# Montana Board of Public Accountants

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#### The Honorable Steve Bullock Governor of Montana

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## **EVOLUTION** of **PEER REVIEW**

The AICPA continues to work on the evolution of peer review administration as part of the AICPA Enhancing Audit Quality initiative. Their ultimate objective is to improve audit performance by increasing consistency, efficiency and effectiveness of the peer review program administration.

Last year the AICPA issued a discussion paper to state societies and boards of accountancy, seeking comment on proposed amendments to the current program administration. The Board of Public Accountants issued comments on that exposure draft, expressing concern on a number of proposed program changes.

"The Board is committed to ensuring that a reliable, cost effective peer review program exists for the licensees and consumers of Montana."

The AICPA received comments from 30 state societies and 25 boards of accountancy on the proposed changes. As a result of those comments and further discussion with stakeholders, the AICPA has incorporated a number of the suggestion and issued a revised proposal for exposure.

The Board will continue to evaluate and comment on recommended changes as this process progresses. We want to assure you that the Board is committed to ensuring that a reliable, cost effective peer review program exists for the licensees and consumers of Montana.

#### LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR: ANNUAL CPE

An annual task that the State Board performs is an audit of the CPA licensees' CPE. When you are renewing your annual license, it is crucial that you know that your CPE is up to date because if you renew your license, you are attesting that you have in fact met all the requirements for licensing which includes meeting the CPE requirements. Therefore, if the CPE audit determines your CPE does not meet the requirements, you could be subject to disciplinary actions. If during the renewal process you discover you have not met the CPE requirement, I would suggest that you make a CPE extension request of the State Board Office.



Dan Vuckovich, CPA Chair

Some ask why we perform this annual CPE audit. To answer this question, I would first like to discuss the audit process and the current year audit findings. Each year our goal is to randomly select for audit roughly 20% of the licensees in Montana. The odds are pretty good you will be selected for an audit at some time in the future if you are licensed in Montana long enough. As you may or may not know, several years ago the Board contracted with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) to request and review supporting information needed to verify the CPE that are being claimed by the licensee. We recently received a NASBA report on the information they reviewed for the last CPE audit. There were 334 licensees selected for audit and their audit findings were as follows:

- 249 Passed the CPE audit
- 3 Still in progress waiting for additional information
- 27 Did not comply with the audit
- 55 Failed the CPE audit

The Board is currently looking at the 27 licensees that did not comply with the audit and the 55 that failed the CPE audit to see what actions we may need to take. These two groups make up approximately 24.6% of the total licensees audited, which is a number that concerns me and validates the need for the annual CPE audit. I should tell you I was one of the 334 selected for audit this year and yes, I did pass.

The board is also watching closely the new developments in CPE and how CPEs are going to be offered in the future. There are proposed standards that would permit CPE credit for nano-learning and blended learning.

Nano-learning is defined as "a tutorial program designed to permit a participant to learn a given subject in a 10-minute timeframe through the use of electronic media (including technology applications and processes and computer-based or web-based technology) and without interaction with a real-time instructor."

Blended learning is defined as "an educational program incorporating multiple learning formats." Examples are e-learning, live or virtual classroom instruction, and workshops.

The Board will need to process these changes and how best to apply them to Montana licensees.

I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous 2017.....

Sincerely,

Dan Vuckovich, CPA, Chair

#### Practice Continuation Agreements

As a sole practitioner, do you have a plan in place to ensure that your clients' services and your employees' salaries will continue if you become incapacitated or die? What about safeguarding your client records? This is not a subject most of us want to think about but as the CPA profession continues to gray, it is becoming more of a necessity. In fact, a 2016 survey by the AICPA Private Company Practice Section found that only 7% of sole practitioners have a practice continuation agreement in place. While the statistics aren't nearly as dire for multi-owner firms, many of those have failed to implement such a plan, too.

NASBA and AICPA have recently completed the document *Practice* Continuation Agreements: A Practice Survival Kit to help practitioners develop a succession plan. A practice continuation agreement is a contract that ensures your practice is transferred to another CPA firm or individual in the event of your disability to death. Don't leave this burden to your family to sort out during an already difficult time.

While there is no requirement for such an agreement, the Board of Public Accountants recommends you consider addressing the issues surrounding the continuation of your practice or who will handle its closure. This Survival Kit can be found on the Board website.

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## MEMBERS APPOINTED TO SERVE ON NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Board members often volunteer to not only serve the profession at the state board level, but are often asked, and agree to serve at the national level. Two Montana Board of Public Accountant members have been tapped to serve on NASBA committees.

Dan Vuckovich, CPA, is serving his first year on the NASBA UAA (Uniform Accountancy Act) Committee. This is a joint AICPA-NASBA Committee consisting of 10 representatives from each organization. This committee generally establishes task forces to explore issues and the committee votes on possible amendments to the UAA. Proposed changes to the Model Rules are considered



by this committee and handled much the same way. NASBA members vote and the AICPA members take an advisory vote on Model Rule amendments. The UAA and Model Rules provide guidance and assist states in regulating the profession on a more consistent basis.

Linda Harris, CPA, has been reappointed to the NASBA Diversity Committee. This is a seven member committee, focused on broadening diversity, both gender and ethnic, within the CPA profession. This committee is working on affecting change in the profession, from the students contemplating a career in public accounting, to those serving the profession in the classroom and those serving in leadership positions. The future of the profession will reflect the important work of this committee.

