

MSPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Crown Plaza Hotel  
September 22, 2011

Mary Lemons called the Annual General Membership Meeting to order. She introduced Joyce Funkhouser-Lingelbach, District Nine Governor. She then asked the members present to introduce themselves and where their practices are located.

Mary Lemons asked for a review of the last Annual General Membership meeting of September 2010 as they were published on the website. Becky Spencer moved to accept as published. David Leslie seconded. There was no discussion and they passed unanimously.

Gary Kasper, treasurer gave the financial report of the past fiscal year. Discussion on concerns of budget and loss of income. Duane McCullough made the motion to accept and Gloria Albright seconded. Passed as presented.

Duane McCullough presented the By-Law change that was published in the last newsletter and the website. He stated that it is in conflict with the NSA proposed By-Law on "Registered Tax Preparer". NSA would recognize them as "Active Member". The recommendation by the Board of Directors was they are admitted as "Associate Member". Becky Spencer made the motion to amend to accept Registered Tax Preparers as "Active Members" in line with the proposed By-Law change being presented to NSA members. Seconded by Frank Kuehn and passed.

Education Committee - Gloria Albright, eastern chair reported on the dates of Gear Up 1040. She has taken an ad this fall with the Billings Gazette to run two days in print and seven days on their website. Lenita Hansen and Cora Christensen of the west reported that Jennings 1040 will follow in October. Lenita Hansen also stated that they have sent post cards, flyers and ads. Discussion on mailing lists, including the PTIN list per Joyce Funkhouser-Lingelbach, ERO list that Becky Spencer has access to enhance the attendance in the future.

Membership Committee has not been active. Mary Lemons has agreed to chair. Mary Lemons will be present at the test sites of the new "Registered Tax Preparer" with information on NSA and the benefits of MSPA. She is also planning on working compliance of current Active Members under Sec 3, (1) (e). Jeanne Stecher reported that we currently have 84 members and two new applications in process.

Multi-Media Committee was reported on by Lenita Hansen. She gave the report on Cvent and expressed that she had received a lot of good comments from those registering on the site. The hotels can also provide an Icon under "Hotels" and allows for easy of registering for a room at our guaranteed rates. It was pointed out to still make accommodations for those who do not use nor trust the internet. Lenita Hansen and Gloria Albright have been providing paper applications for those.

Gloria Albright reported on the Newsletter. She publishes it three times a year. She thanked all of those that provided articles. She recently had a request for employment ad.

Becky Spencer, Political Action Chair, reported on the State Board of Accountancy is changing to a three year reporting period of 120 hours and no more annual.

Scholarship chair, Mike Sullivan has moved from Billings. Jeanne Stecher read the letter from the receipt ant of MSUB. She shared the request from the Foundation on background of the scholarship. Joyce Funkhouser-Lingelbach reported that District 9 won the honor at NSA for the total dollars and most people involved. It was reported that we also gave out reimbursement for EA preparation courses to two of our members.

State Director, Gloria Albright, reported on the recent meeting held in Alaska. She reported that the Governors Meeting is unpaid travel by NSA and cost is a burden on them. NSA did reimburse \$200 toward the registration. Directors training included a lot of sharing on NSA, Registered Tax Preparers not being required to have as much CPE, etc. She reported that 60% of NSA members do not belong on the state level. NSA does have good benefits such as E&O insurance, Tax Topics, and a multitude of others that are very important for sole practioners.

Nomination Committee consisting of Gary Kasper and Becky Spencer recommended for President, Van Barron, Vice President, Gloria Albright, Director Positions, Cora Christensen and Duane Mc MCCullough. Mary Lemons asked for any nominations from the floor three times and with no further nominations, Gary Kasper asked that nominations cease. Lenita Hansen seconded and it passed.

Mary Lemons asked if there was any old business. None was brought to the floor.

Mary Lemons asked for any new business. Duane MCCullough stated that we should not forget that per our By-Laws there is a 72 hour continuing education requirement every three years and any new "Registered Tax Preparer" that are approved must be made aware of this.

With no further business the Mary Lemons adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m. for dinner and Installation of officers by District Nine Director, Joyce Funkhouser-Lingelbach.

Mary Lemons did present Joyce Funkhouser-Lingelbach with a thank you gift at dinner for her coming to our Annual meeting. Van Barron, President presented Mary Lemons with a thank you gift for serving as the president of MSPA. A very nice evening was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Stecher, Executive Secretary