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President's Column

After recently reviewing the President's column authored by Professor Maust last year, I found myself wanting to echo many of the same sentiments. I want to start by commenting on the outstanding work of the Board Staff. They care about the work they do and the Board's mission of protecting the public, and this is evidenced by the consistent and dependable assistance they provide. They are responsive to the Board's requests, and do everything they can to assist Board members in their efforts. They have to process an enormous amount of paper (more on that later) with a staff much

smaller than many state boards. My thanks to them for making my part a little easier.

This year we sought and obtained legislative passage of revisions to our Rules and Regulations. This required quite an effort, and with Brenda Turley at my side, I made a half dozen trips to the Capitol in early 2009 to guide our bill through two House committees and three Senate committees (which often proves fatal to a bill). Nevertheless, our bill survived an amendment and all of the committees before passing in the final days of the session.

The Rule added definitions, modified requirements and application procedures for examination and certification, included an ethics course requirement for examination and continuing professional education, detailed reciprocal certificate requirements, established limitations for cross-border practice, reduced accounting corporation firm ownership requirements from sixty percent to a simple majority, and increased various certification, authorization and firm permit fees.

For the first time in many years, the Board underwent a Legislative Audit. I am pleased to report that there were only minor comments at the conclusion of the audit – another indication of the good work of our staff.

As Professor Maust noted last year, the number of complaints filed with the Board continued to rise this year, and was easily twice the number filed just a few years ago. We made good progress in designing steps to deal with these in a manner that is fair to both the licensee and the complainant within a reasonable period of time. This has always been a challenge, since the Board meets quarterly, and often has to "continue" matters while investigating complaints and awaiting responses.

I am particularly pleased to announce our plans to offer on-line license renewal beginning next year. We are still in the testing stages but, if all goes as planned, we will be in a position to offer this for renewals for the year beginning July 1, 2010.

Along the same lines, I noted above the tremendous volume of paper that flows through the office. The Board and staff realize the need to digitize as much data as possible and move towards electronic storage where possible. These efforts will require additional funding, so progress may be slower than we all would like.

As the new year begins, I want to remind everyone of the new ethics CPE requirement. Each person licensed on December 31 is required to obtain

4 hours of ethics CPE as part of their 120 hour requirement for the 3-year reporting period beginning in 2010.

I would also like to thank Assistant Attorney General Darlene Ratliff Thomas for her many years of guidance and counsel. Darlene now has other duties which require her attention on a full-time basis. At the same time, I welcome Kate Campbell as our new representative from the Attorney General's office. In a relatively short period of time, Kate has proven to be a valuable addition to our team.

Finally, I should comment on what a strong group of Board members we have, all willing to help when asked. My predecessor, Bob Maust, is known by many WVU grads as a thought leader and an outstanding professor of accounting. It was my good fortune to have his guidance and counsel during my term. Many thanks to each Board member for their support throughout the year. I leave office knowing the Board is in the capable hands of Jim Sturgeon. Jim has long been involved in many facets of WV Society activities over the years, and has already become actively involved in the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy.

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Board Elects 2009-2010 Officers

At the July 24, 2009 regularly scheduled meeting, the Board elected the following officers:

James M. Sturgeon, Jr., CPA	President
Harold B. Davis, CPA	Vice President
Lee Fisher, Public Member	Secretary
Donald B. Nestor, CPA	Assistant Secretary

We would like to thank all Board members for their continued dedication and service to the profession.

