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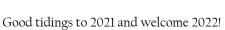
Another Year is in the Books!

I've been reflecting on where we have been this past year and the impact it has on all of us. The pandemic brought forth many changes and we continue to navigate these new "norms," however, we must remain focused on our profession and the responsibilities of a licensed professional. That stated, the Board received several inquiries during the year and I wanted to address the most common ones:

- "I didn't know that was a rule." All Oklahoma PAs and CPAs are required to comply with the Oklahoma Accountancy Act and Administrative Code. It is your responsibility to know and follow these guidelines. If it's been awhile since you have reviewed our rules and law, please take a moment to look over this information on our homepage at www.ok.gov/oab, under "About the Board."
- "Why do I have to follow guidelines my colleagues don't?" If they are not a Certified Public Accountant, then they are not subject to the same rules as you, the CPA. Employers, the public, and our profession expect persons with the CPA designation to be held to a higher standard. Thus, different rules govern our profession.
- "Why do I have to do CPE?" When we get our certificates, we are told that the CPA profession requires a life-long commitment to learning.

 Continuing professional education is how we stay abreast of industry news. More importantly, you have an ethical and professional obligation to those you serve to earn sufficient continuing professional education annually to maintain your professional competency as a CPA.

And on a final note, as most of you have discovered, we implemented a new licensing system in 2021. For those that just completed a renewal, this was the end of our first year using the Thentia system. I wrote about this before, but for us to start from scratch and four months later implement a system was incredible. We continue to work to upgrade the system and we expect great things in 2022!



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Randall A. Ross, CPA Executive Director

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Board Vice Chair, David Greenwell, CPA, addresses the New CPAs



Jim Taylor, CPA, presents CPA certificate to Ochanya Ocheola-Oki



OSCPA Chair, Sharon Haley, CPA, Presents a Silver Medal Award to Marisa Burke

Fall 2021 New CPA Recognition Ceremony

The Board was excited to host our first in-person ceremony since the onset of the pandemic! On November 13, 2021, OAB staff and several Board members convened at the Oklahoma City Community College Visual and Performing Arts Center to recognize Oklahoma's newest CPAs. Board Vice Chair, David Greenwell, CPA, addressed attendees, emphasizing the important nature of the accounting profession. Board Member, Jim Taylor, CPA, led the new CPAs in reciting the Oklahoma Accountants' Pledge. As family and friends looked on, 43 new CPAs were presented with their Oklahoma CPA certificates.

OSCPA Chair, Sharon Haley, CPA, recognized the following individuals for achieving the highest exam scores in their respective windows:

Silver Medal Award Matthew Conrad Krehbiel Marisa Dawn Burke

Congratulations to our newest CPAs and the OSCPA award winners, and thank you to the many friends and families who helped make the day memorable! ★

SAVE THE DATE

Firm Registration Begins May 1st and ends June 30th.

The Board will mail registration reminders the first week in May.





If you are currently unemployed, not performing any type of accounting-related work, or are retired from <u>ALL</u> forms of compensated employment, you may be eligible for one of the options listed below.

Please note: Registrants may not possess an active Permit to Practice while claiming any of these options.



ACTIVE CPA CERTIFICATE WITH AN INACTIVE CPE EXEMPTION

- Exempt from CPE reporting
- Continue to complete yearly registration and pay applicable fees
- CPA Status will reflect "Active" in our system
- Cannot be currently employed, or may be employed but in a non-accounting related role (ex. Walmart Greeter)



ACTIVE CPA CERTIFICATE WITH A RETIRED CPE EXEMPTION

- Exempt from CPE reporting
- Continue to complete yearly registration and pay applicable fees
- CPA Status will reflect "Active" in our system
- Must be retired from all forms of compensated employment



RETIRED CPA CERTIFICATE (AKA FULL RETIRED STATUS)

- Exempt from CPE reporting
- Does not complete yearly registrations or pay applicable fees
- CPA status will reflect "Retired" in our system
- Must be retired from all forms of compensated employment

The OAB does not offer an "Inactive" CPA certificate status. Registrants may request to cancel their certificate in good standing as an alternative. While claiming any of these options, registrants must denote "retired" or "inactive" following "CPA" on **any** correspondence.

