

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS TAX OFFICIALS
2015 SPRING CONFERENCE MINUTES
APRIL 13TH & APRIL 14TH 2015
CALLAWAY GARDENS

adopted

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OFFICERS PRESENT:

PRESIDENT - MELISSA CHOSEWOOD, CITY OF HIRAM
VICE PRESIDENT - EDWARD GUZMAN, CITY OF CEDARTOWN
TREASURER - VACANT
SECRETARY RODGER GODDARD, CITY OF DOUGLAS

MEMBERS PRESENT

ALLISON STOVER	MORGAN CO	JENNIFER HISE	COVINGTON
ANA SILBERNAGEL	CHEROKEE CO	JIM COX	SMYRNA
ANGELA PAGE	LOGANVILLE	JOANI CLEMONS	MCDONOUGH CITY OF
ANTHONY DONALDSON	ALBANY	JOEY ELLER	HABERSHAM CO
BETSY SIVELL	PINE MOUNTAIN	JOHN CRUSE	SANDY SPRINGS
BOB TRECOTT	MCONOUGH	JULIE OLIVER	HARRIS COUNTY
BONNIE WARNIE	DAWSONVILLE	JULIETTA WALTON	AUGUSTA- RICHMOND
CARLSON HINDS	KENNESAW	KALIEGH FREDERICK	LILBURN
CAROLYN LEE	CAIRO	KAREN BENNETT	GRIFFIN
CELESTE HIGHTOWER	MILLEDGEVILLE	KATHY JACKSON	AUGUSTA- RICHMOND
CHARNA PARKER	WALTON CO	KATHY SHINHOLSTER	MACON- BIIB
CHELSEA MASON	BRESELTON	KESHA MCIVER	HINESVILLE
CHRISTINE REEVES	LAGRANGE	KIM MCKAY	MACON- BIIB
CHUCK JARRELL	MORGAN CO	LAURIE HOOD	RIVERDALE
CLIFF MCGRADY	HIRAM	LESLIE WARD	DULUTH
CONNIE KEELING	CARTERSVILLE	LISA TURNER	ALTO
CRYSTAL FERGUSON	BALDWIN CITY OF	LYNN EDGE	ROCKDALE CO
DANA WICHER	NEWNAN	MARGURIE POTTS	LAGRANGE
DANNY LAMONTE	WAYCROSS	MELISSA CHOSEWOOD	HIRAM
DEBBIE HICKMAN	LENEX	MELISSA CREEL	THOMASVILLE
DELORES CHAMBER	MONROE CITY OF	MICHAEL HESTER	DALLAS
DONNA SHROUDER	DOUGLAS CITY OF	MICHELLE RILEY	WARNER ROBINS
DOUGLAS CURRIER II	UPSON CO	MIKE MARTIN	WALTON CO
DULCIA KING	RINCON	NALITA COPELAND	DAWSONVILLE
EDWARD GUZMAN	CEDARTOWN	NAN EDWARDS	BRASELTON
ELLISIA WEBB	COBB CO	NAOMI BROWN	SUGAR HILL
ESMERALDA PRUITT	RIVERDALE	NATHANIEL NORMAN	ALBANY
FELICIA DANIEL	ATLANTA	PAMELA CONNER	POWDER SPRINGS
GRACE SMIT-ORR	RICHMOND HILL	PAT DANIEL	JONESBORO
IRENE MUMPER	CHEROKEE CO	PAT GIBSON	ROCKDALE CO
J. WHITE-MAJOR	POWDER SPRING	PATTI RUSHIN	MILLEDGEVILLE
JANET BUFFKIN	NORTHPOINT HOSP.	PATTY HURT	DULUTH
JANICE GRATTON	BLAIRSVILLE	PHYLLIS BROWN	FAYETTEVILLE
		REBECCA GREER	AUGUSTA- RICHMOND

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REGINA STRICKLAND	MOULTRIE
RHONDA CRAWFORD	THOMSON
ROB WILMOT	TIFTON
ROBIN PURYEAR	BARTOW CO
RODGER GODDARD	DOUGLAS CITY OF
RONA MARTIN	TIFTON
SALLY SMITH	BLUE RIDGE
SANDRA RICHARDSON	COBB CO
SAVANNAH COX	BARTOW CO
SHAUN SHABAZZ	SUGAR HILL
SHELLY ALLISTON	SUGAR HILL
SHEREE HICKMAN	ASHBURN
SHERRY BOYETT	TYTY
STEPHANIE TIGNER	DORAVILLE
SUE LOWERY	SENOIA
TANYA SIMS	DECATUR CITY OF
TARA COONER	MORGAN CO
TEKLA SELERS	CAMILLA
TERESA BARBER	LENOX
TERRY REESE	COBB CO
TIFFANIE BYRD	FOREST PARK
TINA LANEY	CARROLTON
TOMMIE PERRY	BALDWIN CITY OF
TRACIE SHIELDS	BLAIRSVILLE
ULANDER PARROTT	CLAYTON CO
VALERIE GLASS	FAYETTEVILLE
WANDA JOHNSON	CARROLTON
YOLANDA BAKER	OMEGA

