



Gayle E. Mason, CPA
President

President's Message

What an honor it has been to serve as President of the West Virginia Board of Accountancy this past year! While the issues we have faced are challenging, the Board's job is made easier by the fine employees at the Board office. Special thanks to JoAnn Walker, Executive Director, for her unflagging support.

April, 2004 saw the launch of computer based testing (CBT) of the CPA exam. The glitches were minimal and the new candidates are becoming acclimated to this new format. There have been 247 candidates who sat for 720 parts thus far. Of those, 228 parts were passed, which is a per-part passing rate of over 32%.

During this year, the Board adopted the *Statement on Standards for Continuing Education (CPE) Programs*. This will change the way we will be required to report CPE credits to the Board office. See the article on this subject on Page 3 for these important details.

This year will also culminate my six-year tenure on the Board. I have had the opportunity to represent all West Virginia CPAs at 6 regional and 6 national meetings. The first several meetings I attended were dedicated almost entirely to the computerization of the Uniform CPA exam and the 150-hour education rule adopted by most states.

After the scandals our profession has faced, the emphasis of our regional and national meetings turned to the role of the Accountancy Board in maintaining "public trust". Our profession has even gone to television and radio commercials to try to assure the public of the integrity of the majority in our profession. We have also wrestled with how best to integrate ethics requirements in our CPE courses. While we CAN'T teach people ethics (they should have learned it in their formative years), we CAN teach people how to recognize a situation where there may be hidden ethical issues. From all of this, the Public Company

Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) was created. Representatives from that body have been regular speakers at our national meetings. This new body has emphasized the need for improved peer review programs.

Other issues being addressed now in our profession are Yellow Book changes, UAA Accountancy Rules 5-1 and 5-2, and the formation of the National Accountancy Licensee Database. With each of these issues, keep in mind that each of the 50 states, and all of the US territories, have an opinion on what is best for their group of CPAs. So, progress often is slow.

In all of these issues, I am particularly proud of how your Board has represented all of us and has taken stands on these national issues which affect our profession. We may be a small state with relatively few CPAs, but the national board knows we exist!

Gayle E. Mason

The Board takes this opportunity to express thanks and appreciation to Gayle Mason for her dedication to and service on the Board this past six years. Gayle faithfully served by representing our Board at National and Regional NASBA meetings and conferences. She is a valuable resource for the accountancy profession. Thanks from all of us!

Board Officers Elected

The following officers were elected at the Board meeting of July 14, 2005:

- William M. Ellis, Jr., CPA, CVA President
- John S. Bodkin, Jr., CPA Vice-President
- Gayle E. Mason, CPA Secretary
- Reed J. Tanner, CPA Assistant Secretary
- Jack Rossi, CPA Member

Successful Exam Candidates

November 2003

- Brian E. Aman *
- Stephen M. Beckwith *
- Brad N. Blake *
- Nathaniel S. Bonnell *
- Tara A. Burchett Appler * ~
- Yingying Chen
- Rhonda L. Combs *
- Bridgett M. Davis * ~
- Charles A. Fields *
- Emily S. Fleck *
- Katie V. Frantz * ~
- Robert R. Hager *
- Eric T. Hersman *
- Erin B. Hinkle *
- Jennifer K. Kellar *
- Richard K. King *
- Emily R. Lambright *
- Christopher T. McNeely *
- Tina D. Merritt *
- Teresa A. Oliver *
- Brian A. Richards *
- William Charles Robinson *
- William Harvey Robinson *
- Richard B. Rock *
- Michael R. Sherman * ~
- John R. Shumate *
- Benito F. Sno *
- Elizabeth J. Spear * ~
- Christine D. Sturtevant * ~
- Ran B. Tanner *
- Stephanie J. Blair * ~
- Tiffany McGinnis *
- Asthma B. Yousaf

April/May 2004

- Cinda S. Bowling *
- Laura L. Davison
- Russell S. Henchey *
- Shelby King *
- Amanda E. Lawson * ~
- Jennifer A. Price *

July/August 2004

- Jonathan L. Blatt *
- Melissa F. Boggs *
- Christopher C. Matthews
- Gary L. Hagerman *
- Tina Marie Hanna *

October/November 2004

- Shellie D. Humphrey *
- Rachel C. Mitchell *
- Charles W. Melko *
- Jue Wang *

January/February 2005

- Tara M. Cunningham *
- Travis G. Delaplain *
- Shannon Eddy Wissmar *
- Timothy A. Kelly *
- Jeremy B. Simms *

April/May 2005

- Sallie Barnett *
- Christen Cameron *
- Mandy Hicks *
- Sandra Johnson *
- Sarah Lawson *
- Chad Leport *
- Kristy Nantz *
- Martina Spurlock *
- Michelle Statler *
- Jeremy Stover *
- Rebecca Swisher *
- Troy Welling *
- Elizabeth Willis *

July/August 2005

- Nathan P. Bumgarner *
- Wesley Brumfield *
- Michael N. Deemer *
- Jennifer S. Farley *
- Erica Renee Fuller *
- Jeremy L. Hodges *
- Lori Lynn Kubic
- Jacqueline Kristina Stemple *

* Candidate secured a certificate/license as a result of passing exam and meeting experience requirement

~ Certificate/License secured but currently inactive

Summary Totals for Computer-Based Exam to Date

| Window | Total Sat | Passed Exam | Total Parts Taken | Total Parts Passed |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| April/May 2004 | 78 | 6 | 99 | 27 |
| July/Aug 2004 | 89 | 5 | 115 | 34 |
| Oct/Nov 2004 | 97 | 4 | 129 | 39 |
| Jan/Feb 2005 | 74 | 5 | 96 | 27 |
| April/May 2005 | 99 | 13 | 134 | 57 |
| July/Aug 2005 | 110 | 8 | 147 | 44 |
| Totals | 547 | 41 | 720 | 228 |

