

## Newsletter

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### Office Closure Dates

The WV Board of Accountancy office will be closed in observance of the following:

November 27 - 28, 2008	Thanksgiving Holiday	
December 24, 2008	½ day Christmas Eve	
December 25, 2008	Christmas Day	
December 31, 2008	½ day New Year's Eve	
January 1, 2009	New Year's Day	

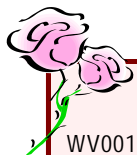
### Dates to Remember

November 30, 2009	CPE Reporting Form Mail Date*
January 31, 2009	Postmark deadline for CPE Reporting Form
May 15, 2009	License Renewal Mail Date*
June 30, 2009	Renewal Postmark Deadline

\* Please contact the Board office if you have not received your CPE Reporting Form by December 15, 2008 or your License Renewal by June 1, 2009.

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### IN MEMORIAM

WV001099	Donald M. McNeal, CPA	10/17/2007
WV000079	M.C. Paterno, CPA	11/07/2007
WV002342	John L. Williams, CPA	11/14/2007
WV000653	Dr. William J. Radig, CPA	11/14/2007
WVPA0259	John Falbo, PA	12/24/2007
WV000247	Glenn W. Hall, CPA	12/27/2007
WV000294	James E. Lewis, CPA	2008
WV000396	Meril E. Peak, CPA	01/08/2008
WV000396	Thomas A. Jacobs, PA	01/11/2008
WV002420	James D. Baylous, CPA	02/2008
WV000859	Theford L. Shanklin, CPA	02/02/2008
WVPA0264	Ralph M. Gallagher, PA	02/14/2008
WV001239	Mary E. Gentry, CPA	08/16/2008

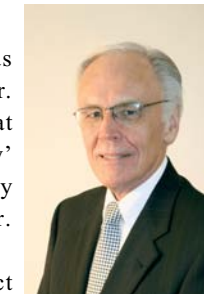
### Did You Know?

The Board requires all licensees to give written notice to the Board within 30 days of any home or employment address changes. A **Change of Address** form is available on our web site at <http://www.wvboacc.org/Forms.htm> or this information may be faxed to (304) 558-1325 or e-mailed to [wvboa@mail.wvnet.edu](mailto:wvboa@mail.wvnet.edu).

Beginning July 1, 2011, the new Rules will require Exam candidates to secure an ethics course. The hours for this course may be included among the 27 business course hours or the 27 accounting course hours.

### President's Column

I have had the pleasure of serving as President of the Board during the past year. There was considerable activity during that time, much of it related to the 'mobility' legislation that was proposed and passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.



Robert S. Maust, CPA

The primary change as a result of that Act was to provide for greater mobility of practitioners among jurisdictions without notification or registration – not only for those from out-of-state coming into West Virginia but for our practitioners going into jurisdictions that extend the same courtesy only if this state has a similar provision. It was virtually impossible for this Board to enforce the registration of out-of-state practitioners doing work in West Virginia because there was no way to identify those individuals and firms. The compliance that we had was largely voluntary. Registration by non-resident individuals and firms is now required only for attest engagements when the client is headquartered in West Virginia.

The recently passed legislation also changed the requirements to sit for the CPA examination. A candidate is no longer required to meet the 150-semester hour requirement to **sit for** the examination, but may now sit with a bachelor's degree and the previously required distribution of coursework. However, the requirements to obtain a certificate have not changed—an applicant must have a bachelor's degree and completed 150 semester hours of coursework, must have passed the examination, and must have at least one-year of experience. The change merely permits candidates to sit for the exam while completing the additional hours. This modification also reflects a change that is taking place in other states, especially in the northeast.

The Board's administrative rules have been revised to reflect the changes in the law and other administrative changes. The revision requires applicants for the CPA exam to have a three credit-hour ethics course beginning in 2011. The credits for this course may be counted as either an accounting or a business elective. In addition, beginning in 2011, those subject to the continuing education requirement will need to complete four hours of ethics during a three-year rolling period. The revision was sent to you in August for comment, and the essence of many of those comments was incorporated in the final draft.