GUEST SPEAKERS:

MICHEAL SARD - SARD & LEFF, LLC

DAVID DYAL – SARD AND LEFF, LLC

TOPIC - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSING

SAM BRANNEN JR. – GA. MUNICIPAL ASSOC.

KELLY PRIDGEN - ACCG

TOPIC - OCCUPATION TAX RULES AND LAW

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MONDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2015

The conference opened Monday, April 13th, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. by President Melissa Chosewood. President Chosewood made multiple announcements.

- Vice President Edward Guzman announced that www.gabto.com was up and running.
- President Chosewood announced the vacancy of Treasurer. Nominations were made. Secretary Rodger Goddard nominated Ellisia Webb, from Cobb County. Ellisia Webb nominated Jim Cox, from the City of Smyrna. The nominations were accepted and were noted for the Board Members to vote in the Board Meeting.

Mike Sard and David Dyal, from Sard & Leff, LLC, law firm, spoke on various state laws and regulations relative to alcoholic beverage licensing.

The conference was dismissed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

The conference resumed after lunch, at 1:00 p.m.

Michael Sard and David Dyal held a question and answer session until 4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2015

At 8:45 a.m., President Melissa Chosewood greeted everyone with opening remarks

At 9:00 a.m., President Chosewood asked for a motion to open the business meeting. Lynn Edge, Rockdale County, made a motion and Jim Cox, City of Smyrna made the second. The meeting was then brought into order.

- The prior minutes were discussed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Michael Hester, City of Dallas and a second was made by Ellisia Webb, Cobb County. They were unanimously approved.
- The members discussed a change in the By-Laws. The change in the by-laws in Section Eleven paragraph B to read as follows: **B. FEES - Fees for programs and activities shall be established as deemed necessary by the Board. Conference fees shall be waived for Officers of the Corporation. Conference fees include breakfast and lunch and training materials during the conference.**
- A motion was made by Ellisia Webb from Cobb County to approve the amendment and a second was made by Nan Edwards, from the City of Braselton. President Chosewood asked who was in favor and majority yeas were voted.
- The meeting was adjourned, but had to be reopened for hearing if there was any opposition to the change in the by-laws. Regina Strickland, from City of Moultrie opposed the change.
- The motion carried for the change in the by-laws.

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Tuesday, April 14th, 2015

AT 9:35 A.M., THE CONFERENCE RESUMED. Sam Brannen, Jr, Georgia municipal Association, went over laws regarding occupational tax.

The conference was dismissed for lunch, at 12:00 p.m.

At 1:05 p.m. the conference resumed with Sam Brannen, Jr continuing his lecture/training in reference to occupational tax law. Mr. Brannen ended his session with Q & A session until 3:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 14th, 2015 4:25 p.m.

After the conference was closed, President Chosewood called the Board Meeting. No old business was discussed. The nominations for treasurer were brought to a vote. After brief discussion, Vice President Guzman made a motion for Jim Cox, of City of Smyrna, to be elected as Treasurer. Secretary Rodger Goddard second the motion. The vote for Jim Cox, to be Treasurer was unanimous.

Vice President Guzman made to adjourn and Secretary Rodger Goddard made a second. The meeting was adjourned.

Throughout the conference, door prizes were given out.

1. CLIFF MCGRADY – Field & Stream Outfitter Sunglass
2. Keshia Mciver – Samsung 4 Tablet
3. Joani Clemons – Coach Purse (black trim)
4. Anthony Donaldson – Dunkin Donuts Gift Card
5. Pat Gibson – Coach Purse (brown trim)
6. John Cruse – Bluetooth Speaker
7. Donna Shrouder - UP24 Fitness Band
8. Robin Puryear - Unbreakable Wine Glasses
9. Terry Reese – Starbucks Gift Card
10. Valerie Glass – Coach Purse (orange trim)
11. Jennifer Hise – Callaway Get-a way