

Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 6, 2024 8:00 – 8:45 am EST Virtual

Board Members Attending	
Mark Taylor, President	Linda Parsons, Director-Focusing on
Audrey A. Gramling, President-Elect	Membership
Mark Dawkins, Past President	Cristina Florio, Director-Focusing on International-
Anne Farrell, Vice President-Finance	Elect
Margaret Christ, Vice President-	Tim Rupert, Director-Focusing on Segments
Finance-Elect	Bette Kozlowski, Director-Focusing on Academic/Practitioner
Sarah McVay, Vice President-	Interaction
Research and Publications	Yvonne Hinson, Chief Executive Officer
Natalie T. Churyk, Vice President-	
Education	
Norma Montague, Vice President-Diversity, Equity,	
and Inclusion	
AAA Guests & Professional Staff Attending	
Sidney Askew, Council Chair	Darlene Dobson, Executive Assistant

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Proposed outsourcing of finance - Yvonne discussed the proposals for outsourcing finance.

- Yvonne and Anne Farrell initially discussed outsourcing finance with five groups in November/December 2023
- The pool was narrowed down to three options in January 2023. Margaret Christ and Bette Kozlowski joined the meetings with these three groups.
 - 1. Wolf and Company
 - 2. Kaiser Consulting
 - 3. Escalon Services, Inc.
- Narrowed down to these two groups as of February 2024:

Wolf and Company

- 1. Large top 100 CPA accounting firm with a set rate every month.
- 2. Requires a one-year commitment.
- 3. Extra charge for tax preparation

Kaiser Consulting

- 1. Small boutique firm with pay for what you use hourly rate. The first few months they will be a little higher but expect to see efficiencies and the amount will be lower as time goes on.
- 2. Mark Taylor and Annie Farrell both know Lori Kaiser, the founder and strategic advisor of Kaiser Consulting.
- 3. Kaiser Consulting said if we decide we want to bring our finance back in house in 5-6 months they offer a shorter commitment.
- 4. Tax preparation would be an hourly charge.

MSC to have Yvonne make the decision on what group to go with to take over the AAA finances.

Beta Alpha Psi	
We presented a service provider proposal to Beta Alpha Psi, after discussion and approval by the AAA Management team. We tried to be very conservative in our cost estimates because it is hard to know the exact cost. They were paying \$65,000 to the AICPA and we cannot meet that price. We are inclined to only go with a two-year contract if we decide to do work for Beta Alpha Psi. Yvonne asked the Board for approval to move forward with a contract.	
MSC to move forward with a contract with Beta Alpha Psi.	