

Pennsylvania State Association of County Auditors
52nd Annual Convention – Genatti Best Western Conference Center, Wilkes Barre PA
September 28 – October 2, 2014

Sunday, September 28, 2014

Woming County Auditors Laura Dickson, Judy Shupp, and William Eggleston welcomed the County Auditors to the Best Western.

Monday, September 29, 2014

Laura Dickson welcomed the auditors to Wyoming County and introduced Commissioner Ronald Williams. Commissioner Summers welcomed the group and told of the many activities available in the county and surrounding area.

President Annette Isgan opened the 52nd Annual Convention with the official Call to Order with the Invocation offered by Donna Jones, Perry; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Isgan. Roll Call was performed by Julie Palmer, Secretary, and President Annette Isgan handed out the Policy & By-Laws Booklet.

President Isgan thanked Wyoming County for hosting, and mentioned our agenda which contained several educational sessions. She closed her opening remarks by thanking all who helped her during this past year.

Minutes 2013 Convention: President Isgan asked for the reading of the 51st Convention minutes. Motion was made to accept the minutes as emailed to each auditor and waive the reading by Tom Foran, Pike; seconded by Tonya Clark, Bedford. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Heather Mohnkern presented the Treasurer's Report.

Total Checking Account Beginning Balance:	\$51,351.67
Receipts for 2014:	25,934.07
Total Balance:	\$77,285.74
Expenses:	(22,122.41)
Balance 9/28/14:	\$55,163.33

NOTES: * Under RECEIPTS, 2014 Convention Registration figure does not include \$600.00, which was received at convention.

* Under EXPENSES, Legislative Representatives figure does not include receipts received at convention for payment.

See attached report for account detail. (Page A-1.pdf)

Sue Leonard, Clarion, motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by Tom Foran, Pike. Motion unanimously carried.

Legislative Report: John Steele, Somerset, stated there is currently no legislation affecting Auditors. Last year, Tonya Clark joined as a Legislative Representative, soon after which the Local Government Commission formed a subcommittee to review and integrate language of 2nd Class Counties with 3rd thru 8th Class Counties, Article XVII, Fiscal Affairs, and specifically, Section 1720 thru Section 1730 dealing with auditor / controller procedure. Between the three of us, we had representation at all of the meeting, which should conclude early 2015.

Based on questioning from our Commissioners, it is possible that CCAP may be preparing to do a survey regarding our days / hours worked, salary, etc.

John announced that, after serving four years as one of our Legislative Representatives, he will resign from that position on December 31, 2014. He expressed his appreciation for the support over these years.

Solicitor's Report:

Jeff Shank thanked Annette Isgan and the Executive Board for renewing his contract for another year. After reviewing the contract, he has served as our solicitor for 17 years!

The Annual Report was reviewed, with opinions rendered, and background to several items previously discussed by John Steele, Legislative Rep. The Annual Report was emailed to each auditor, with additional copies available.

The Northumberland County pay and benefits lawsuit was discussed. Synopsis: In 2013, the County Commissioners, to apparently fulfill an election promise, decided they were going to significantly reduce pay and benefits for the elected officials. The Commissioners did the reduction by resolution. A group of elected officials filed a lawsuit in the trial court, successfully securing a preliminary injunction. This decision was appealed by the Commissioners to the Commonwealth Court. The Judge ordered briefs on the legal issues from both sides, due August 21, 2014, at which time the Northumberland County Commissioners withdrew their appeal of the grant of the preliminary injunction. The case is now in the trial court awaiting decision of either litigant on how to proceed.

Committee Reports:

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Roger Richards, Jefferson; Matt Allen, Bradford; and Miriam Anstine, Juniata. The committee conducted an audit of the 2013 Convention financial records and the Treasurer's 2013-2014 financial records. After reviewing, both sets of records were found to be in good order and correct.

POLICY & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: Diana Perry, Crawford; Kathleen Schloesser, Wayne; Rebecca Briggs, Tioga; and Shirley Harbaugh, Bedford. The committee had no suggested changes to the Policy and By-Laws of the Association.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Robin Horne, Huntingdon; Heather Mohnkern, Venango; Michelle Crowell, Clinton; and Pauline Kleintop, Potter. Motion to accept the 2015 budget as proposed by Rodney Ralston, Columbia; seconded by Terri McFadden, Venango. Motion passed unanimously. (Proposed 2015 Budget: Page A-2.pdf)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Tonya Clark, Bedford; Tom Foran, Pike; Margo Germino, Potter; and Donna Jones, Perry. The Nominations Committee presented the slate of officers to be elected:

President: Tom Foran

Vice President: Brenda Scarantine

Executive Board: Diana Perry

Christopher (Chris) Seeley

Charlotte Wright

A Motion to accept the nominations as presented was made by Ann Seaman, Pike; seconded by Margo Germino, Potter. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Convention 2015: Juniata County will be our host. The Convention will be held in State College at the Ramada State College Hotel & Conference Center, from September 27 – October 1, 2015. Thanks to Mim, Laura, and Nancy for hosting!

Convention 2016: To be announced.

Convention 2017: Crawford County will be our host. We will have details closer to the date. Thanks to Diana, Chris, and Katy for stepping up so far in advance!

Web Site: Annette Isgan asked for volunteer to take over seeing the website, www.auditpa.org. Heather Mohnkern, Venango, will review and look at possibly taking over its operation. Although email is being used much more by the Secretary as a means of getting info to the auditors, it is felt the website should be maintained to post certain items for general info.

Convention Booklet: Annette Isgan asked for a volunteer to take over booklet preparation for the upcoming conventions. Carol Manbeck, Union, will be the point of contact for any upcoming conventions. The Secretary will work with her regarding the Auditor listing and maintain the spreadsheet used in compiling the Index of Auditors.

Thank you, Annette for the many years of maintaining both the website and the booklet. Your work has been greatly appreciated!

Convention Agenda:

Monday, September 29, 2014

8:45 a.m. Official Convention Opening

Roll Call

Business Meeting

10:45 a.m. Jeff Shank, Solicitor

Noon Lunch

1:00 p.m. Schuylkill County Fraud Investigation - *Christy Joy, Schuylkill County Controller*

2:45 p.m. DCED Update - *Karen O'Neill, Local Government Policy Specialist*

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

9:00 a.m. County Annual Financial Report - *Ashley Ackerson, Maher Duessel*
Noon Lunch
1:30 p.m. PA Auditor General, *Eugene DePasquale*
2:00 p.m. State Representative 120th District, *Eddie Day Pashinski*

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

9:00 a.m. District Court Audit - *Heather Monhkern, Venango County Auditor*
10:30 a.m. AOPC / MDJ System
Andy Simpson, Judicial Programs Analyst
Val Arrington, Systems Trainer – MDJS
Noon Lunch
6:30 p.m. Dinner and Installation of Officers

Thursday, October 2, 2014

7:00 a.m.: Breakfast and Closing of 2014 Convention

President Annette Isgan asked for motion to close the 2014 Convention. Sue Leonard, Clarion, made motion to close the Convention; seconded by Margo Germino, Potter.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie D. Palmer

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Secretary