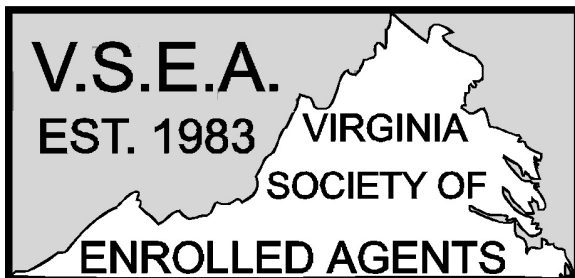

Mission Statement

The mission of the Virginia Society of Enrolled Agents is to promote the professional and personal growth of its members, and to enhance the portrayal of Enrolled Agents among other professionals and the public.



For a less taxing April 15th,
see an **ENROLLED AGENT!**

LOCAL CHAPTERS

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER (NVC)

The first local chapter within the Virginia Society, NVC was organized in 1986. The NVC meets for dinner on the fourth Wednesday of the month, except June, August, November and December.

HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER (HRC)

Since 1987, the HRC has met monthly for breakfast in Norfolk, on the third Wednesday of the month, except for a four-hour Saturday seminar in May.

RICHMOND CHAPTER (RC)

Since 1988, the RC has met monthly for breakfast on the second Thursday of the month.

BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER (BRC)

Since 1993, the BRC has met monthly in the Lynchburg-Roanoke-Rocky Mount-Bedford area for lunch on the third Wednesday of the month.

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WHY BE A VOLUNTEER?

It's not for money, it's not for fame,
It's not for any personal gain,
It's just for love of a fellowman.
It's just to lend a helping hand.
It's just to give a tithe of self.
That's something you can't buy with wealth.

It's not medals won with pride.
It's not that feeling deep inside.
It's that reward down in your heart.
It's that feeling that you've been a part
Of helping others far and near
That makes you a VOLUNTEER!

The Virginia Society of Enrolled Agents is YOUR Society.
Volunteer to be a part of it, **TODAY!**

“Every man (and woman) owes a part of his time and money to the business or industry in which he is engaged. No man has a right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere.”

– President Theodore Roosevelt, 1908
(Published in the “*Virginia Voice*” April, 1996)

INTRODUCTION

The information contained in this booklet was compiled by Julie M. Compton, EA, Secretary of the Hampton Roads Chapter, and a member of the 20th Anniversary Committee. Julie spent a great deal of time researching and gathering information. This booklet is the result of her efforts, and reflects Julie's pride in our Society and its accomplishments.

We hope you find the information interesting and will take it home with you as a keepsake of our 20th Anniversary Celebration. Some of you will recognize a ‘few’ of the names contained herein, and will be personally knowledgeable of all facts. Some of you may not. What is most important, however, is that this booklet makes you aware that the Virginia Society of Enrolled Agents began with a core group of individuals who shared a vision, and had the foresight to establish the Society in 1983. This Society has flourished for the past 20 years because other members became actively involved and as a result, insured its continuity.

The Virginia Society of Enrolled Agents is **our** Society. What happens in the next 20 years, is up to each and every one of us.

Cynthia M. Jeanguenat, EA

20th Anniversary Celebration
& Public Relations Chair

HISTORY OF THE VIRGINIA SOCIETY OF ENROLLED AGENTS

On October 25, 1983, a pre-organizational meeting was held at NAEA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. to form the Virginia State Society. Present at that meeting were: Judith Beach, Vernon Graber, Edward Levine, Lewis Marsh, Bess Messmer, Robert Spencer and Jack Wade.

An organizational meeting, open to all Virginia Enrolled Agents, was held at the Richmond Hyatt, on November 17, 1983. Attendees were David Barrach of NAEA, Bette Conlon, Edward Levine, Thomas Litton, W. Stuart Logan, Bess Messmer, Robert Mitchell, Benny Montgomery, Helen Ruther Salomon, Robert Spencer, Jack Wade, Roy Williams and Vernon Woodward. So much interest was shown at this meeting, the attendees decided to proceed with the incorporation process and affiliation with NAEA. Minutes of the meeting made up the first issue of the "Virginia Enrolled Agent" newsletter in November, 1983.