A new fee schedule has been adopted. Fees had not been changed since 1996; however, operating costs and the amount of activity in the office have increased significantly during that time. We are fortunate to have a dedicated office staff of three and an occasional temporary assistant who perform their responsibilities in a very efficient and economical manner.

I participated in two conferences sponsored by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, one dealing with *The State of the CPA Examination* and the other being the *2008 Eastern*

*Regional Meeting*. You should be proud of the fact that West Virginia is among the leaders in the nation in addressing the concerns of the profession. This becomes obvious when you participate in forums where the presidents of boards candidly discuss their current issues and their lack of funding.

Nevertheless, we still have too many complaints being brought to the Board and too many instances of individuals who are not complying with licensure requirements. The Board is investigating alternatives to deal with these issues. The Virginia Board, for example, now has the ability to assess a \$100,000 maximum monetary penalty per violation. With that substantial penalty, one would assume that compliance would be forthcoming.

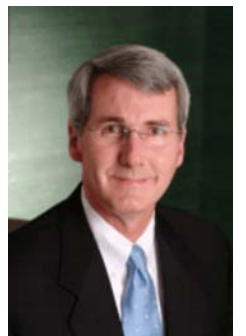
Even though the year required many more hours than I had anticipated, I enjoyed serving as President of the Board. I acknowledge the outstanding assistance, cooperation, and cordiality of the Board staff, the encouragement of my predecessor, and the sincere efforts of the other members of the Board and the representative of the Attorney General's Office. Finally, I extend my best wishes to my successor, Reed Spangler.

Robert S. Maust, CPA is a Louis F. Tanner Distinguished Professor of Public Accounting, at WVU College of Business and Economics.

### A Message From Our Incoming President

Greetings!

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, it has been a very busy year for the Board. As the incoming President of the Board, I would be remiss if I did not first extend my thanks, and that of the entire Board and staff, to Robert Maust for his outstanding and effective leadership. It has been a real pleasure to work beside and learn from Bob. Although my efforts to convince him to preside over the Board for another year were unsuccessful, we are fortunate that he will continue serving on the Board.



Reed Spangler, CPA, CVA

As Bob mentioned in his column one of the projects undertaken this year involved substantial revisions to our administrative rules. That project was successful largely because of his commitment of time and energy in seeing the project through.

Looking ahead, two issues that I suspect we will continue to hear more about are *mobility* and *peer review*. These issues are being addressed on an ongoing basis by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy and virtually every state board of accountancy across the nation, and we are no exception. In its role of licensing and regulating CPAs and PAs and their firms, the Board is also exploring ways to deal with complaints in a more efficient manner. In that regard, the Board

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Successful Exam Candidates

### October/November 2007

#### Exam Window

WV004673 Sarah Elizabeth Blevins  
 WV004674 Nicholas Jeremy Facci  
 WV004671 Joseph Robert Sabatelli  
 WV004670 Brian Christopher Laya  
 WV004667 Matthew A. McCready  
 WV004669 Crystal Ramey-Corley  
 WV004672 Howard Frederick Yost  
 WV004684 Pedro Ernesto Zutara

### January/February 2008

#### Exam Window

WV004702 Katherine Rachel Beall  
 WV004682 Lisa Ann Corbitt  
 WV004680 Akia Chea Fannin  
 WV004678 Laura E. Hull  
 WV004676 Amy Rebecca Kuhn  
 WV004677 Samuel Eric Pauley  
 WV004681 Ashley Diane Smolder  
 \*\* Micah Dane Vines

### April/May 2008

#### Exam Window

WV004689 Tina Marie Basnett  
 WV004690 Matthew Corey Dean  
 WV004700 Jennifer Melcina Evans  
 WV004696 Shane Leighton Jviden  
 WV004691 Nicholas Eugene Mayo  
 WV004694 Melanie R. Meadows  
 WV004699 Richard Thomas Miser  
 WV004692 John David Mollohan  
 WV004697 Krista Lynn Newton  
 WV004685 William C. Robison  
 WV004686 Lisa Marie Starcher  
 WV004693 Steven Glenn Williams  
 WV004695 Andrew D. Young

### July/August 2008

#### Exam Window

\*\* Kimberly D. Bissell  
 WV004711 Allison Michele Bohrer  
 WV004703 Adam Paul Charlton  
 WV004704 Lisa Diane Daniels  
 WV004705 Amy Williams Downey  
 WV004709 Andrea M. Dunlap  
 WV004706 David M. Garcia  
 WV004707 Patrick Marlow Smith  
 WV004710 Jodi M. Stone

\*\*Indicates the candidate passed the Examination but has not applied for Certification

**Incoming President (continued from page 1)** recently decided to establish a Complaint Committee. Details are not finalized, but visit our web site ([www.wvboacc.org](http://www.wvboacc.org)) after the first of the year for more on that.

