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FROM J. Lamar Harris, CPA, Executive Director

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JULY-AUGUST 2014 CPA EXAMINATION

Grades from the July-August 2014 CPA Examination were mailed to candidates on September 9, 2014 and October 3, 2014. There were 213 total candidates who sat for a total of 282 sections of the examination and passed 133 sections for a section-passing rate of 47.16%. The 213 total candidates were comprised of 50 first-time and 163 re-examination candidates. A total of 23 candidates passed. There were 38 candidates who passed section(s) to receive credit status, 46 candidates who passed a section to improve their credit status, and 106 candidates who passed no sections to remain status quo. There were 150 candidates who sat for one section of the examination, 58 candidates who sat for two sections of the examination, four candidates who sat for three sections of the examination, and one candidate who sat for four sections of the examination.

SECTION	ALABAMA PERCENT PASS	NATIONAL PERCENT PASS
AUDIT	46.15%	48.04%
BEC	50.65%	58.73%
FAR	39.51%	51.54%
REG	56.52%	52.56%

OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2014 CPA EXAMINATION

Testing for the October-November 2014 CPA Examination will close on November 29, 2014. During the month of December 2014, testing will be closed for systems and databank maintenance. We anticipate receiving and distributing the grades from the October-November 2014 CPA Examination between December 12, 2014 and January 16, 2015.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2015 CPA EXAMINATION

Testing for the January-February 2015 CPA Examination will begin on January 2, 2015 and close on February 28, 2015. During the month of March 2015, testing will be closed for systems and databank maintenance. We anticipate receiving and distributing the grades from the January-February 2015 CPA Examination between March 6, 2015 and April 10, 2015.

CPA Examination scores are available on-line through the Board's website at www.asbpa.alabama.gov/exam.aspx. Examination candidates will need their "Section ID Number" and "Date of Birth" to access their scores. The Board also mails official scores to candidates as soon as they are received and processed.

The Board accepts submission of CPA Examination Applications during any month of the year. If you have questions, please contact Anna Baker at the Board office at 334-242-5700 or in-state 1-800-435-9743. CPA Examination Application Forms, Application Instructions, and CPA Examination Qualifications may be downloaded from our website at www.asbpa.alabama.gov/exam.aspx. We encourage each CPA Examination Candidate to review the "Test Tips For CPA Candidates" and "CPA Candidate Bulletin and Test Tutorial and Simulations" on the Exam Applications page of the Board's website.

STATE BOARD REINSTATES CPA CERTIFICATES

The Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy ("the Board") held reinstatement hearings on September 19, 2014 for four CPAs whose CPA Certificates had been revoked by the Board at prior Board meetings, as indicated below. As a result of these hearings, the Board ordered the CPA Certificates of the following individuals be reinstated to the status shown below, effective September 19, 2014:

Licensees	Certificate No.	Status
James H. Dorton, CPA* Johnson City, TN	5514	Inactive
Blaire Ross Gresham, CPA* Hoover, AL	11437	Inactive
Robert Carl Jierski, CPA* Calera, AL	10221	Inactive
John Steven Young, CPA** Winthrop, MA	4374	Inactive

*Revoked January 31, 2014 **Revoked January 23, 2009

DELINQUENT 2013-2014 REGISTRATIONS

Completed on-line registrations or registration forms for 2013-2014, along with the appropriate fee(s), were due in the Board office on October 1, 2013. Licensees who have not already filed are delinquent and encouraged to register as soon as possible. **A late renewal penalty of \$500.00 is due for registrations postmarked on or after April 1, 2014.** After September 30, 2014 disciplinary actions ensue for unpaid fees, late renewal penalties and CPE deficits. **If you have not registered for 2013-2014, please contact the Board office at 334-242-5700 or in-state at 1-800-435-9743.**

2014-2015 REGISTRATIONS

Annual Registration Forms are no longer mailed to licensees. Please go to the Board's website at <http://www.asbpa.alabama.gov/registration.aspx> to register for the fiscal year 2014-2015. For those licensees desiring to use a paper registration form, you may download a fillable form in pdf format.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RETIRING

Mr. J. Lamar Harris, CPA, Executive Director, has advised the Board that he is retiring on December 31, 2014. Mr. Harris began his tenure with the Board on August 31, 1996. He led the board through a substantial growth period in the number of CPAs in Alabama and through several changes in Alabama's Accountancy Law during his tenure as Executive Director. The Board would like to extend its sincere appreciation to Mr. Harris for his many years of leadership and service to our profession. The Board has formed an Executive Director Search Committee to solicit applicants to replace Mr. Harris. Included in this newsletter is a copy of the Executive Director Position Announcement.

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ADDRESS CHANGES

Board rules require that all licensees keep us advised of any change of address and/or change in business affiliation. Licensees are required to provide an email address to the Board if one is available. Such changes must be in writing and may be submitted electronically by visiting the Board's website and completing the Online Change of information Form found on the "Change of Information" [page](#). You may also submit changes via the form below by mail, fax (334-242-2711), or [email](#) to the Board office.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

CPA/PA Certificate No. _____

Preferred Mailing Address:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Home Mobile Work

Email _____

Alternate Mailing Address:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Home Mobile Work

Change of Employment:

Date _____

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

LOCATION: Montgomery, AL

SALARY: Commensurate
With Experience

Under the direct supervision of the Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy ("the Board") the Executive Director functions as the Chief Executive Officer of the Board with the primary duties and responsibilities as follows:

- Responsible for the administration of Board policy.

- Serves as the agent for service of legal process upon the Board.

- Serves as the official custodian of the records of the Board.

- Supervises the Board staff members (five full-time employees) in all functions of the Board such as processing of applications, grades, certifications, registrations, CPA Examination administration, Peer Review Program, agency accounting, preparation of the Board's annual budget request and operations plan, and preparation of reports required by the Board and other State agencies.

- Plans and coordinates regular and special Board meetings including assisting the Board Chair in the development of agendas for Board meetings, preparation of minutes and furnishes Board members with information needed to carry out the regulatory duties of the Board.

- Arranges sites for Board meetings, public hearings, disciplinary hearings, and CPA Certificate Presentations.

- Receives and processes complaints and coordinates with the Investigative Committee for proper disposition.

- Consults with the Board's attorney, other state accountancy boards and State and National Agencies to keep the Board informed of current trends and issues.

- Supervises the review of requests for approval of continuing professional education (CPE) programs and the audits of licensees' CPE reporting.

- Attends and makes presentations at budget hearings, sunset hearings and public meetings.

- Drafts legislation and rules for the Board.

- Responds to inquiries from other agencies or individuals.

- Participates in conferences and other activities relating to professional training, licensure, or practice.

- Provides advisory services to CPA Examination candidates, licensees, Board members and the Public on the Public Accountancy Laws of Alabama and the Board's Administrative Code (Rules).

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: By the date of appointment, the incumbent must be a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Alabama. Qualified candidates must have a Bachelor's degree and at least five years of managerial experience. Government agency experience preferred, but not required.

HOW TO APPLY: All applicants must submit a resume by December 31, 2014 to the Executive Director Search Committee, Alabama State Board of Public Accountancy, P.O. Box 300375, Montgomery, AL 36130-0375.