

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

*Teleconference*

*January 18, 2013, 2:00 PM CST*

President Wayne Harper called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 2:02 PM CST. Sharon Tolbert-White called the roll of the Committee. Wayne Harper, Victoria Daniels, Jerry Johnson, Russ Brubaker and Mike Eschelbach were present. Diane Hardt, Deb Peters, Don Balfour and Luke Kenley were absent. A quorum was present.

President Harper's reported the Committee appointments and reappointments. He confirmed that all had accepted prior to this meeting.

- Executive Committee – Representative David Drovdal was appointment to the Executive Committee replacing Deb Peters. He is to continue Senator Peters' term. Russ Brubaker moved the appointment and the motion was seconded by Mike Eschelbach. Roll was called and the Committee voted to approve the motion affirmatively.
- State and Local Advisory Council - Christie Comanita (AZ) was reappointed as the Chair and Tony Mastin (OK) was appointed as Vice Chair. Russ Brubaker moved the appointment and reappointment and the motion was seconded. Roll was called and the Committee voted to approve the motion affirmatively.
- Compliance Review and Interpretation Committee (CRIC) - Myles Vosberg (ND) was reappointed as Chair and Tim Jennrich (WA) was appointed as Vice Chair; member reappointments were Tom Atchley (AR) and Richard Cram (KS); new member appointments were Dan Noble (WY), Harold Fox (NJ), and Larry Paxton (IA). Russ Brubaker moved the appointments and reappointment and the motion was seconded by Dave Drovdal. Roll was called and the Committee voted affirmatively to approve the motion.
- Issue Resolutions Committee - Bruce Johnson (UT) was reappointed as Chair. Russ Brubaker moved the reappointment and the motion was seconded. Roll was called and the motion passed affirmatively. Member reappointments were Tom Gillaspie (NE); Robert Thompson (OK), Michael Eschelbach (M) and Larry Molnar (IN). Mike Eschelbach moved the reappointments and the motion was seconded by Russ Brubaker. Roll was called and the Committee voted affirmatively to approve the motion.
- Audit Committee - Bruce Christiansen (SD) was reappointed as Chair. Russ Brubaker moved the reappointment and the motion was seconded by Mike Eschelbach. Roll was called and the Committee voted affirmatively to approve the motion.
- Certification Committee - Gary Centlivre (KS) was reappointed as Chair. David Drovdal moved the reappointment and the motion was seconded by Mike Eschelbach. Roll was called and the Committee voted affirmatively to approve the motion.

## Executive Committee 2013 Meeting Schedule

- President Harper provided the Executive Committee meeting schedule and said there would be other special meetings as needed. With no further discussion, the schedule was confirmed as follows. These dates are posted on the Streamlined website calendar.
  - March 29, 2013, Teleconference (rescheduled for March 28, 2013)
  - May 15, 2013. Spring meeting, Minneapolis, MN
  - July 26, 2013, Teleconference
  - October 29, 2013 Annual meeting, Madison, WI
  - December 13, 2013, Teleconference

## Reports of Committees

- *State and Local Advisory Council (SLAC)* - Christie Comanita, Chair reported that a SLAC in-person meeting is scheduled to be held in Dallas at the AT&T building on March 26-27, 2013. She said the meeting announcement and information would be emailed next week. Ms. Comanita provided the SLAC Workgroup reports:
  - *Digital Products Sourcing* will soon start up again. Tim Jennrich, Chair is looking at the federal bill and how that might impact what SLAC is doing in regard to digital product sourcing. Ms. Comanita said that some of that will be incorporated into workgroup discussions.
  - *Credits Workgroup* – Ms. Comanita reported that the SLAC Steering Committee is looking for a chair to step forward to continue the work of Craig Johnson who was the former chair. She said hopefully they can get to the leasing issue and begin drafting whatever rules or amendments to the Agreement that are determined to be necessary.
  - *Essential clothing* – Ms. Comanita said that a notice will be sent next week regarding final comments. She hopes to have a SLAC call in mid February in order to obtain a SLAC vote on the first amendment to the agreement along with the rule.
  - *Voucher Rule* – Ms. Comanita reported that the voucher issue is now being discussed with the Governing Board subcommittee and is no longer on the SLAC agenda. President Harper stated that a call is scheduled for next Wednesday to determine how to move forward on this issue.
- *Finance Committee*
  - Richard Dobson welcomed Victoria Daniels as the 2013 Secretary-Treasurer. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve in this role for the past 4-years and turned it over to Ms. Daniels. She reported that she has appointed Peter McVay from Rhode Island to the Finance Committee. Mr. Dobson provided a summary of the first quarter ending financial report for the FY2013 budget which has been posted on the Streamlined website. Russ Brubaker expressed the gratitude of the Executive Committee and Governing Board to Mr. Dobson for serving as the Secretary-Treasurer during the past 4-years.
- *Audit Committee*
  - In Chairman Bruce Christiansen's absence, Craig Johnson reported that the Audit Committee has an in-person meeting scheduled on March 13-14 in Louisville. He said the agenda is posted on the Streamlined website.

