

MINUTES
NORTHEAST STEERING COMMITTEE
Spring Meeting
April 24, 2003

Present: Mark Higgins, Patricia M. Poli, Philip Jagolinzer, Peter Battelle, John Ribwzzo, Steven Jarett, Robert Walsh, Robert H. Colson, Beth Hawes Brown, Joan Hollister, Mary Collins.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM at the Stamford Marriott.
2. A motion was made to approve the minutes of our last meeting held January 10, 2003 in New York City, NY. The motion passed.
3. Mark and Robert provided an update of the AAA National Council meeting held in St. Louis. There were two major issues addressed at that meeting. The first was the financial condition of the AAA and the possibility of the AAA imposing greater cost sharing on the regions and sections. However, for the Northeast region the additional cost sharing would be minimal. The second issue was that the AAA Executive Committee had supported a proposal of the AAA publications Committee to create a new AAA journal and the abolishing of two AAA journals, Issues in Accounting Education and Accounting Horizons. After much discussion concerning the appropriateness of this idea, it was agreed to speak with the incoming AAA President Bill Felix at the steering committee dinner concerning this issue. (Note: Subsequent to the meeting, the AAA Executive Committee decided against the creation of a new journal and the abolishment of the aforementioned AAA journals.)
4. At the AAA Council meeting, the President of the Mid-Atlantic region inquired of Mark about the two regions co-hosting a meeting in the future. Mark indicated that the region was probably set through the 2006 meeting but that in late 2004 he would have the Northeast President check back with the Mid-Atlantic President about whether the idea was still viable. In addition, it was agreed that before proceeding we should survey some of our membership to determine their interest in a joint meeting.
5. Pat Poli gave a report on the status of the Northeast Region meeting and indicated that she expected more than 150 people to attend and that her fundraising efforts had been successful in that the paper awards would be sponsored by Becker/Conviser.
6. Mark provided an update on the webpage. Pat indicated that it worked well for the meeting. However, a suggestion was made to shorten the web address and Pat thought that a different layout design should be used.

7. Robert provided an update on the 2004 meeting in Albany which will be held April 29, 2004-May 1, 2004 at the Marriott in Albany. Robert indicated that information about the meeting and Albany would be distributed at the meeting. He also enquired about the feasibility of a trip on Thursday from Albany to the baseball Hall of Fame. The committee agreed that while the trip sounded very interesting it would result in a long day for those who went on the trip. In addition, it would be very difficult to gauge interest in the trip and would probably require those interested to come to Albany on Wednesday night.
8. Concerning the 2005 meeting in Long Island, Mark agreed to contact Dee concerning the status of the hotel.
9. Mark stated that he expected to receive a packet later this summer from Afshad Irani of the University of New Hampshire (UNH) concerning his interest in serving as the program chair and UNH as the host school for the 2006 meeting. Afshad said he would like to hold the meeting in Portsmouth, NH.
10. Bob Colson reminded everyone that the New York State Society of CPAs offers student memberships which are an excellent value for accounting students especially those in MBA programs with a concentration in accounting and Masters of Accounting programs. He also indicated that the Society was planning on having a policy conference in the Fall, 2003. In addition, to encourage people to submit papers to the Northeast regional meeting, he would support a paper session on accounting policy issues (topic(s) selected by Robert and Bob) where the papers presented would then be published in the CPA Journal. He also encouraged the committee and their colleagues to submit papers to the CPA Journal because the journal is always looking for high quality papers, especially in the area of tax planning.
11. After determining that there was no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.