#### **NEXT VERSION OF THE CPA EXAM** stop the hunt for info about the next version of the cpa exam

For those planning to sit for the Uniform CPA Examination after April 1, 2017, the National Association of the State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) provides a resource for everything you need to know about the examination at www.nasba.org/exams/the-next-version-of-the-cpa-exam/.

- The Candidate Bulletin: A handbook addressing everything you need to know about the Examination including:
  - Applying for the Examination
  - Scheduling Your Examination
  - Taking the Examination
  - Receiving Your Scores
- Frequently Asked Questions: A list of questions and answers relating to the Next Version of the CPA Exam.
- Scheduling BEC and REG Exam Sections: If you plan to sit for the BEC or REG sections on or after April 1, 2017, the earliest you may schedule your test date is March 11, 2017.



#### CPE Tracking System Friendly Reminder

Just a reminder that you can access your CPE record on the tracking system any time. Adding a course and completion documentation as you complete a course will make tracking your CPE quick and easy. And if you are selected for a random CPE audit, your work will already be done. You do not need to "submit to board" unless you are selected for audit and you are ready to be audited.

If you have not accessed your CPE tracking system account before, you will need to use the initial login password that was provided in May, 2015. If you no longer have that information, contact the Board office. If you have accessed your account before and can't remember how to log in, select "Forgot your password" option and a reset email will be sent to you.

#### Things to Remember

License Renewal Date: December 31 annually

**CPE Reporting Period:** 

January 1 – December 31 (every three years, rolling)

CPE General Requirement:

120 Hours

CPE Ethics Requirement:

2 Hours

CPE Credit Limitations:

- Instruction: Instructor credits are limited to 50% of total hours.
- Published materials: Authorship credits are limited to 25% of total hours.
- Reviewer: The maximum credit allowed for serving as a report reviewer under the board's profession monitoring program is 16 hours in any given calendar year reporting period. One hour of credit shall be granted per hour spent reviewing reports.

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### **EXPIRED FIRMS AS OF JANUARY 13, 2017**

As part of HB44 that was passed at the 2015 Legislative session, firms are no longer required to annually register multiple locations. This resulted in firms appearing to have expired firm registrations when, in fact, they are simply complying with the new requirement.

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**HIROYUKI ISHIGE** YUKIO ISHII NAMI ITO **ERIKA IWAMA** PRIYADHARSHINI JANARTHANAN KRISTEN SPRUILL JOHNSON TAKAYUKI KAKUTA HARUO KAWABE FAREED AHMED KHAN YI WON KUM ANTHONY CHEUK HON LAM SEUL GI LEE YIFANG LIN GARY R. LUCAS SAI CHUNG MAK JENNIFER MCCLOSKEY **DENISE R. MEYER TOSHIHIRO MINAMI** TOMOHIRO MIYASAKA FRANCIS MOON SUNG HYEOK MOON DAVID A. MOSER FALK MUNSEL

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CHRISTINE DILLON AASHEIM HANI SIMON ABBOUD **IBRAHIM JAFAR M ABDULLA** FATHI A W M ABU FARAH AHMAD MOH'D ABUELHOMMOS ELISA ROSE ADAM HABEEB ALI MARY B ALKE KENT ALME ABDULAZIZ ABDULLAH ALSAYARI ERIC K ANDERSON JON C ANDERSON **STEVEN L AULT KRISTIN K AUS** MOHAMED E E BABIKER LAURA L BAILEY MARY ELIZABETH BAKER YOUDERIAN **CRAIG DENNIS BARTHOLOMEW KATHERINE KULICH BARTON** 

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## ADMINISTRATIVELY SUSPENDED LICENSES

Administrative suspension of a license is not considered discipline and is not a result of delivery of services or based on competency of the licensee to practice. It is considered a technical or administrative violation rather than discipline.

As a result of the 2013-2015 CPE audit and follow-up, the following licensees have been administratively suspended:

KC Atkinson Laurie Susan Barrett Vyonne O Cook Rex G Davis Thomas Nelson Harper Tomoko Moriya Gretchen Ann Thornton James Hugh Toland James S Walter Robbyn Marie Yager

As a result of a mandatory CPE audit resulting from renewal of an expired license, the following license has been administratively suspended:

James M Oates

Please check the Board website FAQs to learn more about the administrative suspension policy and how to reinstate an administratively suspended license.

### **New Email Scam Targets Tax Professionals**

The Internal Revenue Service issued a warning to tax professionals to beware of a new two-stage email scam from cybercriminals who are posing as clients soliciting tax services.





#### TARGET: ACCOUNTING AND TAX PREPARATION FIRMS

You could be the next target especially during the upcoming tax season.

#### **REASON:**

To collect sensitive information that can enable criminals to prepare fraudulent tax returns.

#### 2 STAGES TO THE SCAM



#### EMAIL SENT FROM FRAUDSTER

"I need a preparer to file my taxes."

If the tax preparer responds, Stage 2 goes into effect.

Phishing emails may seem to come from a legitimate sender because they too have been victimized by cybercriminals who have taken over their accounts to send phishing emails.



#### FRAUDSTER SENDS A LINK

The link will either be embedded in the email or has an attachment with the link embedded.

If the link is clicked, the fraudster will begin to gather email addresses, passwords and other information.



#### HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Never click on a link or open an attachment from an unknown sender. Create internal policies or seek recommendations from secruity experts about how to deal with unsolicited emails seeking services.