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TAX RETURN PREPARATION TASK FORCE

Open Minutes

Date: December 15, 2014

Call to Order: 1:07 p.m. – Jay Stewart - Chairperson

Location: IDFPR – Division of Professional Regulation
100 W Randolph, 9th Floor Room 9-375
Chicago, IL 60601

Board Members Present: Jay Stewart, Chairperson; Geoffrey Harlow, Board Member; Mitch Lifson, Board Member; Senator John Mulroe, Board Member; Michael Specha, Board Member

Board Member(s) Absent: Representative Natalie Manley, Board Member

Staff Members Present: Martha Reggi – Associate General Counsel; Munaza Aman – Staff Attorney

Guests: Marty Green, Illinois CPA Society, via phone; Patrick McGinnis, Independent Accountants Association of Illinois; Sherry Dalgard, Independent Accountants Association of Illinois; George Crouse, Independent Accountants Association of Illinois

Topic	Discussion	Action
Roll Call	Jay Stewart, present Geoffrey Harlow, present Mitch Lifson, present Representative Natalie Manley, absent Senator John Mulroe, present Michael Specha, present	
Introductions	Each Board member, Department staff, and guest introduced themselves.	
Approval of November 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes		A motion was made by Specha / seconded by Lifson to approve the November 24, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
Analysis of Current Status	Stewart provided a brief analysis of SB2774 and the requirements of the Task Force. Martha Reggi provided presentation of analysis of current status of tax preparer regulations in other states, City of Chicago, the IRS and AG complaints.	
Analysis of Future Action	Scheduling of 2015 meetings was tabled. The Task Force discussed potential witnesses and interested persons for attendance and testimony at future meetings. Potential witnesses include Ed Carl, VP of Tax for the AICPA; Tom Walsh, lobbyist for SB2774; a representative from the Attorney General; consumer advocates; and a representative from the Department of Revenue. The Task Force discussed the importance of being inclusive and open in inviting potential witnesses and interested persons.	
Adjournment		There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Secha / seconded by Harlow to adjourn at 1:48 pm. Motion passed unanimously.