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CBA PANEL TACKLES NEW EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CPA LICENSE

Accounting Education Committee to hold first meeting April 8, 2010

(Sacramento, CA) – The California Board of Accountancy's (CBA) newly established Accounting Education Committee (AEC) will be holding its inaugural public meeting at the Holiday Inn Express, 2224 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento, CA on Thursday, April 8, 2010.

The AEC is tasked with addressing some of the most significant changes in accounting education requirements for licensure as a California Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in nearly a decade. The committee is the result of legislation which took effect January 1, 2010 and will impact all individuals applying for a CPA license after January 1, 2014. In selecting the AEC members, the CBA paid close attention to choosing a diverse group of educators who would bring a range of viewpoints and experience to the committee.

Members of the AEC are:

Chair: Ruben A. Davila, Esq., CPA, Clinical Professor of Accounting, Leventhal School of Accounting, University of Southern California

During Mr. Davila's 24 years as an educator at USC's prestigious Leventhal School, he has been deeply involved with curriculum development, and has served on numerous state and national panels, including the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy(NASBA) and the joint American

Institute of Certified Public Accountants/NASBA International Qualifications Appraisal Board.

Sherri Anderson, CPA (Inactive), MBA, Professor of Accounting, Sonoma State University

A 30 year educator known for excellence in the classroom, Ms. Anderson has been involved in accounting education research and has written numerous scholarly articles, including *"Is There Still a Mandate for Change in Accounting Education: An Examination of the Needs of Local and Regional Accounting Firms."*

Betty Chavis, Ph.D., CPA, Chair and Professor of Accounting, School of Business Administration and Economics, California State University, Fullerton

In her role at CSU Fullerton, Dr. Chavis was instrumental in securing accreditations, significant contributions to benefit the School of Business Administration and Economics, and has penned numerous scholarly papers. In addition, she serves on the advisory boards of numerous community colleges, has been a Securities and Exchange Commission Fellow, and has conducted accounting seminars in England, Germany, China, Japan, Hong Kong and Russia.

Thomas M. Dalton, Ph.D, CPA, Professor of Accounting, University of San Diego

Dr. Dalton has more than 18 years of experience in graduate and undergraduate accounting education and serves as the Director of Undergraduate Programs for the School of Business Administration at USD. He is a member of the California Society of CPAs, where he has been involved with accounting education reform.

Donald A. Driftmier, CPA, CBA Member

A CBA Member since 2004, Mr. Driftmier held the office of Vice President in

2007 and President in 2008. He was previously a partner with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP and serves on the boards of two dozen philanthropic and business organizations. He is widely known as a guest lecturer at universities throughout southern California.

Michael L. Moore, Ph.D., CPA, Chair and Professor, Department of Accounting and Information Systems, University of California, Riverside
With 32 years as a CPA and 39 years as an accounting educator, Dr. Moore has served on numerous professional and academic panels and advisory boards. He has been intimately involved with numerous curricula redesigns, and is currently heading a project to launch a new Masters of Accounting and Assurance Degree at UC Riverside.

Gary Pieroni, MBA, Professor of Accounting, Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill, California
In addition to his tenured position at Diablo Valley College, Mr. Pieroni is a Visiting Professor of Accounting at UC Berkeley. He has worked in the public, private and educational sectors, with 20 years teaching experience and 13 years business experience with a Fortune 50 company.

Sara Seyedin, Ph.D., Chair and Professor of Accounting, Foothill College, Los Altos Hills, California
Dr. Seyedin has served as an accounting educator for 22 years on the community college level, and has a passion for assisting students at this level reach their dream of becoming a CPA. She was recently awarded the "Outstanding Educator Award," granted by the California Society of Public Accountants and the Education Foundation.

Xiaoli "Charlie" Yuan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, California State University, East Bay

Dr. Yuan has more than 10 years of experience in graduate and undergraduate accounting education. He presently serves on the Lecturer (Peer) Review & Range Elevation Committee, as well as other accounting committees at CSU East Bay. He has penned numerous articles and has conducted accounting presentations throughout the country.

Created by statute in 1901, the CBA's mandate ensures protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the California Board of Accountancy in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. The CBA currently regulates more than 81,000 licensees, the largest group of licensed accounting professionals in the nation, including individuals, partnerships, and corporations.

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