

11/17/2023 CPTA Sacramento Membership Meeting Minutes

• **FPPC Presentation**

- Discussion of new education program for first time offenders with violations
- Different types of advice given by FPPC:
 - ♣ Advice letters can provide immunity from prosecution.
 - ♣ Informal advice does not provide protection, but may be considered. Must provide:
 - Affected party
 - Facts
 - Advice must be requested before action taken (no prior conduct)
 - Question must be specific
 - ♣ Opinion Process:
 - For unsettled/uninterpreted law
 - Very involved process / can be slow
 - FPPC attorneys review request
 - Provides immunity
 - ♣ Phone advice is only for basic questions, no immunity.
 - ♣ Email advice:
 - Usually 24 – 48 hour turn-around, but up to 21 business days is possible
 - Written record
 - No immunity, but helpful in the instance of an inquiry/audit
- FPPC staff:
 - ♣ 6 staff for phone advice
 - ♣ 15 staff for email advice
 - ♣ Discussion of training and resources provided to FPPC staff for consistent advice
 - ♣ Internal audits of advice given are completed by senior FPPC staff
- Discussion of volume of reports filed by treasurer to be taken into consideration to mitigate findings for simple mistakes.
- Discussion that special circumstances should be discussed with FPPC if there are findings.
- Discussed that the standard for professional treasurers is unrealistic.
- Talked about SOS fines going to streamline enforcement:
 - ♣ Reviewed streamline presentation
- FPPC has no enforcement over local jurisdictions, but can assist if requested

• **Branche (CPTA Lobbyist) Presentation**

- Tried to work with Assembly/Senate on legislation to limited success
- Discussed SOS filing system work that has been/needs to be done
- New bills of note:
 - ♣ SB 29 – education reform vs. administrative procedures
 - ♣ SB 678 – include disclaimer on website

- ♣ Legislators are discussion candidate disclosure filing schedules
 - We should revisit introducing CPTA backed legislation
 - There in a new chair of the election committee
 - CPTA should provide Branche with a wish list – now is the time and we have new legislators/new blood and it's the first year of the 2 year cycle
 - The Association of Lobbyists is willing to walk with us on legislative efforts
 - Branche will send us new bill summaries and give us a chance to weigh in
 - State budget in January/revised in May
- **Group Discussion**
 - Discussion of group participation in CPTA business
 - Possible update of website for board contacts
 - Discussed bad bills that were squashed
 - Efile only still needed – should be CPTA priority
- **Vendor Presentations**
 - Efundraising – new features and discussion of needs
 - First Foundation Bank – presentation re: bank services
 - Bank of San Francisco – discussion of spoofing emails/security procedures
 - Netfile – current updates
- **Secretary of State – Political Reform Division Presentation**
 - New 410 ready – include officer emails
 - 1/2024 include bank signers on 410 (2 – okay if assistant treasurer)
 - New password and waiver forms ready
 - New Form 507 – online ad/search company filing
 - CalAccess search speed improvement – they have multiple servers
- **Roundtable Discussion**
 - Dues increase was voted in at the 2023 San Diego Conference
 - ♣ The next dues payment will be due in early 2024
 - Event Planner:
 - ♣ Lodging needed
 - ♣ Discussed issue with timing of conference / sufficient time to plan
 - ♣ Discussed budget of 7,500 for coordinator
 - ♣ Voted to hire event coordinator at \$7,500 for the next conference (3 no votes, remaining membership yes votes)
 - Discussion and unanimous vote to keep lobbyist contract active
 - Discussion and unanimous vote to hold 2024 conference in CA and 2025 conference in DC