

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS CHICAGO CHAPTER

BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 6, 2014

Present

Elaine Igelman, President
Matthew Matczynski, Past President
Thomas DiLisio, Treasurer
Olga Gesell, Website Director & Historian
Frank Moy, Education Director
Raul Nieto, CGFM
Rick Urbanowski, Chapter Recognition
Eddie Jones, Community Service Director

Absent

Steve Whitecotton, Job Referral
Cynthia "CJ" Carter, Program Director
Alexandria Hayden, Newsletter Editor

SUMMARY OF MEETING

❖ Quorum

- Matt took a roll call and announced that a quorum had been reached. There were 8 CEC members in attendance, including non-voting CEC member Elaine Igelman.

❖ Purpose Of June CEC Meeting

- Matt mentioned that Elaine had contacted him requesting that a CEC meeting be set up to resolve the Request For Proposal / Job Listing issue. Matt mentioned that at a previous CEC meeting the issue was discussed; however, no decision was reached to provide closure to the issue. Instead, Elaine volunteered to contact the AGA national office to obtain guidance on how to handle the issue. Elaine did contact the national office and got a response, which was sent to the executive committee members. Matt mentioned that after the guidance from the national office was received, emails were sent between certain CEC members arguing the issue, some of which were copied to all CEC members, and there was clear disagreement among certain CEC members on how to resolve the issue. Elaine contacted Matt to schedule a June CEC meeting, with the hope that the issue would be resolved at this meeting. Matt thanked everyone for participating in this meeting, especially on such short notice.

❖ Request For Proposal / Job Listing Issue

- Discussion was held regarding the Request For Proposal / Job Listing Issue. Key points mentioned include:
 - The issue was started when Olga was contacted by a land bank.
 - Olga mentioned that she believed that it was too late to respond to the entity that had contacted us.
 - A CEC member mentioned that it was important to set policy to handle any future requests.
 - Regarding past requests, Matt mentioned that to his knowledge the chapter received few requests to advertise job openings, and those that the chapter received were for federal jobs listed on the USAJOBS.gov website. Matt mentioned that the lack of past requests is likely why the chapter does not have a policy on this issue, as the chapter has not had to deal with such a request recently.
 - In response to a question, Matt mentioned that he was unsure if the current jobs referral director actively searched for job postings. Matt mentioned that the chapter's current job referral director was not participating in today's meeting.
 - A CEC member questioned if the chapter had the time and expertise to vet job openings / RFQs.
 - CEC members debated whether the chapter incurred any liability by posting job openings. No conclusive answer was reached.
 - CEC members debated whether the chapter should charge money for job openings to be advertised by the chapter, and debated whether charging money increased the chapter's liability. No conclusive answer was reached.
 - Matt mentioned that his preference was to not advertise job openings via email that the chapter sends to chapter members. Matt mentioned that the chapter should try to reduce the number of emails sent to our chapter members, and not use such emails that are sent for commercial purposes.

SUMMARY OF MEETING-Continued

❖ Request For Proposal / Job Listing Issue (Continued)

- A CEC member proposed that the chapter could place job openings on the chapter website and in the chapter newsletter. A CEC member also proposed that the chapter could put something in an email announcing the availability of the chapter newsletter that alerts the reader to new job openings, similar to what Alex does for other things when sending out chapter emails regarding the newsletter and educational events.
- A CEC member asked what the current job referral director did. Matt responded by saying that the current job referral director was not in attendance at the meeting. A CEC member proposed that the job referral director actively seek out job openings, and do something such as listing a “Job Of The Month” in the chapter newsletter.
- A CEC member questioned whether the chapter even needs a job referral director any longer. Matt mentioned that to the best of his knowledge, the job referral director position is currently vacant for the 2014-2015 chapter year. A CEC member mentioned that the job referral director position may have been needed many years ago before the internet, but questioned whether the position and related duties are still relevant.
- A CEC member mentioned that providing job openings to chapter members is a benefit. Discussion was held regarding whether chapter members value job listings as a member benefit, especially in today’s world with the internet and websites such as USAJOBS.gov. No definitive answer/consensus was reached.
- A CEC member proposed that the job referral director take on the responsibility of knowing the rules and responsibilities of posting job openings / RFQs and ensuring the chapter is in compliance.
- A CEC member mentioned that this is an area in which the chapter may need legal assistance such as via contacting an attorney to understand the laws and potential liability involved with this issue.
- A CEC member asked if someone at the Department of Labor may have knowledge on this issue and be able to provide guidance. Tom DiLisio (of DOL-ETA) answered that he could not think of anyone.
- A CEC member proposed that any requests for jobs / RFQs be forwarded to the national office. A CEC member mentioned that by posting a job with the national office instead of the Chicago chapter, the chapter avoids liability issues and the person making the request benefits as the job opening reaches a wider audience.
- Discussion was held regarding how the national office posts job openings and the fees charged by the national office. Discussion was also held regarding whether/how the national office vets employers; however, no definitive answer on vetting was reached.
- A motion was made to place a link on the chapter website to the AGA national website to post or view jobs. The motion was seconded. A vote was held and the motion passed unanimously, with all those casting votes voting in favor of the motion and nobody voting against.