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October 21st Program 1 Hr CPE Program



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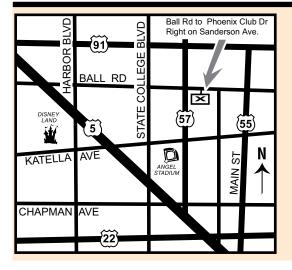
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To Offer Guidance

During a Difficult Time

by Darlynn Morgan, Esq.

Darlynn Morgan, Attorney will go through the legal steps that must be taken at death, from the immediate concerns and the initial decisions that need to be made, and onto the probate process and trust settlement. Hold on, because we are going to cover a lot of information! You will leave with a solid overview and some good nuggets, as well as a practical checklist that you can put to use the next time one of your clients dies. There will also be a time of question and answer.



Meetings are held at the Phoenix Club 1340 S Sanderson Ave, Anaheim, CA 92806

> Agenda October 21st 4:30 Board Meeting 5:30 Social Time 6:00 Dinner Hour 7:00 1 Hr CPE Program

\$35 for Member pre-registration before 4:00 P.M. on the Friday prior to the dinner meeting; \$40 for on-site registration and for non-members for meetings with 1 hour of CPE credit. Meetings with 2 hours of CPE credit are \$40 and \$45 respectively. Telephone reservations to Dan Carlberg at 714.774.8129 or email reservation@eaoc.org (please include your EA number). If you wish to be added to or deleted from the Permanent List, please contact Dan.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Cathy Patel, EA, MBA

The OCEA Board is busy bringing us more educational events than ever before. We have four-hour seminars, eight-hour seminars. Some are on the day of our dinner meeting; one is in the evening; one, on Saturday. Members have asked for these various time slots, so we are giving them a try. As always, Karen Brosi gave a great presentation on our most unfavorite subject: Alternative Minimum Tax. Coming up in October will be a presentation by Morgan B. King on taxes in Bankruptcy. November we will have a presentation by our own John Rumbold on All States. January OCEA & IRS will bring us the Tax Practitioners Workshop. Come join us in December for our first annual Holiday Party to kick off the next tax season!

We have another Bylaw change request from CSEA. Starting with 2009–2010, each chapter of CSEA will have only one Director representing their chapter at the state level. The larger chapters have had two Directors. See David Shashoua's article in this newsletter. We will take a vote at the October dinner meeting.

Edwin Young has agreed to be the Disaster Chair for 2008–2009. He will need some volunteers for this committee who will agree to help out if we have a natural disaster and CSEA asks us to help those in need of help with their tax returns. Dona Evans has been the Chair for a couple decades and has agreed to mentor those working on this committee. If you would like to become involved with OCEA, this would be a low impact way to start.

We are always in need of volunteers to help with various tasks, especially with putting on seminars. If you would like to help at the registration desk or creating a flyer or any number of other tasks, give our Second Vice President Patti Kappen a call. If you have an idea for a seminar, let us hear from you.

See you at the October meeting...







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CSEA Directors Report Meeting September 20-21, 2008

I just got back from my first CSEA Board Meeting as your Director. I left on Thursday evening to be in Sacramento Friday morning to attend the CSEA/ State Liaison Meeting the day before the Board Meeting. These Liaison Meetings are usually held in Northern California although a few years ago I attended one in Southern California. If you have never attended one I highly recommend it. For the low price of \$90 I received 6 hours of education. EDD, BOE and FTB all presented with half the day being FTB. If you think that you don't do payroll or sales tax so half of it is a waste of time, you would be wrong. The issues they discussed concerned change that will affect us all as we navigate through the California Budget Crisis--such as SUTA rates, sales tax rates and use tax enforcement. But the single most important thing I received from this event was the direct phone lines and emails to 21 FTB employees including the Taxpayer Advocate, 12 EDD employees and 1 BOE employee.

Saturday, the first day of the Board Meeting, I attended committee meetings on Bylaws, Legislature, Ethics and Education. On the agenda for Bylaws was an item to go over OCEA's newly amended Exam Bylaw. As they were going over it they questioned an unclear item and asked me to clarify it and take it back to our Board for revision. Come to find out that the item they wanted changed is verbatim from their guideline Bylaws, so those will need to be changed and probably by all twenty chapters.