For more information, please contact the OAB at: okaccybd@oab.Ok.Gov.

Accounting Hall of Fame, Sandra Siegfried, CPA



Sandra Siegfried

The OSCPA named Sandra "Sandy" Siegfried, CPA, its 63rd inductee into the Accounting Hall of Fame.

Siegfried was honored during the OSCPA's Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon, which was held in conjunction with the 2021 Annual Members Meeting on September 17.

Each year, the OSCPA selects one individual to join its most elite group of Oklahoma CPAs who have set a new standard for the profession through their successes.

Siegfried's CPA journey began at Oklahoma State University (OSU), where she fell in love with accounting and her college sweetheart, Kerry. Sandy and Kerry were married the summer of her senior year before completing her accounting degree at the University of Tulsa.

The Tulsa native earned her CPA certification in 1976. Since then, her dedication to the accounting profession has left a permanent and positive imprint.

Siegfried started her career with Amaco. Wanting a greater challenge, she decided to pursue a career in public accounting

at Tulsa's Stanfield + O'Dell. She quickly discovered a love for tax and consulting, especially for nonprofits, and would develop a long and impressive career with the Firm.

Siegfried served as chair of the OSCPA Board of Directors from 2002-2003. During her OSCPA membership, she has volunteered her time supporting many of the OSCPA's committees and Educational Foundation. She also currently serves on the Oklahoma Accountancy Board.

Further proving her commitment to the profession, Siegfried was honored as OSU's 2021 Distinguished Friend of the School of Accounting, which recognizes individuals who have provided significant support and service to the school. She has an immense pride for OSU and continues to dress in orange and attend the school's football games with her family.

Now retired, Siegfried spends time with her two daughters and four grandchildren at OSU games and the lake.

Siegfried was chosen to join the Accounting Hall of Fame by three prior recipients of the honor. She was chosen based on a culmination of her roles and activities with the OSCPA, AICPA, Oklahoma Accountancy Board, her professional attainments and public welfare activities. (OSCPA, September 23, 2021) *

Ross and Ley Receive Honors

The Oklahoma Accountancy Board is extremely proud of its Executive Director Randall A. Ross, CPA for being honored by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) for his leadership and efforts to advance the accounting profession. Representatives from 54 U.S. jurisdictions attended NASBA's 114th Annual Meeting where Mr. Ross



Randy Ross

was named the 2021 recipient of the Lorraine P. Sachs Standard of Excellence Award. This prestigious award recognizes a current state board executive or administrator that has shown outstanding service to improving the effectiveness of accounting regulation on local and national fronts. Mr. Ross also served from 2017-2018 as the chair of NASBA's Executive Directors Committee and as liaison to the NASBA Board of Directors. Mr. Ross is a former member of NASBA's CBT Administration, Enforcement Resources, Executive Directors and Peer Review Compliance Committees, as well as the Joint ALD/ERC Subcommittee. Currently, Mr. Ross serves as a member of NASBA's Legislative Support Committee.



Barbara Ley

Congratulations Barbara A. Ley, CPA, and former member of the Oklahoma Accountancy Board, for being recognized on November 3, 2021, as a leader in the accounting profession by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), during its 114th Annual Meeting. Representatives from 54 U.S. jurisdiction were on hand to watch Ms. Ley win NASBA's

prestigious Distinguished Service Award, which honors individuals who have demonstrated an unswerving commitment and dedication to enhancing the mission of NASBA. Ley is a former chair of the CPA Examination Review Board (2016- 2017), a former Southwest Region representative on NASBA's Nominating Committee, and a former member of NASBA's CPA Licensing Examinations and Education Committees. In addition, she is a former chair, vice chair, secretary and member of the Oklahoma Accountancy Board, and a former president, treasurer, secretary, and member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Mark Your Calendars!

