

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**March 16, 2021**

TO: Amanda Guanzini, CPA, Committee Chair
Lance Radziej, CPA
Godson Sowah, CPA

FROM: Amanda Guanzini, CPA, Committee Chair

SUBJECT: MARCH 16, 2021, COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Via Webex
11:00 A.M

The Committee met on the above-mentioned date, time and location.

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL**
Amanda Guanzini, CPA, Committee Chair
Lance Radziej, CPA
Godson Sowah, CPA

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Sharon Jensen, CPA, Board Chair
Doreen Johnson, Executive Director
Kay Weiss, Assistant Executive Director

GUESTS:
Linda Wedul, Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants (MNCPA)
Geno Fragnito, Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants (MNCPA)

- 2) Under Open Meeting Law 13D.021 and due to COVID-19 and the Peacetime Pandemic Order, it was neither practical nor prudent for all Committee members to be physically present at the meeting. The public was still able to participate. The Executive Director was physically present at 85 E 7th Place, St. Paul, MN 55101.

3) APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 20, 2021, and FEBRUARY 18, 2021, COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MSP: To approve the January 20, 2021, and February 18, 2021, meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Amanda Guanzini: Yes; Lance Radziej: Yes; Godson Sowah: Yes

4) NEW BUSINESS

A) Review CPE Rules for Required Changes

- (1) Review of *2019 CPE Statement on Standards* – Discussed recommending to full Board incorporating by reference the 2019 version and adding “Content Review” as defined in same to the Board’s “Writing” category of CPE.
- (2) Discuss remedies to Rule “silence” on
 - a. CPE requirements on status change to Exempt and Retired – Proposed requirement that anyone changing to Exempt or Retired after June 30 meet the CPE requirements as already defined in Rule in order to make the status change.
 - b. CPE requirements on/path to status change from Retired to Active –
 - (i) Proposed path parallel to status change from Exempt to Active, rather than requiring Reinstatement path/issuance of Reinstatement Order
 - (ii) Discussed issues raised by language in MN Statute 326A.045 Subd. 7 allowing for Retired to Inactive status change. Board will need to develop administrative backend for status requirement but also determine if statute should stand or whether no HSW rationale for Retired to Inactive. No Board rule currently exists regarding “reactivating” to a status of “Inactive.” Reactivation has been specific in Rule to status change to Active only. Discussed time delay between allowing status change from Retired and Inactive, possibly retaining the feature that a status change to Inactive occurs only during a renewal window.
 - c. Repeating CPE courses for credit toward requirements – Drafted language prohibiting credit for identical self-study course taken within the same 1-year reporting period.

5) ADJOURN

MSP: To adjourn at 12:34 p.m..

Roll call vote: Amanda Guanzini: Yes; Lance Radziej: Yes; Godson Sowah: Yes