- Certification Committee – Taxware CSP status
  - Gary Centlivre, Chair reported on the Taxware status and acquisition. He said that Charles Collins assisted with the application for this CSP. They will ensure that they maintain the minimum standards to remain as a CSP. With that Committee Mr. Centlivre said he had provided a letter to Craig Johnson the day prior and said they would be certified. He stated that there are three (3) conditions that remain unresolved that are minor in nature and are expected to be resolved by Tuesday or the following week. Russ moved approval of the Committee’s recommendation with notice to allow the Executive Director to certify when completed and to finish the action and the motion was seconded. Craig Johnson pointed out the current CSP contract section-8 that requires prior written approval by the Governing Board. He said there is a 90-day period discussed in section-9 that deals with merger consolidations or acquisitions. He said if we are going to wait until the next Executive Committee meeting we will be outside of the 90-days required. Gary said in May there will be a formal vote after the 90-day period. Jerry Johnson asked about the 90-day issue that is fixed by Russ Brubaker’s motion. He said if approved contingent on the outstanding items and giving Craig Johnson the authority, would that fix the 90-day problem? Craig said it was finalized on Dec. 17 and since we are into the 90-days now, as long as the issues are worked out that should resolve that problem and Charles Collins agreed. The Committee voted and the motion passed affirmatively.

- Compliance Review and Interpretation Committee - None

- Issue Resolutions Committee - None

#### 2013 Streamlined Sales Tax Governing Board Meetings

- Craig Johnson provided the meeting dates and reported that the contracts are in place:
  - Spring meeting, May 14-16, 2013
  - Annual meeting, October 28-30, 2013.

#### Federal Legislative Update

- Joan Wagnon said she and Charlie Sewell had met with the sponsors and the core group of the lobbying coalition. She said they plan to introduce the Bill very soon. She said they want to ensure that they introduce the same Bill in the House and Senate at the same time. She reported that the Bill should be reintroduced within the next 2-weeks and the language may be a little different. Joan said she has met with the retailer’s coalition and they are working to recruit new people. She said the focus will still be on the Senate and they need to find a vehicle to attach this to. She said Charlie believes the best chance may be at the end of March when they reauthorize spending for the government. She said the coalition is treating this as if they are just going forward and the strategy is still much the same. She advised everyone to contact their senators and to encourage support of the Marketplace Fairness Act.

## New Executive Director Report on Transition and Activities

- Craig Johnson reported that he has been in the Nashville office this week to meet with the Streamlined Sales Tax staff members, Pam Cook, David Thompson and Sharon Tolbert-White. He said we have a great staff and he looks forward to working with them. He said he has discussed the budget and finance situation with Richard Dobson, Victoria Daniels and Scott Peterson. He has trained with Scott and appreciates his time to meet with him. President Harper thanked Mr. Johnson for his efforts.

## Agenda Discussion for January 21, 2013 Planning Meeting, Atlanta

- President Harper provided the meeting agenda to discuss federal legislation, implementation issues, what will happen if the Bill is passed this year and if it is delayed to next year, etc. He said the Business Advisory Council (BAC) would also address some of their priorities for discussion.

## Old Business

- President Harper said that in the past the Executive Committee had extended the two (2) lobbyist contracts in two (2) month increments and they expire in February. He asked for discussion to entertain a motion for the extension of the contracts through March and April. Russ Brubaker made the motion and Mike Eschelbach seconded. Mike said it is a critical time and the contracts should be extended. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

## New Business - None

## Adjournment

- President Harper stated that he appreciates everyone's great work. With no further business, Russ Brubaker moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 2:44 PM CST.