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DATE: July 1, 2009
TO: NYSSCPA Board of Directors
FROM: Joseph M. Falbo, Jr.
RE: 6b - Nominating Process Report

The following email was sent to the CPA membership of the society on Wednesday, July 1, 2009, soliciting their interest in serving on the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee.

From: NYSSCPA Secretary/Treasurer Joseph M. Falbo, Jr.
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2009, 3:51PM
To: [NYSSCPA CPA Membership]
Subject: Formal Notice to All NYSSCPA CPA Members: Invitation to Serve on 2009-2010 Nominating Committee

Every June, the Society begins seeking members to serve on that year's Nominating Committee. This is the group that determines who will stand for election to the following year's NYSSCPA Board of Directors. This email is to alert CPA members of the Society of the opportunity to participate in the nominating process.

Our Society has a very open nominating process. Anyone who has been an NYSSCPA CPA member for five years and has volunteered at least two years' service on a statewide committee or on a chapter executive board (or some combination of both) can qualify to serve on the Nominating Committee by garnering the support of 10 individuals who have been CPA members for five years. If you want to serve on the Nominating Committee and you meet the membership and volunteer service requirements, you may download a petition here: <http://www.nysscpa.org/downloads/petition>. (As part of the petition-download process, we ask you to give us some contact information, so we can follow up with you as we approach the deadline for receipt of petitions, 5:00 P.M. on August 14.)

Things you need to know:

- If you serve on the Nominating Committee, you cannot yourself be nominated for the Board or for an officer's position. If your goal is to serve on the Board or become an officer, you should ask someone else to petition to serve on the Nominating Committee and act as your supporter if he or she is ultimately elected to serve on the committee.
- Regarding time commitments: The Nominating Committee meets all day on January 14, 2010, so you need to pencil in that date if elected to serve on the Nominating Committee. Also, the Nominating Committee has become more active in preparing for its January meeting. Last year, for instance, the committee had a number of conference calls in December.
- Eleven people sit on the Nominating Committee: nine who petition to serve plus two Board members designated by the Board.
- If more than nine people petition to serve on the committee, there is an election; if fewer than nine people petition, the Board fills the vacancies.
- People who are currently serving on the Society's Board, who have served on either of the last two Nominating Committees, or who served on any three Nominating Committees after June 1, 2003, may not be elected to this year's Nominating Committee.

There is additional information on the Society's website to help people who want to serve on the Nominating Committee, including a complete list of the people who can't serve. If you are interested in learning more about the Nominating Committee, check out the NYSSCPA Nomination Center at http://www.nysscpa.org/governance/nomination_center.htm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at secretarytreasurer@nysscpa.org or the Society's Deputy Executive Director Joanne Barry at jbarry@nysscpa.org.

Joseph M. Falbo, Jr.
NYSSCPA Secretary/Treasurer

Also, a *Trusted Professional* article with similar information will be printed in the July 15 issue of the newspaper with a reminder to follow in the August 1 issue. I have attached the current version of the website's Nomination Center for your review as well.

I want to encourage those of you who know people with an interest in determining the future direction of the Society, who are not excluded from Nominating Committee Service, to download a petition and serve on the committee.

Reprinted from http://www.nysscpa.org/governance/nomination_center.htm.

2009 - 2010 NYSSCPA Nomination Center

Society Invites Candidates for 2009 - 2010 Nominating Committee

Are you interested in helping to set who will serve on next year's NYSSCPA Board? If so, consider serving on the Society's Nominating Committee.

This year's 11-person Nominating Committee will be recommending a president-elect, four vice presidents, a secretary/treasurer, five at-large directors and directors from the Mid Hudson, Northeast, Queens/Brooklyn, Rockland, and Utica chapters. These nominees are then presented to the membership in a proxy/ballot that is sent out in April.

Under Article IX of the Society's bylaws, the CPA membership-at-large fills nine Nominating Committee positions, and the Board of Directors designates the remaining two members.

