Total - 26

President remarks:

- Please remember to pass on any illness or deaths you hear about in the EA community so the chapter can send out cards.
- If you need to reach the President, the best course of action is e-mail.
- I attended the Virtual SSL in December. It was reiterated we follow Roberts Rules of Order in our meetings, the chair controls the floor. As a small board the President DOES have a vote. (Small board is any board with less than 12.) PWCEA's bylaws govern.
- Conflicts that have arisen within our board, if we can't find away to deal with them by ourselves, I will ask for an outside review. Should that fail, we shall defer to the bylaws as to how to handle.

State Board Report:

- Discount code updates
 - Reference Materials –
 - Quickfinder – Promotional Code is Q508; (800) 510-8997
 - The Tax Book – Promotional Code is 213; (866) 919-5277
 - Wolters Kluwer – Promotional Code is USTP-BXYY10477
- Next State Board meeting January 14 via Zoom

- MN 322A.02 the AzSEA board has started a fund raiser for this in which AzSEA will match donations for the Minnesota legal fund. May have more to report after State meeting.

- Background:

MN 322A.02

- Minnesota has created a new law 332A.02 to restrict Debt collection companies. In a nutshell OIC offer mills had been an area of concern for the MN Attorney General. This new law effects both EAs and CPAs but not attorneys. It requires that these Cir. 230 must apply and pay \$1000, carry a \$5000 surety bond and do the work on contingencies to name a few of the restrictive guidelines.

MN has already sued one company and won based on their poor argument. This new case is with a Mr. Call EA and the franchise owner of a representation business. As we understand that his business model is a well-run EA practice under a franchise name.

NAEA is seeing this as an EA issues and not a defense of the OIC offer mills. It is estimated that MN will need about \$40,000 to defend this case. NAEA is adding up to \$20,000 to the pot and MN will have to raise the rest. Mr. Call is also contributing as expected.

The Arizona Society has voted to send \$2,000 to the MN Enrolled Agents to help with the legal cost. This money is coming from our Practice Protection Fund.

Committee Reports:

- Education: Kerry Freeman, EA
 - Nothing planned at this time.
 - At the May meeting would like to see a proposed calendar for the upcoming Summer Series to include 12 hours of CE, and a proposed budget.
- Morning meeting: Frank Jugo, EA
 - IHOP postponed until January.
 - Discussion of meetings for January though April.
 - Waitress Christmas Gift Card
 - Aliza thanks PWCEA. We actually brought her to tears. PWCEA was very generous this year.
- Web Site: Shane Darr
 - Star Chapter

- Virtual Touch Meeting with Zoom – Kerry Freeman, EA Or Frank Jugo, EA
 - Zoom meetings have been scheduled on the 3rd Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 through tax season. Emails are scheduled to go out 2 days prior to the meeting. If we go to in-person these will be canceled.

Old Business:

- Southwest Fest 2021- Tina and Kerry
 - Registration is open on AzSEA's website. Choice of Virtual or in-person.
 - Aztaxpros.org
- Social Event to help build Networking.
 - Virtual Happy Hour
 - Zoom from 4 to 5 PM on December 11.
We had 7 in attendance, and 5 door prizes.

New Business:

- Open to floor

Close

Next Meeting May 12, 2021 Time 10 AM
Board meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month.