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Update from the Director

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The Professional Licensing Boards Division is committed to identifying and implementing efficiencies in every area possible. To achieve this, we are continuing to develop new online applications. In anticipation of spring graduations, we are currently working to ensure that additional types of license applications are available online. In addition to new online applications, we are in the process of upgrading our business software. The necessary upgrades will allow us to broaden our online services and increase our support for our applicants and licensees.

In March, Secretary of State Brian P. Kemp announced a multi-phase consolidation of the Securities, Charities and Cemeteries Division of the Office of Secretary of State. This Division will be consolidated and moved to the Professional Licensing Boards Division in Macon. We will be

About the Board

The Georgia Auctioneers Commission consists of six members: five licensed auctioneers and one consumer member. Typically, the Board meets six times each year. Board meetings are open to the public, with the exception of executive session, in which confidential matters such as complaints, disciplinary items, and applications are discussed.

The Commission has the authority to regulate the issuance of licenses, to revoke or suspend licenses issued and to censure licenses for any violation of the law. Any individual desiring to act as an auctioneer or operate an auction company must first meet the requirements of the law and rules and be licensed with the Commission.

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working throughout the second quarter to complete this transition and will provide an update on the transition in the next newsletter.

The Secretary of State's office is committed to operating as efficiently as possible while providing excellent customer service to the citizens of the State of Georgia. We appreciate your confidence as we continue to improve our ability to serve and support you.

2010 Meeting Dates

No future 2010 Meetings Scheduled

The Board meets at the Professional Licensing Board Office in Macon.

Minutes from the Board meetings may be found on the Board's website at www.sos.ga.gov/plb/auctioneer

Board Members and Staff

Mark Manley, Chairman

Charles F. Gay

Roy D. Cates, Sr.

Norman Echols

Mark Manley

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Steve Lindsey

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Georgia Auctioneers Commission

Active Licensees

Auctioneer: 1,041

Auctioneer Company: 158

Auctioneer Company- Non Resident: 34

Auctioneer-Non Resident: 402

Exempt Auction Company: 231

Auctioneer School: 5

Expiration Dates

Auctioneer – February 28 of even numbered years

Auctioneer Company – February 28 of even numbered years

Auctioneer Company – Non Resident – February 28 of even numbered years

Auctioneer – Non Resident – February 28 of even numbered years

“It is illegal to work as an auctioneer with an expired license.”

Actions Taken by the Board

January: The Board voted to approve four applications for auctioneer licenses and two applications for auctioneer company licenses.

The Board accepted consent orders on the following:

- Jency Ellen Stapleton, Waycross
- State Street Flea Market, Waycross

The Board voted to post amendments to the following Board Rule:

- Rule 55-6- .01: Changes the amount required for contributions to the Recovery Fund and eliminates language referring to examination fees.

The Board voted to change the application fee for individual auctioneer licenses to \$200 and eliminate the separate charges for application fee and license fee.

March: The Board approved the following applications for licensure:

- Sullivan–Meredith Enterprises, Douglas: Auction Company
- Taylors All Star Auction and Sales, Gainesville: Auction Company
- Leslie Hugh Stephens, Talladega, AL: Auctioneer – Non Resident
- Kevin Wendt, Irwin, OH: Auctioneer – Non Resident
- Stephen Robert Thompson, Xenia, OH: Auctioneer – Non Resident

The Board ratified the following cease and desist orders for unlicensed practice:

- Truckcenter.com, Atlanta
- South Mills Auction Company, Bainbridge
- Wayne M Holbrook Auction Company / Wayne Michael Holbrook, Canton
- Press Access, LLC, Cumming
- Cymill Motors Inc., Decatur
- Rivertown Auctions, Hawkinsville
- M & B Auctions, Lake Park
- State Street Flea Market, Waycross

License Renewal Process

How do I renew my license?

You may renew your license on the Professional Licensing Board website with a credit card. Click on the License Renewal icon and follow the instructions. You will be asked a series of questions including whether you have been arrested, convicted of a crime or received a board sanction since the last renewal, whether you have completed your continuing education requirements, and whether you are a U.S. citizen. Renewing your license via the website is the fastest way to renew your license.

The Professional Licensing Boards do not mail paper renewals unless requested. A paper renewal form may be requested by the licensee either by calling the Board office at 478–207–2440, or by submitting a written request.

Disciplinary Issues:

The Board addresses these issues on a case–by–case basis and takes these matters very seriously applying sanctions to those who violate the Georgia Auctioneer Practice Act, Board rules, and policies. It is important that licensees review all laws, rules and policies that affect their profession. These may be found on the Board’s website at <http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/auctioneer/>.

All public disciplinary actions will be reflected in the Board minutes which may be found on the Georgia Auctioneers Commission website.

Grounds for denial, suspension, revocation of a license, or other disciplinary actions may be found at O.C.G.A. § 43–6–87 and at O.C.G.A. § 43–1–19, which can be found on the Georgia Auctioneers Commission website.

Complaint Process Information

The Georgia General Assembly created the Georgia Auctioneers Commission to regulate the licensing and practice of auctioneers. The responsibility of administering the laws in O.C.G.A. § 43-6 is given to the Board, whose members are appointed by the Governor. The Board determines if applicants meet licensure requirements, promulgates rules, and considers complaints against licensees and allegations of unlicensed practice. The process for disposing of complaints is as follows:

Complaint Form:

Complaints must be reported to and received by the Board in writing. Written complaints may be submitted to the Board office or be submitted on-line at <http://sos.georgia.gov/myverification/submitcomplaint.aspx>. Documents received in connection with a complaint will not be returned. The complaint must contain sufficient factual evidence indicating a clear violation of Georgia law or Board rules.

Investigations:

The Board gives serious consideration to all complaints. Further investigative action may be taken. Should you file a complaint, you may be contacted by a Board inspector or investigator for additional information. Investigative files are considered confidential for any purpose other than a hearing before the Board. However, the Board is authorized to release such records to another enforcement agency or lawful licensing authority.

Notification Process:

While the investigation is ongoing, the Board is unable to discuss the status of a complaint with anyone, including the complainant. When the Board has completed the case, the complainant will be notified in writing of the Board's actions. All public disciplinary actions will be reflected in the Board minutes which may be found on the Board's website.

Frequently Asked Questions

The Board list of frequently asked questions is available on the Board's website. If you cannot find an answer to your question, you may contact the Board office at (478) 207-2440.