You have an active Board that takes the responsibility of licensing and regulating CPAs and PAs in West Virginia seriously, and I look forward to presiding over the Board in the coming year. Please let us know if you have suggestions.

*Reed Spangler*

## Disciplinary Actions

The West Virginia Board of Accountancy took the following disciplinary actions during the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The Final Order, the Hearing Examiner's Decision or the Consent Decree and Order for these cases are available on our website at [http://www.wvboacc.org/Disciplinary\\_Actions.htm](http://www.wvboacc.org/Disciplinary_Actions.htm).

**Revocation of Non-Resident License of John Whitfield, NR000006, for unlawful use of the "CPA" designation in West Virginia and for failing to "take due professional care in preparing the audit which was below accepted accounting and audit standards."**

As a result of a hearing in this matter, the Board revoked the non-resident PA license of Mr. Whitfield, assessed a fine of \$1,000.00 and required him to reimburse the Board for costs associated with the investigation and prosecution in the amount of \$4,235.65.

**Consent Decree and Order publicly reprimanding WV001167, David G. Wallen for failure to file personal income tax returns for 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2005.**

As a result of the findings and charges of the I.R.S. Office of Professional Responsibility, the Board entered into a Consent Decree ordering Mr. Wallen to take 8 hours of CPE in ethics, pay a fine of \$500.00 and reimburse Board costs associated with the case in the amount of \$500.00.

## Board to Celebrate Golden Anniversary



July 1, 2009 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the West Virginia Board of Accountancy. Board staff solicits your cooperation. If

you have a photo of Board Presidents Harry Howell (1964) or William R. Meredith, please e-mail or mail copies for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project.

Board staff would also like you to share any special anecdotes or comments that portray something particularly telling, humorous or insightful about the accounting profession or the Board of Accountancy itself. If you have historical information or photos that will help commemorate this event, please contact the Board with this information. More details will be forthcoming in the future. The West Virginia Board of Accountancy is looking forward to celebrating this milestone with you!

## Board Elects 2008-2009 Officers

On April 4, 2008, at the Board's regularly scheduled meeting, the following officers were elected:

Reed Spangler, CPA President  
 James Sturgeon, CPA Vice-President  
 Harold Davis, CPA Secretary  
 Lee Fisher, Public Member Assistant Secretary

The West Virginia Board of Accountancy thanks all Board members for their continued service.

## CPE Changes and Reminders

As the calendar year draws to a close, many of you are checking your CPE record for compliance with this year's CPE requirement. Some are trying to determine what courses to attend or what self-study courses to order. To be sure you are in compliance with Board requirements, licensees are encouraged to review the Rules and Standards which define acceptable CPE programming.

In order to claim credit for a CPE course, a CPA must attend or complete a course from an approved course provider in the calendar year the course is claimed. The course must meet the requirements stipulated in the Board's Rules and meet the standards set forth in the *Statements on Standards for Continuing Professional Education Programs* issued jointly by AICPA and NASBA. By design, CPE programs must increase the professional competency of the CPA.

Last year (2007) was the first year CPAs were required to provide the Certificates of Completion for every self-study course reported. Many of you submitted Certificates of Completion with January and February 2008 completion dates. All CPAs should note that a self-study course is not considered complete until the course sponsor has issued a Certificate of Completion. The date on the Certificate of Completion is considered the completion date – not the date you faxed, mailed or e-mailed your answer sheet to the course provider. CPE Reports indicating courses secured in after December 31, 2008 to meet 2008's CPE requirement must be accompanied by the Extension Request Form and Extension Request fee. Extension Request forms are available from our web site or you may call the Board office and request Board staff to mail or fax you the form. CPE Forms postmarked after January 31, 2009, must be accompanied by the \$110.00 late filing fee.

