

## **August 2023 News from your State CSEA**

The year 2023 is moving fast and furious. What's CSEA been doing for these past eight months for 2023?

This is Louis Avalos serving as the CSEA Board Director for the OC chapter.

The midyear meeting for CSEA was held on July 29, 2023 via zoom. It's very clear that all the chapters are being challenged to attempt to regain their status of pre-Covid years. CSEA is producing new programs and opportunities that the local chapter can implement at the local level. Here are some highlights from the meeting.

The northern SEE class has enrolled 69 students for its 15-week course for the second year. They also signed up 22 students for the initial basic tax class.

CSEA is challenged by the drop in membership at this time 527 members have not renewed their membership this is a concern.

There was discussion on how to improve participation and some suggested a monthly breakfast or coffee session to discuss tax issues. All education must be available on all platforms with relevant topics to encourage members to attend. Posting for education will be on the CSEA website.

CSEA has rolled out an app CSEA Connect available to all members **free of charge**. You are encouraged to look at it and learn by reading and posting ideas.

The legislative group is expanding support for use by the chapters. The materials would include public speaking and effective delegation for running an effective chapter.

Finance and budget are reviewing what to do with the building that is owned by CSEA. The building is not in very good condition and requires serious money to make a viable building. This begs the question who would use the building, maybe a sale would be the best use? This will be discussed at the August meeting.

PIA headed by Mr. Golden has created factsheets, client letters, newsletter articles for use by the chapters and members free of charge. This information is updated yearly and is appropriate for use with your clients. All are available on the CSEA website for your use.

The CSEA hosted a booth at the Latino Fest in Las Vegas. Bilingual support was available, and it proved to be a major hit. The Latino group is interested in becoming Enrolled Agents and were happy that CSEA will be having SEE classes. The result is 14 new members were added to the CSEA group.

The last item had to do with NAEA. NAEA has reached out to CSEA to discuss how the groups can work together to leverage the members. As we get new information, we shall see what this means.

The next meeting is scheduled for late September and an update will be provided.

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