**Call to Order at 1:01 p.m. by Jim Vann, President, Skylinks, Long Beach, CA.**

**A quorum of the Registered Conference Attendees – a quorum being “*fifty percent (50%)* *members registered to attend any part of the Association Annual Conference”* - was present**

**Location of California 2016 Annual Meeting:**

**Skylinks @ Long Beach**

**4800 East Wardlow Road**

**Long Beach CA 90808**

**Minutes by Carmen Nieves**

Minutes from September 18, 2015 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Jim Vann, Ryan Benton seconded, motion carries.

**Treasurer’s Report by Jen Horton –** a Revenue and Expense statement was provided to all present**.**

The beginning bank balance as of January 1, 2015 was $9, 911.37

Total receipts were: $20,583.55

Total expenses were: $19,514.40

The ending balance on December 31, 2015 was $10,980.52

**President’s Report**

1. Goals for 2016
   1. Grow California membership
   2. Expand Neighborhood meetings
      1. Meetings were set up in Long Beach, Riverside, Fontana, and Bakersfield.
   3. Have a California Member on National Board by 2018
      1. Currently we have one member who is thinking about running for a position on the National Board
   4. Host a National Convention by 2020
      1. National has advised the California Board we will be hosting the 2018 National Conference in Anaheim.
2. Joint Class with Nevada – On December 12, 2016 the California Chapter will join with the Nevada Chapter in hosting a class in Las Vegas, Nevada. Kathryn Keane will provide a total of eight (8) hours of Continuing Education (CE) – two (2) hours on ethics, two (2) hours on death and taxes, and four (4) hours on Schedule C with information on Uber and Lyft drivers.

**Nomination Committee – Chris Basom**

The Nomination Committee presented the slate of nominees for the 2017 Board as well as a voting ballot. Ballots were completed and after a count by the Nomination Committee, the following members were elected:

Cameron Hernandez, JD, CRTP

Jenny Shilling, CRTP (re-elected)

Surekha Vaidya, EA, MBA

Welcome to the Board. We look forward to your participation and great ideas for future events and education!

The ballot for the National Elections will be emailed to members in October 2016. Please watch your email and vote for the candidate(s) of your choice.

**National Representative – Brett Rosser, EA, National Board Member**

Brett discussed the growth of NATP over the last year, education, and other items of interest:

1. We have 39 chapters
2. 72 courses are offered, with 170,000 credits given for education
3. The average preparer has 30+ years of experience
4. Gross revenue in 2015 was $10,000,000.
5. 28,676 research questions submitted and answered
6. 16,500 Tax Books purchased through NATP
7. More Generation X than Traditionalists as members
8. NATP is offering for the first time, Part 1 of the EA class free as part of membership. Approximately 2600 members have enrolled.
9. The new NATP headquarters will be opened in May 2017.
10. Through member surveys, it has been noticed that a 3 to 5 year strategic plan has been developed for many chapters.
11. National has recognized the many membership accomplishments.
12. National is following a program that California Chapter has started, which is our neighborhood meetings. If these work well in California, they will be instituted throughout the 39 chapters.

One question was asked about extended hours for the research department. California is not able to call National after 3 pm pacific time because of the time difference. Brett talked with National and was told they are looking at this issue, but they are open on Saturdays, during tax season, from 9 am to 1 pm central time.

The 2017 NATP Tax Forum will be held at Planet Hollywood, Las Vegas. Sign up early to get the reduced rate.

**Adjournment**

Carmen Nieves moved, Rich Moring III seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 pm. Motion carries.