The following volunteered to serve the Society and are listed in the Articles of Incorporation dated November 28, 1983 as Initial Directors: Bette Conlon of Fredericksburg, Edward Levine and Robert Spencer of Richmond, Thomas Litton of Lexington, Bess Messmer (Incorporator) of Colonial Heights, Robert Mitchell, Jr. of Vienna, and Roy E. Williams of Annandale.

The Certificate of Incorporation was issued to the Virginia Society of Enrolled Agents, a non-profit, non-stock corporation, on December 1, 1983. The fiscal year was designated as July 1 - June 30. There were 20 original members.

The Inaugural Meeting of the Society was held on December 13, 1983, at the Ramada Inn in Carmel Church, and the following decisions were made:

Thomas B. Whalen, EA, Richmond
S. Adrian Whiteside, EA, Buena Vista (Deceased)
Roy E. Williams, EA, Annandale
Paul F. Wilson, EA, Woodstock
Kenneth H. Winston, EA, Ashland
Vernon W. Woodward, EA, Newport News (Deceased)
Margaret L. Yackel, EA, Woodford

PAST PRESIDENTS

1983-85 - *Robert M. Spencer*, EA
1985-87 - *Edward Levine*, EA
1987-89 - *Tonnie Lee Larson*, EA (Deceased)
1989-91 - *Cynne White Wolf*, EA
1991-93 - *Terry L. Cummings*, EA
1993-95 - *A. G. Jim Reames*, EA
1995-97 - *Sherry W. Loop*, EA
1997-99 - *Toni A. der Boghossian*, EA
1999-2001 - *Vernon W. Woodward*, EA (Deceased)
2001-03 - *Kenneth W. Whitley, Sr.*, EA

EA OF THE YEAR AWARD

1988 -- *Bess Messmer*, EA
1989 -- *A. G. Jim Reames*, EA
1989 -- *Tonnie Lee Larson*, EA
1992 -- *Sherry W. Loop*, EA
1997 -- *Toni A. der Boghossian*, EA
1997 -- *Dorothy A. Martinette*, EA
1998 -- *Kenneth W. Whitley, Sr.*, EA
2001 -- *Nancy Cartier*, EA

PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

1986 - *Larry Fink*, Executive Vice-president, NAEA (Deceased)
1986 - *Gerard Esposito*, District Director
1988 - *Susan Linden-Brooks*, P I Officer
1989 - *Jack Petrie*, District Director
1992 - *Judith M. Bartel*, Communications Manager
1993 - *John M. Hall*, VASEA Director of Operations

VASEA “Firsts”

The **first** General Membership Meeting was held on May 24, 1984 in Richmond. Thirty attendees earned 3 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits.

The **first** speakers were: Edwin A. Kelleher of the IRS District Office, Edgar G. Hobson, Jr. of the Virginia Department of Taxation, Frank D. Tehel, EA, CFP, and Leah K. Herzberg, EA, Director, NAEA.

The **first** annual VASEA Convention was held in Lynchburg in October 1985.

The **first** educational seminar was held October 11, 1984 at the Holiday Inn Holidome, in Fredericksburg. The **first** “early bird” registration was offered for this seminar.

On June 7, 1985, VASEA held the **first** all-day educational seminar at the Holidome, in Fredericksburg. Eight hours of CPE were offered to the 48 participants.

The **first** Annual VASEA Convention was held in October 1985 at the Radisson Hotel in Lynchburg.

The **first** issue of the “*Virginia Enrolled Agent*” newsletter was launched in November 1983. Four issues were published that year, and every year since. The **first** issue to use the name, “*Virginia Voice*” was published in January 1991.

The **first** Governor to recognize the Virginia Society of Enrolled Agents was Charles S. Robb who issued a Proclamation designating July 1 - 7, 1984 as National Enrolled Agents Week. George Allen followed suit with a Proclamation in 1994, and issued a Certificate of Recognition for the 110th Anniversary of the Enabling Act, the beginning of Enrolled Agents.

The **first** official abbreviation changed from VSEA to VaSEA in 1990, then to VASEA in 2003.