## CPE Ethics Requirement

On August 29, 2008, the Board filed an Agency Approved Proposed Board Rules and Rules of Professional Conduct (1CSR1) with the Secretary of State's Administrative Law Division and the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee. Among the proposed legislative changes was a 4-hour Ethics course requirement to be included in the required 120-hour minimum 3-year-rolling period. The ethics program may include topics such as ethical reasoning, state-specific statutes and rules, and standards of professional conduct, including those of other applicable regulatory bodies.

### When will the ethics CPE requirement become effective?

Providing the Legislature passes Board proposed Rules with the upcoming session, four hours of Ethics CPE will be required by December 31, 2011.

### Has the Board approved any ethics courses to meet this ethics CPE requirement?

No. If the ethics course is approved by AICPA or NASBA, the course will automatically qualify for CPE credit in West Virginia. If you are a West Virginia CPA living and working in another state, Board intent is to accept the ethics courses approved by the other state. If the other state does not have an ethics CPE requirement, then the CPA must meet West Virginia's requirement. One may find and secure appropriate self-study courses by visiting AICPA's website at <https://www.cpa2biz.com/> or search for approved programming in any subject on NASBA's CPE Market website at <http://cpemarket.nasbatools.com/index>.

If you have questions regarding the new Ethics requirement, please contact the Board office at (304) 558-3557 or [wvboa@mail.wvnet.edu](mailto:wvboa@mail.wvnet.edu).

## CPE Audit Letters

During 2008, 3% of the current licensees will receive a letter notifying them that they were randomly selected for a CPE Audit. These letters will be mailed with the CPE Reporting forms. If you are selected for this audit, you must provide the information requested by the filing deadline of January 31, 2008.

## BOARD REQUIRES CPA TO USE BOARD-APPROVED CPE REPORTING FORM

Board Rules require all licensees to use Board-approved CPE reporting forms. The CPE Reporting Forms will be mailed to all licensees in late November. The forms are also available in Microsoft Excel or Adobe .pdf format on our website at [http://www.wvboacc.org/CPE\\_Forms.htm](http://www.wvboacc.org/CPE_Forms.htm). Reports received on other types of forms will be returned to the licensee for completion on a Board-approved form.

## Fee Increases

The fees listed below are included in the Agency Approved Proposed *Board Rules and Rules of Professional Conduct* to be considered by the Legislature in 2009:

### Certification/Licensure Fees

Certificate Fee (which includes the wall certificate)	\$120.00
Duplicate Wall Certificate	35.00
Reciprocal Certificate Fee	200.00
Certificate/License Renewal Fee	85.00
CPA-Inactive Registration/Renewal Fee	65.00
Renewal Late Fee (in addition to the Renewal Fee)	50.00
Reinstatement Application Fee	85.00
Reinstatement Application (after July 31 / per month fee)	75.00
Activation of License Application	85.00

### Firm Fees

Firm Permit or Firm Permit Renewal	100.00
Late Fee for Renewal after July 31 (per month fee)	75.00
Accounting Corporation Application	200.00
Professional Limited Liability Company Application	200.00

### Authorization Fees

Firm Authorization or Renewal	
1-5 Licensees	100.00
6-10 Licensees	200.00
11+ Licensees	300.00
Individual Practitioner Authorization	85.00

### Continuing Professional Education Fees

Late Reporting Fee (after January 31)	\$150.00
Extension Request (by January 31)	75.00
Extension Request (after June 30 / per month fee)	75.00
Extension Request and Late Filing (after January 31)	225.00

## CPA Examination Summary Totals

Testing Window	Candidates Sat	Parts Taken	Parts Passed	First Time Candidates	Candidates Passed Exam	Passed All Parts at the First Sitting of Each Part
Oct/Nov 2007	121	169	61	28	8	3
Jan/Feb 2008	97	121	37	16	8	2
Apr/May 2008	108	133	54	22	13	6
July/Aug 2008	118	159	61	22	9	2

