

RELATIONSHIP OF NYSSCPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH NYS BOARD FOR PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

Background

The State Board for Public Accountancy assists the Board of Regents and State Education Department (SED) on matters of professional licensing, practice and professional conduct. Admission to the practice of public accountancy and regulation of the profession are supervised by the Board of Regents and administered by SED, while the Board for Public Accountancy serves in an advisory role. The Board of Regents and the SED have power to adopt rules and regulations, however the State Board for Public Accountancy has no rule making authority but makes recommendations to the Regents and SED on regulations.

The Chairman of the Board for Public Accountancy has the power to appoint a committee on licensing, and the board or its committee on licensing are required to select or prepare examinations and fix passing grades. The board may conduct oral and practical examinations and reexaminations, and assist SED in other licensing matters. In addition, the Board for Public Accountancy conducts disciplinary proceedings as prescribed by the education law and assists in other professional conduct matters.

The State Board for Accountancy currently has standing committees on Discipline, Examination/Licensure, Practice, and Preparation/Education. The Board participates in the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) and was actively involved with NASBA on computerization of the CPA examination.

Membership in the State Board for Accountancy shall be a minimum of 22 members appointed by the Board of Regents: 15 certified public accountants, 5 licensed PAs and 2 public members. If the accountancy board is ever increased in size, the ratio of CPAs to PAs shall be kept in the same proportion. As a professional society, NYSSCPA is authorized to nominate one or more candidates for appointment by the Board of Regents to the State Board for Public Accountancy, but the Board of Regents is not required to appoint such nominees. In addition, the State Board for Public Accountancy is required to establish a roster of auxiliary members from candidates nominated by professional associations or societies for appointment by the Board of Regents, on recommendation of the commissioner of education, for membership on the board solely for three purposes, (1) disciplinary proceedings, (2) proceedings relating to moral character of an applicant for licensing and (3) proceedings related to applications for the restoration of a professional license.

The current Chairman is Robert Gray of Garrison and the Vice-Chairman is John Olsen of Troy.

Discussion

In addition to NYSSCPA's role in nominating candidates for membership on the State Board for Accountancy and the board's roster of auxiliary members for various proceedings, there has traditionally been an on-going relationship between the Society and the Accountancy Board. NYSSCPA has commented on professional issues being considered by the State Board, other than individual disciplinary matters, and a member of NYSSCPA staff regularly attends state board meetings which are open to the public. In addition, staff of the Society meets with the Director of SED's Office for the Professions periodically on issues facing the accountancy profession.

Public Accountancy

- Minimum Total Membership: 22
- Minimum Public Members: 2
- Specific Requirements:
 - 20 licensed accountants, a minimum of 15 must be licensed certified public accountants

Member - Expiration of Term

- Brook L. Anderson-Tompkins, Public Member - 09/30/06
- Martin Benis – 9/30/08
- Rona Chernio - 06/30/09
- Patricia A. Crecco - 06/30/09
- Daniel J. Cristofano, Public Member - 06/30/09
- Robert L. Gray - 04/22/07
- John A. Graziano, Public Member- 11/30/06
- Samuel P. Gunther - 11/30/09
- J. Dwight Hadley - 11/30/05
- David J. Hasso - 04/30/09
- Jeffrey R. Hoops - 06/30/09
- Richard Isserman - 02/28/06
- John P. Laschenski - 02/28/06
- Nicholas J. Mastracchio, Jr. - 04/30/09
- Bernard Mintz - 11/30/06
- John C. Olsen - 09/30/09
- Charles J. Schoff - 02/28/07
- Henry E. Senefelder, Jr., Public Member - 11/30/06
- Lydia M. Washington - 11/30/06
- Dena G. Williams - 11/30/09
- Marc D. Zand - 09/30/06

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