VASEA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Over the years, the Virginia Society of Enrolled Agents has many accomplishments to be proud of:

- Continuing Education is a top priority! VASEA and its local chapters sponsor more than 150 CPE hours each year:
 - At annual seminars
 - At annual conventions since 1985
 - As partners with NCPE, NTPI, PTI, and AT&T
 - At local chapter meetings
- VASEA compiles and distributes quarterly newsletters and annual Membership Directories in an effort to keep its membership informed. The newsletter title, “Virginia Voice” was registered in the records of the Patent & Trademark Office September 26, 1995.
- VASEA has been actively involved in liaison meetings with representatives from both the IRS and the Virginia Department of Taxation since 1987.
- VASEA conducts SEE preparation courses originally conducted by the Northern Virginia Chapter in 1989.
- VASEA membership has grown from 20 original members in December 1983, to 338 Members and 83 Associates today.
- VASEA has been on the cutting edge of computer technology, and computerized tax preparation since July 1986 when the first meeting with the IRS to participate in Electronic Filing was held in Hampton Roads. Over the years, the Society has sponsored many seminars on computer use and tax software.
- Two NAEA Presidents hailed from Virginia: *Bess Messmer*, EA, and *Jim Reames*, EA. *Cynne White Wolf*, EA, *Sherry Loop*, EA and *Toni der Boghossian*, EA, ATA have served on NAEA committees.

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Nancy L. Adams, EA, Midlothian
Millard D. Ashley, EA, Virginia Beach
Judith E. Beach, EA, Alexandria
Arthur A. Bish, EA, Virginia Beach
Shirley O. Bly, EA, Winchester (Deceased)
Joseph Brown, EA, Richmond
Velma M. Burnett, EA, Fairfax
Bette Conlon, EA, Fredericksburg
Doris G. Cook, EA, McLean
Barbara C. Cabbage, EA, Hampton
Michael H. Cullers, EA, Winchester
Thomas L. Davies, EA, Alexandria
Clarence C. Drumeller, EA, Hampton
Robert N. Dussell, EA, Arlington
Vernon W. Graber, EA, Broadway
Gunther Greimel, EA, Roanoke
Hugh R. Harnsberger, EA, Roanoke
John O. Hemard, EA, Arlington
Harmon P. Hess, EA, Richlands
Lawrence D. Howser, EA, Springfield
Tonnie Lee Larson, EA, Altavista (Deceased)
Edward Levine, EA, Richmond
Thomas R. Litton, EA, Lexington
W. Stuart Logan, EA, Richmond
Lewis A. Marsh, EA, Lynchburg
Bess B. Messmer, EA, Colonial Heights
Robert W. Mitchell, EA, Vienna
Benny R. Montgomery, EA, Lynchburg
Elaine Perlin, EA, Virginia Beach
Marilyn E. Reardon, EA, Falls Church
Kenton Richard, EA, Virginia Beach
Helene R. Salomon, EA, Richmond (Deceased)
Philip H. Sharpe, EA, Harrisonburg
James J. Sokos, EA, Danville
Robert M. Spencer, EA, Richmond
Annette Stahler, EA, Fredericksburg
H. Herbert Stanley, Jr, EA, Urbanna
Joseph Stone, EA, Chesapeake
Frank Tehel, EA, Virginia Beach
Pat A. Tenorio, EA, Manassas
Tommy J. Trask, EA, Herndon
George G. Tsoukatos, EA, Danville
George E. Verzagt, EA, Alexandria

- * All members as of July 31, 1984 were to be recognized as Charter Members.
- * Annual Dues were set at \$13 (Note: NAEA's dues were \$62).
- * Membership meetings were to be held annually in late September.

A Board of Directors was elected:

President	Robert M Spencer
First Vice President	Edward Levine
Secretary	Robert W Mitchell, Jr
Treasurer	Bette Conlon
Director	Thomas R Litton
Director	Roy E Williams

Committees were established with Chairmen:

State Legislation	Joseph Brown,
Bylaws	Bess Messmer and Tonnie Larson
Membership	Edward Levine
Liaison	Thomas R. Litton

Bylaws of the Society were approved and signed by the elected Board of Directors. Bess Messmer volunteered to serve as Executive Director, feeling that her experience with the NAEA would be an asset to the Society. She established the Executive Office in her home, in Colonial Heights.

ALL THIS ORGANIZATION ONLY TOOK 50 DAYS AND INCLUDED THREE NATIONAL HOLIDAYS!

May 1995

“The Virginia Society for Excellence and Accountability”

July 1998

“Enrolled Agents Ease Tax Problems”