It's Coming! On-Line License Renewals

Board staff is currently working with the State Treasurer's office to set up a secure on-line payment processing system. If all goes as planned, on-line renewals will be available for the next renewal period. We will keep all licensees apprised of the progress.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Successful Exam Candidates

October/November 2008

WV004726 Melinda Anne Aluise
 WV004732 Lynsey Lea Artrip
 WV004724 Adam Michael Carr
 WV004740 Ann Kathryn Chaney
 WV004718 Joshua M. Chicarelli
 WV004734 Lynn Ann Flink
 WV004733 Michelle N. Fravel
 ** Claudia C. Hernandez
 WV004753 Douglas C. Malcolm
 WV004735 Derek Richard Neal
 WV004728 Nichole Lee Paulus
 WV004729 Christie Robertson
 WV004731 Stephen W. Smith
 WV004719 William R. Stout
 WV004720 Eugene N. Townsend
 WV004730 Jessica D. Walkup
 WV004727 Tessa Marie White

January/February 2009

WV004751 Jennifer S. Arnold
 WV004739 James Edward Atkins
 ** Kyle David Atwood
 WV004748 Robert Lee Beaver
 WV004750 Heather Ann Brown
 WV004741 Daniel L. Chenoweth
 WV004742 Melissa Lee Cook
 WV004746 Cindy L. Goodwin
 WV004749 Amy Lynn Jackson
 WV004755 Beth Ann Judy
 WV004752 Whitney Renee Kidd
 WV004757 Rebecca Lynn King
 WV004782 Andrew David Metz
 WV004756 Thomas Roth Moody
 WV004745 Kelly Lyn Shafer

**Passed Exam; not yet certified

April/May 2009

WV004773 Jessica S. Barrett
 WV004761 Heather Lynn Burdick
 WV004776 Kareen F. Davisson
 ** Chinenyeugo N. Dike
 WV004759 Lori Beth Elliott
 WV004763 Emily Susan Facemyer
 WV004762 Joseph Adam Fisher
 WV004779 Matthew David Gainer
 WV004769 Charles J. Hanshaw
 WV004770 Rachel E. Hill
 ** Nathaniel Jividen
 WV004786 Elena V. Kondratovich
 WV004771 Kristen Lynn Meadows
 WV004766 Adam C. Myers
 WV004780 Linda Sue Racer-Troy
 WV004772 Gabriel Grant Rake
 WV004767 Matthew Wayne Rucker
 WV004775 Corey N. Slider
 WV004781 Robert J. Stewart
 WV004774 Kiley M. Wagner
 WV004768 Jessica Lee Warnick
 WV004777 Jamion A. Wolford

July/August 2009

** Matthew Lee Brotsky
 WV004785 Sharra Ann Cales
 ** James B. Davis
 ** Gerald R. Doyle
 ** Elizabeth June Elias
 WV004789 Darren Chase Green
 ** Robert Allen Henson
 WV004788 Jenna Leigh Keiper
 WV004787 Alla Avgust Long
 WV004784 Sarah Anne Owens
 WV004790 Jason Allen Pratt
 WV004783 Jarrod S. Taylor

CBT-e Launch is Scheduled for January 1, 2011 *

CBT-e (Computer-Based Test – evolution) is the name given to a collection of projects that will result in the new release of the Uniform CPA Examination. The following are just a few of the many changes that will be implemented on January 1, 2011 when CBT-e is launched:

- New Uniform CPA Examination Content and Skill Specification Outlines (CSOs/SSOs), including International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), will go into effect
- A new release of authoritative literature with codified FASB Accounting Standards, and a new research task format will be introduced on the CPA Examination
- The components of the CPA Examination sections will be reorganized, with all written communication tasks to be concentrated in one section - Business Environment and Concepts (BEC) section time allocations will be adjusted. [The testing time for BEC will increase by one-half hour (changing from 2.5 to 3.0 hours) and the testing time for AUD will decrease by one-half hour (changing from 4.5 hours to 4.0 hours). The total testing time for all four sections will remain the same.]
- Short Task-Based Simulations (TBS) will replace simulations in the current (long) format in Auditing and Attestation (AUD), Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR) and Regulation (REG)



For more information regarding these and other Uniform CPA Examination changes, please visit www.cpa-exam.org.

* The article above was lifted directly from the web site of www.CPA-Exam.org.

