General Meeting
NEXT MEETING, Wednesday July 20, 2005
Place Crowne Plaza, Pleasanton
4:30 Board Meeting
6:30 Hospitality
7:00 Dinner Salmon or Tortellini
8:15 Program – Federal Tax Issues
Cost: $30.00 with reservation by
$35.00 without reservation
Reservations: (800) 617-1040
email: EBAEA@aol.com

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EAs who attend most monthly meetings. If you are on this
list, you need to contact the Chapter office only if you will
NOT be attending the meeting. If you wish to be added to or
removed from the “standing reservations” list, call (800) 617-
1040

CHAPTER MEETING
“New Law - Uniform Definition of Child”
By Philip Fiegler, EA, Program Chair
As part of the new tax law passed in October
2004, there is now a Uniform Definition of “Child”
which is codified and will take effect on 2005 Tax
Returns. The Uniform Definition of Child has a
major impact on the dependency exemption and
other issues such as head of household filing status
that has largely escaped the radar screen of tax
practitioners. Our speaker for this month, Gary
McBride, J.D., LL.M, & CPA, predicts if will be a
rude surprise on the 2005 Individual Income Tax
Returns. This is going to be something which is
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President’s Message
By Duncan Sandiland, EA
Greetings and salutations! The votes are in,
the count is tallied, the treasury is drained and the
new order is installed! Well, three out of four ain’t
half-bad.
Boy, there’s a lot going on here. You may not be
aware that we’re in the midst of a three-year
reorganization of the Chapter. Last year, we wrote
a Strategic Plan and Tested some realignments and
new procedures at the Board level. Those generally
worked out, so this year we’re going forward with
the visible parts of the realignment. All of the
existing committees have been examined and most
have been broken down into smaller teams and task
forces. Why the shuffling?
I’ve been on the Board for about ten years
now, and the traditional structure has usually
resulted in a situation where a few people do a great
deal of work (which leads to fast burnout,) and
many others who want to help only do a little work
because there is not a good system for helping out
in smaller ways. The new structure is designed to
solve that problem.
In the survey we took last year, a pleasantly
large number of members indicated they’d like to
help out in 2-hour, 4-hour, 8-hour or more amounts
each year. That is GREAT. Except that the old
structure doesn’t have an easy way to integrate
those volunteers. Enter the new system, with its
smaller, more focused teams and bite-sized
taskforces. Many of the team leaders have already
finished project worksheets, which break down big
projects into small tasks with timelines. With those
in hand, we finally have defined, manageable jobs
available for those who volunteered (and also those
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go to make us have to stop and think about some things which we may have previously done on auto-

This promises to be a pretty exciting evening. We are also going to receive a brief overview of the CSUEB online graduate tax program. There is an opportunity to increase your knowledge by enrolling in classes in which you can participate without leaving your home of office.

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Gary previously worked for the IRS as a revenue agent, special agent, and technical advisor in the IRS National Office. He earned a LL.M. (Taxation) degree in 1987 at Georgetown University, J.D. in 1981 at Hastings College of Law, and B.S. (emphasizing accounting and finance in 1975 at the University of California, Berkeley.

In addition to tax matters in general, he specializes in mergers and acquisitions, partnership tax, estate and gift tax, and international taxation. Gary often writes for and lectures to tax professionals.

President's Message continued

who have held off volunteering for fear of being stuck in a bigger-than-promised job. It is our earnest hope that this restructuring will lead to greater grass-roots participation, allowing more benefits to become available to all members without burning out the Board.

Next month, we will include the complete organizational chart as a page in the Bulletin. We're a bit behind on fleshing it out due to some really good ideas we heard at the Chapter Retreat last month. Secretary Peggy Hall took six pages of notes from the meeting, and we'll be discussing some of the ideas at the July and August Board meetings prior to rolling them out. As always, all members are welcome to attend Board meetings. Over the last year, the new streamlined procedures have eliminated much of the tediousness and endless discussion, which used to characterize Board meetings. Now, they are usually wrapped up in about an hour, leaving the rest of the scheduled time for working on projects.

I’ll leave you with a teaser about some of the Board agenda items for the next few months: starting more local breakfast/lunch groups, starting software support groups, free dinners at neighboring chapters, advancing the start time for dinner meetings, going to an email-only Bulletin, restructuring the Board, restructuring our CSEA director policies, and whatever else you want to bring up. We may even start a bonus drawing for everyone who reads all the way through my messages!

NEW DINNER TIME

The July 20, 2005 dinner meeting. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM social hour and registration begins at 6:30 pm

Reimbursements

By, Duncan Sandiland, Ea

This is your friendly reminder to submit all 2004-2005 expense reimbursement requests to the Treasurer, Catharine Dombrowski at 4464 Lone Tree Way, Ste. #203, Antioch, CA 94531 (email, catharine@dombrowski-cpa.com) Any requests NOT submitted by July 31, 2005 will not be honored. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!
Breakfast Tax Meetings
Antioch/Brentwood
Brentwood Café, Brentwood
(Every Friday, 8:00 a.m.)
Ken Seamann (925) 634-8297
Pleasanton Dublin Livermore
No meetings
So. Alameda County
First Wednesday of each month,
9:30am Holiday Bowl
Sal Romo or Walt Thomas
Chapter Office-1-800-617-1040

INTERCHAPTER LIAISON
By Duncan Sandiland, EA

FREE FOOD! Go to distant lands, meet interesting people, get neat ideas, share them with us. We have talked to most of our neighboring chapters (Golden Gate, Mission, North Bay, Solano/Napa, Big Valley) and they are enthusiastic about setting up a mutual liaison program. We are looking for a few members willing to periodically attend other chapter meetings and events. Then give brief reports to our Board and membership. We’ve got some neat ideas they can use, and they’ve got some neat ideas we can use. Everyone benefits, and the chapter will pick up the tab for your dinner! If you are interested in participating, please call the Chapter Office at 800-617-1040 and tell them which Chapter you’d like to visit. When we have a good idea of the interest level, we’ll set up the formal program with the other chapters.

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This program runs from July 2005 – June 2006.

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