Nominations Process

To be nominated for the committee, a completed Nominating Committee Petition must be received on or before 5 p.m. on August 14. Each petition must be signed by at least 10 CPA members (other than the nominee), all of whom have been members for five consecutive years. Members may sign only one petition; the signatures of members signing multiple petitions will be disregarded on all the petitions they sign. Petition signers must also certify that the nominee would serve if elected.

Potential Nominating Committee members should know that they may not themselves be nominated for any position. If you hope to serve on the Board of Directors, you should not put yourself forward for the Nominating Committee.

A candidate for the Nominating Committee must not be a current member of the Board of Directors or have been a member of the Nominating Committee either for the two immediately preceding fiscal years or for any three years after June 1, 2003. Also, he or she must have been a member of the Society for at least five continuous years, including at least two years of participation on either a statewide committee or a chapter executive board, or a combination of both.

Once all the Nominating Committee petitions are received, if more than nine people are nominated, we hold a membership election to determine the nine petitioners to serve on the committee. If fewer than nine nominations are received, the board will select the additional committee members, along with the two they designate under the bylaws.

Obtaining a Petition

To obtain a Nominating Committee petition, visit the Society's Web site at <http://www.nysscpa.org/downloads/petition>. Once completed, the original signed petitions shall be sent to: NYSSCPA Secretary/Treasurer, 3 Park Avenue, 18th Floor, New York, NY. Failure of the post office or any other person or entity to deliver a completed petition to the above address by 5 p.m. on August 14, 2009 shall cause such petition to be disregarded. In addition, any submission of a petition by email or fax shall be disregarded.

First Meeting Date

The date set in the bylaws for the Nominating Committee to meet is January 14, 2010. In recent years, the Nominating Committee has also met via conference call in December to prepare for the January meeting.

For More Information

For additional information on the nomination process contact NYSSCPA Secretary/Treasurer Joseph M. Falbo, Jr. at secretarytreasurer@nysscpa.org or NYSSCPA Deputy Executive Director Joanne S. Barry at jbarry@nysscpa.org.

A copy of the bylaws can be obtained at www.nysscpa.org/society/bylaws.htm.

Members Ineligible to Serve on the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee

The following individuals may not be selected by the membership at large to serve on this year's Nominating Committee because of their service either (1) currently on the Board of Directors, (2) previously on the 2007-2008 or the 2008-2009 Nominating Committee, or (3) previously on any three Nominating Committees after June 1, 2003.

Scott M. Adair
John Barone
Rosemarie Giovinazzo-Barnickel
Susan M. Barossi
Cynthia D. Barry
S. David Belsky
Ian J. Benjamin
Stewart Berger
Anthony Cassella
Robert H. Colson
Sherry L. DelleBovi
Robert Fagliarone
Joseph M. Falbo, Jr.
Allen L. Fetterman
Sharon S. Fierstein
Robert L. Goecks
Neville Grusd
Ronald B. Hegt
David R. Herman
John B. Huttlinger, Jr.
Martha A. Jaeckle
Scott J. Jaffee
Suzanne M. Jensen
Robert Kawa
John J. Kearney
Stuart Kessler
Lauren L. Kincaid
Gail M. Kinsella
Nancy A. Kirby
J. Michael Kirkland
Stephen F. Langowski
Mark G. Leeds

Elliot A. Lesser
Howard B. Lorch
Heather Losi
Anthony J. Maltese
Barbara A. Marino
Beatrice G. McKane
Mark L. Meinberg
David J. Moynihan
Avery E. Neumark
Richard E. Piluso
Robert A. Pryba, Jr.
Joel C. Quall
Ita M. Rahilly
M. Jacob Renick
Thomas E. Riley
David M. Rubenstein
Erin Scanlon
Robert E. Sohr
P. Gerard Sokolski
C. Daniel Stubbs, Jr.
Thomas M. VanHatten
George I. Victor
Liren Wei
Charles J. Weintraub
Jesse J. Wheeler
Margaret A. Wood