

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Board of Auctioneers Meeting**

**Meeting Type:** General Board Meeting, Crown Plaza Hotel, Orlando, FL

**Meeting Date:** December 14, 2005

**Board Members:** Fred Dietrich, Chair  
Michael Moecker, Vice Chair  
Craig Accardo  
Donald Shearer  
Jo Ann C. Hill

**Other Attendees:** Anthony B. Spivey, Executive Director  
Teri Estes, Government Analyst  
Daniel Biggins, Assistant Attorney General  
Charles Tunnickliff, Prosecuting Attorney

### **Major Issues/Actions**

- The board ratified the following list of individuals in the respective Auctioneer categories:

### **AUCTIONEER BY EXAMINATION**

WHITESELL, BRIAN L	AU 3385
WILLIAMS, THOMAS J	AU 3386
BARRON, ELIZABETH C	AU 3387
DUBSKY, ROBERT	AU 3388
SUMMS, WILLIAM J	AU 3390
SBROCCO, THOMAS A	AU 3392
FONTANA, JOSEPH L	AU 3395

### **AUCTIONEER BY ENDORSEMENT**

WHITEHURST, STUART P	AU 3389	MA
CUMMINGS, NICK A	AU 3391	OH IN
HORRALL, BRADLEY R	AU 3393	IN OH
COX, RICHARD D	AU 3394	IL IN OH
CASPERT, HERBERT B	AU 3396	PA NY VA
HARDENBROOK, CHRIS A	AU 3397	OH
THOMA, ADAM M	AU 3398	PA
OWEN, JAMES L	AU 3399	TX
ABADI, GAVIN H	AU 3400	IN

### **AUCTION BUSINESS**

VACATION AUCTION, INC	AB 2472
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EWALD ENTERPRISES, INC  
TECH SURPLUS DEPOT/DAVES BARGIN OUTLET, LLC  
E.A. AUCTIONS, ANTIQUES AND SURPLUS

AB 2473  
AB 2474  
AB 2475

## **AUCTIONEER APPRENTICE**

WISDOM, EDWARD W	AE 337
ROLPH, DENZEL D	AE 339
MOYE, MARCUS H	AE 340

- A motion for waiver was submitted to the board for review by the prosecuting counsel on auctioneer Ronny Lewis Griffith. The case was subsequently pulled from the agenda by the attorney as it was deemed a duplicate case which had been heard and acted on at an earlier date by the board.
- Mr. Dietrich discussed the status of the move to have auctioneer applicants fingerprinted before licensing. He indicated that a bill has been filed and Representative Frank Atkinson will sponsor the bill. By having fingerprints required for auctioneer applicants, this may help detect individuals with criminal backgrounds before they enter the profession.
- The board reviewed its financial statements for the first quarter of the fiscal year and was apprised that the board is in good financial standing. The operating account as of September 30, 2005 has a balance of \$106,447; the recovery fund account has a balance of \$738,259; and the unlicensed activity account has a balance of \$20,817. The board will meet in Tallahassee for its next meeting on March 16, 2006. The members would like to meet with Mr. Marc Drexler to receive a brief on the collections procedures he uses to collect funds into the auctioneers' account when fines have been levied against an auctioneer because of discipline. Mr. Drexler has been notified and will attend the meeting.
- Online auctioning continues to be a topic of discussion for the board. The investigations section provided a report of cases it had opened in regards to the number of businesses allegedly offering to auction off items without an auctioneer's license. Of the thirteen preliminary investigations opened, twelve were closed and one is pending review. To provide a more concerted effort by the investigative staff, the board was requested to provide any direct information to staff regarding their knowledge of any suspected activity so that investigations may have more concrete information to work from.
- The board requested the department to put out news releases in the specific area where an auctioneer lives when he or she has been disciplined by the board. The board was advised that this issue would be brought before the department. The board felt this is a viable deterrent to unlicensed activity as well as unethical activity by licensed auctioneers.

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Anthony B. Spivey  
Executive Director  
December 19, 2005