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TASKFORCE TO EXAMINE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CPA LICENSURE CONVENES

Members will evaluate experience requirements in California and other states in light of consumer protection goals

(Sacramento, CA) – CBA President Leslie J. LaManna has convened the Taskforce to Examine Experience for CPA Licensure (Taskforce) which held its inaugural meeting in Pasadena on May 23, 2013. The Taskforce will evaluate the experience required to become a Certified Public Accountant in California, keeping its focus on what is in the best interests of California consumers.

Taskforce Chair and CBA member Manuel Ramirez, CPA, says the Taskforce will immerse itself in many different aspects of accounting experience.

"Because the primary purpose of the Taskforce is to provide the CBA with recommendations regarding the requirements for CPA licensure, said Ramirez, "we will be gaining a fuller understanding of why the CBA maintains its current requirements, and exploring other states' experience requirements."

"Most importantly," Ramirez continued, "we'll be paying close attention to the CBA's primary responsibility to protect consumers."

In addition to Ramirez, members of the Taskforce include CBA members Sally Anderson, CPA, Larry Kaplan and Marshal Oldman, Esq. Other members are Dan Dustin, CPA, Ed Howard, Esq., Kris Mapes, CPA, Gary McBride, CPA and Hal Schultz, CPA.

The next meeting of the Taskforce will be July 24, 2013 in Sacramento.

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