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California Board of Accountancy Elects New Officers

SACRAMENTO – The California Board of Accountancy (CBA) elected new leadership at its meeting on November 16, 2017. Mr. Michael M. Savoy, CPA was elected President of the CBA, Mr. George Famalett, CPA as Vice-President, and Mr. Mark Silverman, Esq. as Secretary/Treasurer.

“I am pleased to be selected again to lead the California Board of Accountancy,” said President Savoy. “During this tenure as President, we will continue to fulfill our mission to protect consumers by ensuring only qualified licensees practice public accountancy in accordance with established professional standards.”

Mr. Savoy was reappointed to the CBA by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. in November 2014, and has been a member of the CBA since 2010. He previously held the office of Vice-President from 2016-2017 and 2012-2013, Secretary/Treasurer from 2015-2016 and 2011-2012, and President from 2013-2014. Mr. Savoy is presently the Treasurer and a member of the Board of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Savoy is also a shareholder at Gumbiner Savett Inc.

Mr. Famalett was appointed to the California Board of Accountancy by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. in November 2015. Mr. Famalett has been a tax partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP since 2005, where he has held several positions since 1996, including U.S. indirect tax practice leader and specialty partner tax team leader for the San Jose tax practice. Mr. Famalett was an adjunct professor for the California Polytechnic State University Masters Program in Taxation from 2008 to 2010. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law and a Master of Science degree in taxation from Golden Gate University. Mr. Famalett is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, California Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting.

Mr. Silverman was appointed to the CBA by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. in January 2014. He was elected Secretary/Treasurer in November 2016 and in November 2017. Mr. Silverman, of Santa Monica, has been an Advisor at Westhaven Therapeutics and Georgetown Translational Pharmaceuticals and Entrepreneur in Residence at the Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business since 2013. He held multiple positions at ScrollMotion, Inc. from 2009-2013 including Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer. He was a principal at YQ Holdings Group from 2002 to 2009, Executive Vice-President at US Interactive from 1998 to 2001 and Chief Operating Officer at Digital Evolution, Inc. from 1996 to 1998. Mr. Silverman held multiple positions including Vice-President at Coast Converters, Inc. from 1981 to 1996 and served as an Attorney Advisor at the Federal Trade Commission from 1976 to 1980. Mr. Silverman earned a Bachelor of Science in Business from Georgetown University and a Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center.

The complete biographies of all CBA Members can be read on the [CBA's website](#).



Current CBA Members (L-R) – Xochitl León; Sunny Youngsun Park, Esq.; Kathleen Wright, JD, CPA, LL.M, MBA; Jose Campos, CPA; Karriann Farrell Hinds, Esq.; George Famalett, CPA; Alicia Berhow; Michael Savoy, CPA; Mark Silverman, Esq.; Jian Ou-Yang, CPA; Luz Molina Lopez; Dan Jacobson, Esq.; Deirdre Robinson; Carola Nicholson, CPA; Katrina Salazar, CPA.

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