

Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
Meeting of January 22, 2008

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Members present: Pamela J. Douglass, CPA, Chairperson; Lee M. Spivey, CPA, Vice-Chair; Claire LaVoie, CPA; and John C. Borch, CPA. Absent: Cairn G. Cross.

OPR Staff present: Kevin F. Leahy, Board Counsel; Carla Preston, Unit Administrator and Patty Skinner, Administrative Assistant.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the December 19th meeting. Corrections were made as follows: #4 , paragraph three, delete “including mandatory Baccalaureate Degree and paragraph 5, Change last sentence to read “In theory, that change would put Vermont back on NQAS’s substantially equivalent list with asterisks.”.

Mr. Spivey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lavoie, to approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2008 meeting as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Hearings and/or Stipulation and Consent Orders for consideration – none.

4. Reports / Discussions

Ms. Douglass reported that Vermont is no longer considered substantially equivalent to the Uniform Accountancy Act, because Vermont does not include a path to licensure with a mandatory Baccalaureate Degree. The Board noted that the UAA is continually being amended which is cause for some concern when it involves legislative changes. The matter was discussed at length.

The Board discussed §71A (ii) and would like to change the one year of experience to two years with baccalaureate degree.

Ms. Douglass attended the society meeting, and reported that Mr. Steve Love would be working with us towards 2009 changes that would give us mobility among the states.

5. Applications

Mr. Spivey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lavoie, to approve the following applications for licensure. The motion passed unanimously.

Archana Sinha – Examination
Sarah Miles – Examination
Lori J. Druse – Endorsement
Mary E. Backof – Reinstatement
Michael Devlin – Reinstatement

Hillary Burrows – Examination
Oded Segev – Examination
Terrance Conway – Reinstatement
John Wholey – Endorsement

The Board reviewed the applications listed below but was unable to approve them as submitted. Applicants will be notified of the Board's findings.

James R. Calise – Examination- Based on the information provided, because Norell Corporation was not a CPA firm, the Board is requesting Mr. Calise to provide additional details about the nature of his accounting experience.

Aditya Misra – Examination – Mr. Misra's application was approved pending verification of her supervisor.

6. Correspondence (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; National Association of State Boards of Accountancy)

The Board reviewed and noted various correspondence from the sources mentioned above.

7. Miscellaneous Correspondence
8. Public Comment
9. Other business
 - a. The Board briefly discuss changing the law to add baccalaureate degree as of July 2009.
10. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 22, 2008
11. The regular meeting was adjourned at 11:35 PM. The Board then began a work session to discuss proposed changes to the Rule to be in compliance with its legislative mandate.