The Legislative Committee is gearing up for Leg day in January when we meet with the legislature representatives at the Capital. We all need to take any opportunity we have to meet and get to know our representatives; we don't have to go to Sacramento to do that as they all have local offices.

The main part of the education meeting was spent brain storming on better ways to market our education events.

Sunday, the last day, was the formal Board Meeting and we spent a large part of it on Strategic Plan. It would seem that this group of control freaks, that we all are, doesn't allow the staff at CSEA to do much of anything without our okay. They have taken it to the extreme to the point that the Executive Vice President, Cathy Apker, could not get the toilets repaired when they broke without Board approval. The Board approved a rewriting of the Policy Manual, to be approved at another meeting, to give the staff more latitude to handle the day to day stuff and to further our goals as the opportunity arises.

While I don't have any earth shaking items to report on, what I saw in the meetings were professionals handling themselves professionally and trying to solve for



the state organization some of the same thing we struggle with at a local level. Whether you have a desire to be on the CSEA Board or just want to further your own career. Everyone at one time or another could benefit from attending these meetings.

Respectfully Submitted, Lisa Newton EA

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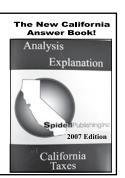
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Tuesday, October 28, 2008

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Fee: \$130 (early bird registration)

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4 hours CPE

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October 17, 2008 9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Laguna Niguel) October 30, 2008 9:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Oakland)

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San Bernardino – Sept. 26
San Francisco – Sept. 03
Oakland – Sept. 04

Burbank – Oct. 01
San Jose – Sept. 05
Sacramento – Oct. 22
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Notice of Proposed Change to OCEA Bylaw §7.01 & §7.02

The OCEA Board of Directors submits to the Members for ratification the following proposed change to Bylaw §7.01 & §7.02, as requested by CSEA. It simply reduces the number of Society Directors from two to one, effective next term:

7.01 Qualifications and Terms of Office. Only Members, as defined in § 3.01 of these By-Laws, shall be eligible to serve as members of the Board of Directors. There shall be no more than thirteen (13) Directors, including all Officers and the Society Directors. The term of office of duly elected Officers, the Directors, and the Society Director shall begin upon installation and shall last until the next Annual Meeting. All Officers, Directors, and the Society Directors.

tor shall serve a term of one year. except Society Directors who shall serve a two-year term. So long as the Society authorizes two-Society Directors from the Chapter, the terms of office of such Directors shall terminate inalternate years.

There shall be elected one (1) Society Director from the Chapter. The term of office of the Society Director shall commence on the same day as the other Officers and Directors.

No member shall serve as Society Director for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

7.02 Vacancies.

- a) In the event a *the* Society Director is elected an Officer of the Society, the Chapter shall replace that Director in a manner prescribed by these Bylaws.
- b) If a position of Chapter Director or Society Director becomes vacant by disability, resignation or other cause, the Board of Directors shall elect a Member(s) to fill the

vacant position(s) for the remainder of the term.

c) If the Immediate Past President is not able fulfill the duties of Office of Immediate Past President, then the Office shall be declared vacant, and the responsibilities of the Immediate Past President shall be re-assigned among the remaining Officers, Directors, and the Society Director, at the discretion of the President.

If you have any questions about the change to this Bylaw, please contact me. Telephone: 562.590.7276. Cell: 562.826.6641. E-Mail: dshasho1@verizon.net

Sincerely and Respectfully Submitted By, David S. Shashoua, JD, LLM, EA Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, Parliamentarian, and Director of the California Society of Enrolled Agents, Orange County Chapter, for 2008-2009 Term

DATE UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS PROGRAM/EVENT CPE SUBJECT LOCATION

<u>DATE</u> <u>PROGRAM / EVENT</u>	<u>CPE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
October 21, 2008 Dinner Meeting	1	My Client Died Now What Do I Do?	Phoenix Club
October 28, 2008 Seminar	4	Discharging taxes & bankruptcy	Phoenix Club
November 18, 2008 Dinner Meeting	1	Passive Activities	Phoenix Club