Authoritative Literature Subscriptions

Through a joint effort of the AICPA and NASBA, Uniform CPA Examination candidates who have received the Notice to Schedule (NTS) are eligible for a free six-month subscription to authoritative literature. Qualified candidates may sign up for the program at www.cpa-exam.org. The free authoritative literature subscription consists of:

- (1) AICPA Professional Standards (applicable to the Auditing and Attestation section)
- (2) FASB Current Text and FASB Original Pronouncements (applicable to the Financial Accounting and Reporting section)

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Thanks to WVSCPAs' Exam Support Committee

Many thanks to the West Virginia Society of CPAs' Exam Support Committee whose members have served as assistive personnel at the testing centers for candidates who require special accommodations:

- Paul E Campbell, CPA, Chairman
- Joseph T. Holley, CPA
- Richard M. "Dick" Kaufman

When asked why it is important for entry-level accountants in the firm to pass the CPA Examination and earn the CPA credential, one employer said, "Because that is the basis of our profession. It's our credential for what we need to know. If, in fact, you pass the exam, you have the basic block of knowledge to perform in this profession."

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CPE Standards

At the Board meeting of July 14, 2005, the Board adopted the *Statement on Standards for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Programs* issued jointly by AICPA and NASBA. While many of the standards are included in the Board's Rules, some of the differences are addressed below:

Standard No. 12 will affect many of you who report partial hours of CPE credit. The *Standard* states that "sponsored learning activities are measured by program length, with one 50-minute period equal to one CPE credit. One-half CPE credit increments (equal to 25 minutes) are permitted after the first credit has been earned in a given learning activity." When the total minutes of a sponsored learning activity are greater than 50 but not evenly divisible by 50, the CPE credits granted should be **rounded down to the nearest one-half credit**.

For those who attend conferences that send material to preview before the conference begins or to review at night during the conference, credit is not granted to participants for this type of preparation time.

For those writers of published articles, books or CPE programs, the *Standard* states that CPAs "should receive CPE credit for their research and writing time to the extent it maintains or improves their professional competence."

CPAs should also be aware of the Standards required for CPE program sponsors. CPE program sponsors must provide program participants with documentation for their participation which includes: CPE program sponsor's name and contact information, participant's name, course title, course field of study, date offered or completed, location (if applicable), type of instructional/delivery method used, amount of CPE credit recommended, and verification by CPE program sponsor representative.

CPE program sponsors are also required to retain adequate documentation for five years to support their compliance with the Standards and the reports that may be required of participants.

Please review the complete Statement on Standards for CPE Programs on our website at www.wvboacc.org/CPE.htm.

In Memoriam

William French Blackburn, Jr., CPA - 3/2005
 Howard M. Cloke, III, CPA - 10/2005
 Tommy Cogar, CPA - 5/2004
 Robert Hollandsworth, CPA - 8/2004
 Ronda Sue Hyre, CPA - 8/2005
 Kenneth McCoy, CPA - 10/2004
 Bonnie Gardner O'Neal, CPA - 3/2005
 John L. Sutton, CPA - 2/2005



Are you Providing Services Without an Authorization?

A large percentage of West Virginia CPAs work in a business-related or industry-related setting instead of a public accounting firm. Many of these same CPAs perform or offer to perform accounting services as a side-line profession in addition to their industry-related employment. However, if an individual practitioner performs or offers to perform attest or compilation services to the public, he/she is required to have an *Authorization to Perform Attest/Compilation Services* as an individual practitioner.

How do you know if you are providing these services? Read the definitions from the Accountancy Law carefully to determine if the services you are providing fall into either category.

W.Va. Code § 30-9-2(2) defines attest services as "providing any audit or review of a financial statement or any examination of prospective financial information performed in accordance with applicable statements of standards."

W.Va. Code § 30-9-2(11) defines compilation services as "providing a service performed in accordance with applicable statements on standards that presents, in the form of a financial statement, information that is the representation of management without an expression of assurance on the statement..."

The Accountancy Law §30-9-19(a) goes on to state that "no person or business entity may provide attest or compilation services without having first obtained an authorization issued by the Board."

Once you determine that you need to file an application for an *Authorization*, you should also be aware that as an individual practitioner, you will be required to enroll in a board-approved Peer Review Program.

If you suspect that you may be offering services without the appropriate authorization or if you have any questions regarding these procedures, please call or write the Board office.

The application for an *Authorization to Provide Attest/Compilation Services* is on our website at: <http://www.wvboacc.org/Forms.htm>.

Annual Roster

A limited supply of the Annual Roster of Public Accountants who are licensed for the period beginning July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 is available for public accounting licensees for \$10.00. Please send your check with your request to the Board office.

NASBA's 98th Annual Meeting

Board President, William M. Ellis, Jr., Vice-President, John S. Bodkin, Jr., and Board Secretary, Gayle E. Mason attended NASBA's 98th Annual meeting October 30th through November 2nd, 2005 in Tucson, Arizona.

The Annual Meeting highlighted the efforts being made by government, educators, professional associations and others to listen to each other and most importantly the public as they work to provide effective regulation.

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Dates to Remember

November 25, 2005 CPE Forms mailed to Licensees
 January 31, 2006 2005 Annual CPE Report deadline
 April 15, 2006 Annual License Renewal mailed
 June 30, 2006 Annual License Renewal deadline

The Board moved its office location on May 31, 2005. We are now located in the old Frankenberger Building. Please keep our new address in mind when mailing your renewals or CPE Reports.