Chair, Pat Poli called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. A quorum was present.

Minutes

A. Welcome – Pat Poli welcomed everyone and introduced Dale Karren, Petrous, Inc. and Hugh Webster, Association Counsel. The agenda was reviewed and no additions/changes were made.

MSC to approve the minutes of the August Council meeting.

B. Sharpening Our Vision II Next Steps – Tracey Sutherland reviewed the process used during the 2012-2013 Sharpening Our Vision I (SOVI) process. She explained that during this meeting the Vision and Desired Future States would be reconfirmed. As part of developing the plan for Sharpening Our Vision II (SOVII) two task forces will be formed. She recognized the expertise and support of Mike Diamond during that process. Mike will continue providing his support as a member of one of the task forces. Tracey introduced Dale Karren who will facilitate the SOVII process throughout 2013-2014. Dale reviewed where the Association has been, where the Association is going and how the Association will get there. The Desired Future states were reconfirmed and the updated documents will be circulated after the first of the year.

Minutes (continued)
C. Sharpening Our Vision II Next Steps (continued) – Tracey gave a historical perspective of the Governance Review Task Force (GRTF). She explained the GRTF was established as a result of strategic planning and their goal was to make sure our structure matched our strategy. The result from the GRTF was a more agile Board structure and a more robust Council. Council now has 3-year terms, senior leaders from each segment, identification of candidates for Board positions and an advocacy role. Council has the responsibility to provide strategic insight into issues related to Sections and Regions. Pat Poli introduced Audrey Gramling, representing the Auditing Section. Pat explained that Audrey would introduce a proposal put forth by the Auditing Section. Council would determine the pros and cons of the proposal and would share the pros and cons of the proposal with their respective segment. Council representatives should be prepared to report back at the March Council meeting with recommendations and/or alternate solutions. AAA Staff will send the proposal and slides with the pros/cons to Council attendees so they can review with their segment leadership.

D. Board & Council Roles – Hugh Webster provided Council with a perspective of what the law requires, allows and what the role should be of volunteer leadership. The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics policies were circulated for signatures.

E. Election of Council Ballot Committee (CBC) – Pat Poli provided an overview of the CBC explaining that it is the CBC’s role to select two nominated candidates each year, who meet the criteria of the Call for Nominations approved by the Board of Directors, to serve on the Board of Directors. This year’s Board member position is Director-Focusing on Membership. Tracey Sutherland described the history of CBC’s output thus far on the Board of Directors: Anne Christensen, Director-Focusing on Segments, and Shaun Budnik, Director – Focusing on Academic/Practitioner Interaction. Steve Kaplan, Chair of the CBC, facilitated the nomination of the candidates who will be put forth on the slate as Director-Focusing on Membership. Mark Dawkins and Marc Rubin were elected as the nominees to be added to the Slate of Officers for the 2014-2015 Board of Directors.

F. Election of Council Committee on Awards Committee (CCAC) – Pat Poli and Donald Ariail, Chair of the CCAC, described the purpose and composition of the CCAC, gave a historical perspective, and explained the impact of the committee on AAA. This committee enhances the value of recognition, strategic relationships and spurs the growth of volunteer leadership. Pat Poli opened the call for nominations for CCAC members.

MSC to close nominations.

Elected to the CCAC for 2013-2014: Erv Black, Anne Christensen, Elizabeth Demers, Steven Kachelmeier, David Stout, and Nancy Uddin.

Short Topics reported on during the vote counting process:

Executive Director’s Report: Tracey Sutherland provided an update on Membership types and trends. She reported on the 2013 Annual Meeting and Conference on Teaching and Learning (CTLA) attendance totals, the Faculty Student Collaborations in Accounting Workshop (FASTCA-13) and the TED talk – style presentations at the plenaries. Tracey thanked EY for their support of the 2013 Service Project that provided 514 backpacks to the children of Anaheim. The TLC/KPMG WOW event was a success with a total of 250 tickets sold for the event. The Career Center saw the highest number of Employers participating in the past five years. The 2013 Accounting PhD Rookie Recruiting and Research Camp will be held on December 6 – 8th in Miami. She updated Council on the status of the litigation issue.
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   **Time, Method of Fourth Council Meeting:** David Boynton will circulate a survey to determine the date and time for the fourth Council meeting that will take place in April in webinar format.

   **G. Ad Hoc Council Advocacy Task Force Report** – Bob Allen, Dale Flesher and Audrey Gramling reported on their findings about the process that is followed by other academic associations that issue advocacy statements/positions. Council discussed the types of issues that could be addressed in the future, the scope, and process to be used. Bob, Dale and Audrey will take the thoughts from the Council discussion and incorporate into a proposed policy that will be brought forward at the March Council meeting.

   **The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.**