	2022 Board Meetings							
All Board meetings are held at the Oklahoma Accountancy Board, 201 NW 63rd Street, Suite 210, Oklahoma City, unless otherwise noted.								
January	21	Cancelled	July	15				
February	18		August	19				
March	18		September	16	Offsite Meeting			
April	22		October	21				
May	20		November	18				
May	21	Spring New CPA Recognition Ceremony	November	19	Fall New CPA Recognition Ceremony			
June	17		December	16				

State of Oklahoma Holidays 2022					
Friday	December 31, 2021	New Year's Day			
Monday	January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day			
Monday	February 21, 2022	Presidents' Day			
Monday	May 30, 2022	Memorial Day			
Monday	July 4, 2022	Independence Day			
Monday	September 5, 2022	Labor Day			
Friday	November 11, 2022	Veterans Day			
Thursday & Friday	November 24 & 25, 2022	Thanksgiving			
Monday & Tuesday	December 26 & 27, 2022	Christmas			

Enforcement Actions

A complete list of OAB Enforcement Actions finalized between January 2021 - December 2021 is published on the OAB's website. The document can be found by clicking here:

January 2021 - December 2021 Enforcement Actions ★

2021 NEW CPAS

Natnael Abebe Ghadir Al Rashaideh Sabrina Allgood Landen Anderson Leah Ashrafi Amanda Barkheimer Dallas Barnes Haley Barnett Melea Barrick Andrea Barry Sanjiv Barve Justin Bederka Richard Bisson James Blasko K.C. Boultinghouse Kayla Bradley Carson Brown Kelsey Brown Madison Buckley Zachary Butler Trent Caldwell Iohn Caldwell Caroline Cantrell Ryne Carman Nathan Carson Thaimy Castro Benitez Josue Castro Lopez Daniel Chadwick Yenifer Chaves Nilamba Chudasama Jennifer Clarke Matthew Coakley Kevin Cook Andrew Cook Carly Costley David Dani Amber Dav Diane Day Hayden Deberry

Crystal Delaney

Emily Dillard Cassandra Divelbiss Samantha Doberenz Rachel Donaldson Rachel Dreiling Peter Edwards Jordan Edwards Kaylyn Edwards Naomi Eisenmenger Logan Engle Samuel Enloe Abraham Farani David Fenley Alexander Ferguson Erika Fields Luke Fillmore Sienna Finn Ashley Flores Christopher Flowers Jennifer Fortson Darren Fox Cedrus Funk Aundria Gill Kyle Gilmore Kathryn Glenn Colton Goyer Keegan Grooms Chloe Grotts Riley Guy Shelby Hackney Clayeton Hammock Benjamin Hangsleben Hunter Hansen Jared Head Diana Healey Sarah Heffington **Emmaly Helt** Casey Herndon Zachary Hestily

Paxson Hightower

Dominic Himich Jeremy Hladik Andrew Hood Hannah Hunt Timothy Inbody Ashley Isaac Cleve Jackson Christopher Jenkins Madison Johnson Emma Johnson Julia Jolly Bryce Jones Bailey Jordan Rachel Kaiser Kaitlin Karcher Alexandria Kauffman Brian Kelley Joseph Kennedy Jinsu Kim Andrew King Amber King Amanda Koll Matthew Krehbiel James Kuegler Michael Lair Maggie Lam Keondre Lawrence Jing Li Adam Lightfoot Anne Lindsay Matthew Linscott Qiulin Liu Yan Lu Michael Lunn Yusuf Marey Katie Martinez Christopher McCaslin Isaac McCaslin Traves McCorkle Janet McGraw