CPA Examination Summary Totals

Testing Window	Candidates Sat	Parts Taken	First Time Candidates	Candidates Passed Exam	Passed All Parts at the First Sitting of Each Part
Oct/Nov 2008	152	199	49	17	5
Jan/Feb 2009	131	165	23	15	3
Apr/May 2009	128	168	24	22	10
Jul/Aug 2009	145	204	48	12	2

Disciplinary Actions

The West Virginia Board of Accountancy took the following actions since the last edition of the newsletter. The Final Order, the Hearing Examiners Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law or the Consent Decree for these cases may be viewed on our web site at www.wvboacc.org/Disciplinary_Actions.htm.

Consent Decree and Order reprimanding WV001420 Lisa K. Thornburg for providing attest and compilation services without authorization from Board. The Board entered into a Consent Decree ordering licensee to take 8 hours of CPE in Ethics to be completed within one year after entry of this Order; pay fine of \$2,500 in full within 90 days and reimburse the Board costs associated with this case in the amount of \$900 to be paid in full within 90 days of the date of entry of the Consent Order.

Suspension of CPA license of WV004424 Gregory L. Sizemore for three years, for conduct which constitutes dishonesty, fraud and/or professional negligence in the practice of certified public accountancy. As a result of a hearing in this matter, he was assessed a fine of \$7,500.00 and required to reimburse the Board for all administrative and legal expenses incurred; ordered to secure 40 hours of CPE for each year of his three-year suspension; and complete an additional 16 hours of CPE in Ethics during the last year of his suspension.

Revocation of license of WV004344 Stacey A. Peterson, for failure to prepare various tax forms, refusal to return personal and/or business records to clients, general lack of due professional care in the performance of professional services, conduct found to be a willful departure from accepted standards of professional conduct and various other violations. As a result of a hearing in this matter, she is ordered to pay administrative costs and legal fees in the amount of \$4,817.70 within 30 days of entry date of Final Order.

Default Judgment of Greenbrier County Circuit Court granting the WV Board of Accountancy a permanent injunction against WV001693 Jeffrey S. Feamster from engaging in the practice of accountancy and the performance of attestation and compilation services until such time as he may become properly licensed to do so. He is ordered to pay all reasonable attorney's fees and costs of this litigation.

If you happen to be in Charleston, please stop by the Board of Accountancy's Capitol street location and notice the updated appearance of the reception and lobby area. Many thanks to our Executive Director, Jo Ann Walker who contributed the new furniture which now permits visitors to wait in a comfortable, professional setting.

3 Semester Hours of Ethics Required to Sit for CPA Examination in 2011

Effective July 1, 2011, an exam applicant will be required to have secured 3 semester hours in Ethics, as part of the *Specific Course Requirements* set forth in Board Rules. The ethics course can be counted among either the nine hours of accounting electives OR twelve hours of business electives. 1CSR1.4.b.1.B.

Oops! Sometimes We Get It Wrong!

In last year's newsletter, the date for meeting the CPE Ethics requirement was incorrectly stated as December 31, 2011. Board Rules require the licensee to secure 4 hours of ethics in each 120-hour-rolling-three-year period. The correct date for meeting this requirement is December 31, 2012.

It should also be noted that the back of the CPE Reporting Form omitted the \$75.00 fee for filing an Extension Request if submitted by the January 31, 2010 postmark deadline. The fee for submitting an Extension Request after the January 31, 2010 but before July 1, 2010 is \$225. Extension Requests submitted after July 1 requires \$225 and an additional monthly fee of \$75 for every month or partial month thereafter.

