

Federation of Schools of Accountancy
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, February 10, 2013
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel
Mission Valley Area, San Diego
Shutters East 2 Board Room
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Present: Shaun Budnik, Yvonne Hinson, Gary McGill, Fred Mittelstaedt, Kathy Schaum, Parveen Gupta, Michael Roberts, Robert Ricketts, Steve Matzke, Lisa Wicker

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Fred Mittelstaedt.

Minutes

Minutes from August 5, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report

Robert Ricketts presented the financial report in Larry Tunnell's absence. Cash was down \$30K compared to 2011 due to the payment of \$34K to the American Accounting Association for FSA's share of the February 2012 meeting expenses in New Orleans. The higher costs were attributed to speaker fees, the room subsidy, and the location. The Board agreed that costs must be contained with future meetings, and that more frequent projected cost updates from the committee in charge of planning the meeting might be appropriate. Robert reported an expected expense of \$5K for the current meeting. Dues receivable for 2012 are at \$5,150. The Board agreed to write off the dues for 2012 but continue collection efforts. Board members agree to share assignments for collection calls. Awards expense was up \$5K compared to prior year due to payments towards the research grant that FSA is sponsoring.

Administrator's Report

Lisa reported that the website is currently in the staging process, and hopes to go live by February 28. Website costs are estimated at \$15.4K (agreed to by the Board in August). Annual maintenance fees are estimated at between \$1,800 – 2,400 per year. Lisa reported that \$20K had been collected for 2013 dues as compared with \$10K this time last year. Lisa stated that schools are contacting her regarding the student awards program, and that the email would go out to full member schools the last week in February. The Consortium invite will go out in March.

Research Grants

Michael Roberts reported that he is working on obtaining a data list for the FSA sponsored research grant. He will review the results at the May Board meeting.

Deloitte Foundation/ FSA Consortium

Shaun reported that the 2013 Consortium will be held May 31-June 1 (Friday and Saturday) at Deloitte University outside of Dallas. Shaun and Yvonne have finalized the agenda, which will include an optional

tour of Deloitte University. Lisa stated that the Board meeting will take place on Friday, May 31 from 11:30 – 1:00.

FSA Board Member Rotation

Lisa stated that several experienced FSA Board members would be rotating off on July 31. Nominations should be included in the spring newsletter. Elections will be held in late June.

AACSB Letter and Exposure Draft

Fred discussed the recent joint letter and exposure draft submitted jointly by FSA and APLG to Jerry Trapnell at AACSB regarding accreditation standards. Fred stated that AACSB is following up on several points made. Gary stated that the Board should send a follow-up email to its members regarding its opinion on the changes in standards that are implemented as a result of the joint letter. Fred recognized the efforts of Michael Roberts and Timothy Pearson in working with him on the letter.

APLG/FSA Joint Strategy and Possible Merger

Gary reported on the results of the committee formed to discuss similarities and differences between APLG and FSA and a potential merger of the two. The APLG and FSA formed a committee consisting of four to six members, three from each organization. The ad-hoc committee identified efficiencies, redundancies, and opportunities for strategic partnership. Gary, Timothy Pearson, and Kathy Schaum represent FSA's interests. Gary stated that all committee members reviewed each organization's strategic plans and independently listed pros and cons of each organization. The major concern for FSA is that the member schools would lose a separate voice for accreditation. Shaun stated that this loss may diminish accreditation importance in the long run. Michael Roberts also expressed concerns that separate accounting accreditation may go away for some schools.

The new organization would be a section of the American Accounting Association. It is not known whether or not AAA would support school level membership as the current structure is individually based. Gary stated that approximately 75% of FSA members are also members of APLG. The Board agreed that the committee needed further discussion to work out the details. Fred stated that the FSA strategic plan should be revisited to merit differences between the two organizations. The Board agreed that FSA needs to better execute its strategic plan if it is to remain independent. The committee will follow up with the Board on its findings.

Other Business

Parveen Gupta will be the 2014 FSA representative for the APLG/FSA joint meeting planning.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.