Eric McKinney Jefferson McKnight Joseph McNamara Jacob Meacham Joy Mennerick Jordan Meyer Alexandra Moody Michael Neuberger Colby Nicholson Marla Niskern Matthew Nunez Ochanya Ocheola-Oki Jessica O'Dell Tyler Ogle Ashley Okotoghaide James Olmstead Kaylee Pace Ritabahen Patel Harley Pennington Linh Pham Amber Pierce Connor Preston Robert Reining Todd Riddle Alexandra Riggs William Robinson Allison Robinson Deborah Rowden Mallary Schaub Jon Schwake Amy Scott-Sanjur Jevon Seaman Julia Seigel Juraj Sekera Kirsty Shankles Adrian Shoecraft Rvan Shores Jordan Short Collin Short Christina Shults

April Sitton Mason Sixsmith Kyler Skelton Elbereth Smith Jay Smith Elizabeth Stewart Victor Stillwell Dale Straight Chase Talbert Kooper Taylor Jacob Teague Carole Tear Noah Tedescucci Naomi Tevebaugh Yimiao Tian Zachary Tillotson Marsela Treska Kong Chiu Tsang Brittney Tucker Joseph Urbon Julissa Uriarte Zachary Vann Ashley Ventris Jacob Ventris Rachel Voigtlander Mykaela Wallace Beth Ward Landon Wheelock Ethan Williams John Williamson Kegan Wilson Vanessa Winnie Isaac Winters Laura Wolf Hannah Woodman Matthew Woodward Lance Worsham Junyang Zheng

Candidate's Corner

OKLAHOMA ACCOUNTANCY BOARD

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES QUARTER 3/2021 (7/01/2021 THROUGH 09/30/2021)

GAVIN SCOTT ALEXANDER **JOSHUA Q ANDERSON** RYNE ANDREW CARMAN KIRA ROSALEA COX CAMERON TIMOTHY CREMIN **SUZANNA GABRIELLE DOWNEY TYLER RANCE FLETCHER** JENNIFER NICOLE FORTSON **ROBBY BEAR GROTTS** ANNA KAY GUNTER **CLAYETON TANNER HAMMOCK**

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JOSEPH GABRIEL ROMANO AIDEE STEPHANIA SALAS-**MONTOYA**

AMBER LYNN SMITH ELIZABETH MICHELINE STEWART NOAH RUSSELL TEDESCUCCI **BRITTNEY MICHELLE TUCKER** VANESSA MARIE VELASCO RACHEL D VOIGTLANDER LEAH REBEKAH WIETHOLTER **VANESSA MARIE WINNIE**

Total Successful Candidates = 32 BOLD = Each section passed on first sitting

OKLAHOMA ACCOUNTANCY BOARD

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES QUARTER 4/2021 (10/01/2021 THROUGH 12/31/2021)

ALLYSON LEIGH AKERS

LINDSAY DAWN BARTON MITCHELL MARTIN BENSCH

REBBECCA LYN BUSH

ANDREW TY COX

PHUONG CAT DO

RACHEL LYN DONALDSON

LOGAN JAMES ENGLE

ASHLEY HANNAH GOODMAN

JEREMY NATHANIEL GRANT

BAILEY PHILLIP GOWER

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WILLIAM HUSDON KUYKENDALL

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IAN O'GUIN

KAYLEE NICOLE PACE SANYA CARLEE PARKER

SAVANNAH ROSE PRICE

AMBERLY DAWN PROCTOR

KAYL JOSHUA REITER

ROBERT PAUL RUPNIK

ERIC JAY RUSSELL

TYLER ADAM SCHLOBOHM

SOPHIA QUINN SHARP

ELIZABETH GRACE SHEPARD

PAULA JANETTE SHOEMAKER

MARISA ALEXIS SMITH

TAYLOR JOSEPH STEPHENS

VALERIE ANN STEPHENS

MORGAN THOMAS

AGNESSA ALEKSANDROVNA

TIMOSHENKO

SASHA LENAY UNKEL

EVAN N VILLALON

KERRI LEA WEBB

SEAN ALEXANDER WEBSTER

ALEC DAVID WEIBEL HANNAH MARIE WILSON

JORDAN ROBERT YEE

Total Successful Candidates = 46

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