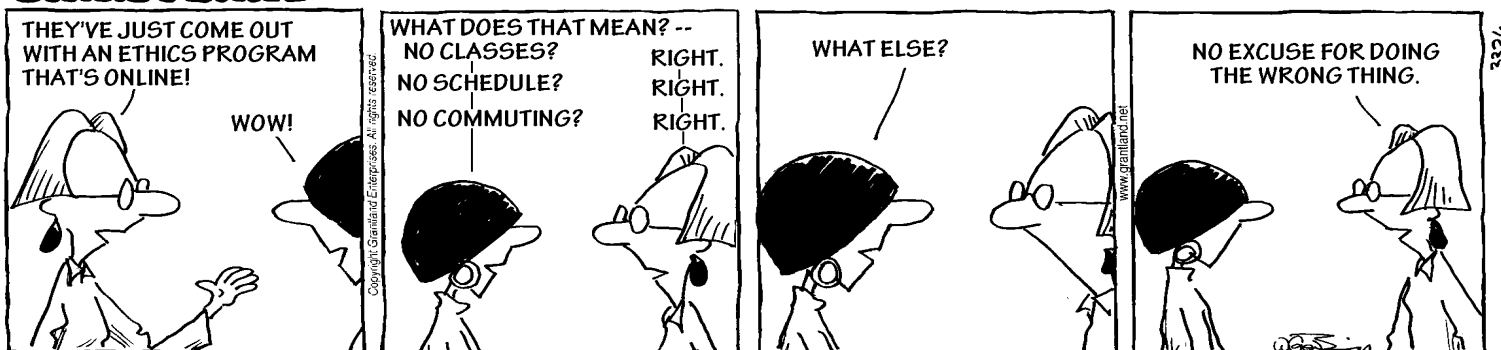
Please accept our apologies for these oversights.

What is the difference between "in-house" programming and "on-the-job" training?

"On-the-job" training is typically provided by a supervisor or co-worker on an informal basis to employees while they are working, to instruct them in the performance of new or changing duties. Board Rules 1CSR1.7.3.b.4. specifically disqualifies on-the-job training for CPE credit.

"In-house" programming is provided by an employer to a group of employees in a formal, planned setting with definite beginning and ending times. The course must be based on relevant learning objectives and instructed by someone who is qualified to teach the subject matter. Attendance must be monitored through the use of a sign-in sheet and verified by the course instructor. Certificates of Attendance should be issued at the end of the program.

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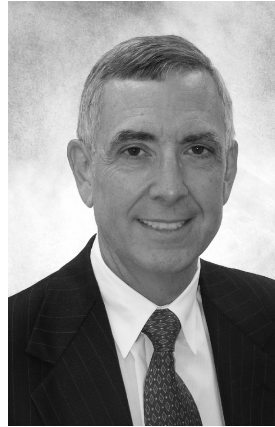
**National Association of
State Boards of Accountancy Meetings**

West Virginia Board of Accountancy's Executive Director, Jo Ann Walker, attended the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy's (NASBA's) 27th Annual Executive Directors Conference March 15-18, 2009 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Topics covered during the meeting were: Enforcement: Protecting the Public When Things Go Wrong; Government Relations; Impact of International Issues; Maintaining Exam Security; Update on Mobility and Accountancy Licensee Database (ALD); Accountability in Action; and Data Protection.

In Memoriam

WV00251	Edwin C. Churchman, CPA	06/08/2008
WV000390	Robert F. Godfrey, CPA	07/09/2008
WV000156	William C. Dumbaugh, CPA	11/14/2008
WV004437	Mary Lilly Richardson, CPA	12/02/2008
WV001258	Nancy J. Neal, CPA	12/04/2008
WVPA0253	Louis J. Costanzo, PA	08/29/2009
WV000541	Richard G. Morgan, CPA	09/11/2009
WV003093	William David Goodman, CPA	09/2008
WV000221	Robert V. Ellis, CPA	10/01/2009



James M. Sturgeon, Jr., CPA

James M. Sturgeon, Board President attended the NASBA 102nd Annual Meeting November 1-4, 2009 in Phoenix, Arizona. Topics covered during the meeting were: Stepping Up Oversight and Enforcement; Identity Theft; Networks, Associations and Firm Names; International Oversight of Firms; and Implications for Small Practice.

In November 2009, Mr. Sturgeon was also named to NASBA's **Enforcement Resources Committee**. This committee assesses and provides resource support to state boards in enforcement matters, including discovery, investigations, expert witness sourcing and other legal matters.



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