

## CROP Teleconference Minutes

Prepped by: Daniel D. Morris

Date: October 24, 2002

Time: 9:00 AM PDT

Attendees: Executive Committee Members (Excom): Mitchell Freedman, Andrew Blackman, Paul Bjorklund, Dale Spradling, Dan Morris

Guests: Kendall Wheeler and John Levy

Reviewed suggested agenda –

Chaired by Mitch:

Mitch to contact Ed Kliegman of National Conference of CPA Practitioners (NCCPAP) to explore mutual interests as they had contacted him

As Paul lives in AZ and Mitch and Andy will be in Scottsdale the first week of January it was decided that the Excom will meet in person on Sunday 1/5/03 in Scottsdale AZ – at the Marriott Desert Ridge. More specific details will be forthcoming.

Meeting with James A. O'Malley - Mitch will prepare and distribute a memo to Excom. After approval it will be posted on XYZ Caucus list serve for comment and then to the Crop list serve and web site (possibly to XYZTalk also- Mitch and the other participants summarized the meeting and conference call.

As an initial short-term strategy Mitch discussed contacting responsible parties, i.e. Chairs and/or Executive Directors of each of the other state societies. The purpose will be to show them the intent of the initiative started in CA to make AICPA Council representation more democratic and representative of the members. We will attempt to convince other states to use this as a framework regarding the selection of AICPA Council members in their states –We will use the XYZCaucus list serve membership and perhaps crop members to contact key people in each state.

John Levy will provide a bullet point outline of the introduced CalCPA Bylaws Amendment for consideration by the other states. It will then be provided to the XYZCaucus for review and comments.

Andy – discussed a little about the information he received about the AICPA Council Meeting –There was a resolution that was brought forth by the New York State delegation regarding reorganizing the AICPA Council. Andy's

understanding was that the NYSSCPA “original” resolution (had it even made it to the floor, much less get approved) would have been a very good start to showing a serious and committed concern about our future by the AICPA Council. The reality was that even a watered down version could not be passed.

We would like to believe that the incoming leadership would take the New York proposal as a cue and still commit to examining what improvements can be made to make structure and governance more responsible and accountable. The Council members’ failure to act makes it seem that it is either out of touch or was unduly influenced to shun any formal commitment to such an agenda. This unfortunately does not give us reason to be optimistic about the task ahead to create any form of meaningful change.

A permanent schedule of future Excom teleconference meetings was approved. We will meet each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 9 AM Pacific Time - November 7<sup>th</sup> is the next one. Agendas will be prepared to provide that these meetings will be no more than 1 hour in duration.

Creation of a list serve specifically for communication for the Excom was approved. Kendall will handle this.

Finances - Dale suggested, and it was agreed, that we wait until the January meeting before we address budgetary and other financial issues. Until then, each Excom member will voluntarily pay his or her own costs of participation.

Committees and task forces - Mitch suggested that for the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting the Excom members come up with ideas for developing a framework for other Crop and Caucus members to become involved and pro-active in the reform movement. He asked that ideas for committees and task forces be brought to that meeting.

Prioritization of a mission and objectives - It was agreed that Excom members will review the mission and objectives that came out of the Malibu meeting and determine if any changes or refinements should be recommended to The Caucus.

Meeting ended at 10 AM PDT