

**Anchorage Estate Planning Council
Board Meeting
September 15, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President Cathie Straub at 12:05 p.m. at the offices of Financial Resources, Inc., 1600 A Street, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Board members present at the meeting included: Karen Padgett, Caroline Wanamaker, Cathie Straub, Wayne Eski, Jan Temple, Laura Bruce, Alan Sandar, and Christina Passard.

The President first reported on the Board of Directors' email vote on Leimberg Services. It was reported that the Directors logged five votes to discontinue Leimberg Services. Therefore, it was resolved that Leimberg Services shall be discontinued.

The President next discussed the current Director cohort rotations. Because the past-president is not a voting Director, another Director needs to be appointed to replace Rebecca Martin, who is the past-president and currently in an "at large" director cohort. Jim Plymire and Bill Pearson are interested in becoming Directors. Caroline Wanamaker and Cathie Straub will follow-up with either Jim Plymire or Bill Pearson.

The President next discussed the membership update from Janine Becka. Janine Becka sent the President a spreadsheet of membership renewals which contained three new members. Budget membership was close to being met. The board discussed sending out a second email for non-renewed members, because directory information is needed as soon as possible.

The President next discussed calling non-renewed members instead of paying Janine Becka to do so. The Directors then divvied up the non-renewed members for individual phone contact.

The President next discussed new membership procedures per Page 2 of the Bylaws. She asked the Secretary to outline the mechanism to admit new members.

The President next suggested sending a thank you gift to Ron Trevithick for the use of his Petroleum Club membership. It was therefore unanimously resolved that the Council shall send a \$50.00 gift card to Ron Trevithick for the use of his membership at the Petroleum Club for the Council meetings.

The President next discussed the National Conference. It was unanimously decided that the Council would not send a Director to the National Conference due to lack of benefit to the entire Council.

Alan Sandar next presented the Treasurer's Report. Alan Sandar pointed out the main difference from last year's budget was a \$400.00 projector rental. The largest expenses

are the room rental, Christmas party, and national speaker. Getting rid of Leimberg services will slightly increase cash flow. The final 2008-2009 budget was unanimously approved.

The President circulated a list of potential national speakers for the Directors to decide upon. An alternative to the national speaker was discussed.

The next item for discussion was programs for the 2008-2009 season. An update on the September meeting program was presented by Laura Bruce. The September 29, 2008, meeting was finalized. The Secretary was directed to post the September speaker's bio to the website.

Additional program topics discussed included a legislative update by Stephen Greer, and an ethics update for estate planners. The Board discussed Tom Turner's conflict with his September presentations for Alaska USA and for the Council. It was unanimously resolved to send invites to the membership for Tom Turner's Alaska USA presentation and to take Tom Turner off the Council's potential program list so there is no overlap.

Next it was discussed that there is an out-of-state speaker on social security that might be willing to come up on his own expense; Alan Sandar will explore this speaker. The President distributed a handout on seven or eight speakers. Alan Sandar suggested the 412(i) speaker.

Alan Sandar then delivered an update on the Christmas party. The date is December 8, 2008. A deposit was sent to Kinley's, but no planning will occur until thirty days prior to the event date. The President sent an email to the Alaska Children's Choir to perform at the Party.

Karen Padgett next presented the Secretary's Report. The website needs updating and maintenance. Karen Padgett and Christina Passard will get together to update Leimberg, officers, post minutes, member benefits, and a section on leadership.

Next the President requested that each officer position generate a description for review and discussion. The President-elect description was complete but the Treasurer and Secretary descriptions need to be completed, and all need to be posted on the website.

Next, it was discussed that the CPA cohorts position was responsible for the AEPC's tax return. The Secretary shall keep the tax return and post it to the website. The Secretary shall hold the Council's original by-laws.

The next board meeting was not scheduled at this time. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christina Passard.