

**BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY MEETING
MARCH 22, 2004
2:00 PM
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Adley Johnson, CPA, who chaired the meeting, called the meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Mr. Johnson; Jeff Bottenberg, Public Member; Kent Smoll, CPA; Lois Loucks, Public Member; and Ginger Powell, CPA. Also in attendance was Susan Somers, Executive Director; Steve Phillips, Assistant Attorney General, disciplinary counsel to the Board; and Joyce Schartz, Public Accountants Association.

2. DISCUSSION OF CREDENTIAL OFFERED BY NATIONAL CENTER FOR COMPETENCY TESTING:

Ms. Somers reported to the Board that information was forwarded to the Board office regarding an organization by the name of the National Center for Competency Testing, located in Overland Park, Kansas, that was offering a certification known as the "Registered CPA Assistant".

K.S.A. 1-316(c) makes it unlawful for anyone other than a person holding a valid Kansas CPA certificate, to use or assume the title CPA.

After discussion, Mr. Johnson moved and Ms. Loucks seconded to pass the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that it has come to the attention of the Board of Accountancy that there is an organization known as the National Center for Competency Testing, located in Overland Park, Kansas, that offers a certification known as the "Registered CPA Assistant (RCPAA).

K.S.A. 1-316(c) states "It is unlawful for any person, except the holder of a valid Kansas certificate, to use or assume the title "certified public accountant" or to use the abbreviation "C.P.A." or any other title, designation, words, letters, abbreviation, sign, card or device likely to be confused with "certified public accountant."

The Board believes that the use of the credential "RCPAA" violates 1-316(c)'s prohibition on the use of the abbreviation CPA.

The Board also believes that the use of this credential is likely to be confused with "certified public accountant".

The Board requests the Attorney General's office to contact the National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT) to request that it immediately cease offering and/or using any credential using "CPA".

In the event NCCT does not comply with the Attorney General's request, the Board of Accountancy directs the Attorney General's office to seek an injunction with the appropriate District Court."

Upon a vote, the motion carried.

3. OTHER:

The Board inquired of Mr. Phillips the status of the DeBerry matter. Mr. Phillips stated that Mr. DeBerry had filed an appeal and a request for stay in Sedgwick County District Court and that the Board had filed a request for a change of venue to Shawnee County District Court. He reported that the Judge had granted a stay on the fine and completion of the ethics course, had denied a stay on the suspension, and had denied the Board's request for a change in venue. A hearing on this matter is scheduled for June 16, 2004.

4. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ Susan L. Somers
Susan L. Somers, Executive Director