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CBA HIGHLIGHTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ANNUAL REPORT

SACRAMENTO – Solutions to enhance and improve the California Board of Accountancy’s commitment to California consumers and CPAs highlight the [2012 – 2013 CBA Annual Report](#) . At its meeting in San Diego September 26 – 27, 2013, CBA staff presented the Annual Report, which focuses on the significant strides and accomplishments realized in the past year. Among them:

- Expanded and fine-tuned social media efforts to reach stakeholders with important information on consumer protection issues, as well as new legislation and programs that would have a direct impact on consumers, students and faculty, applicants, and licensees.
- Established mobility for out-of-state certified public accountants (CPA), joining California with 48 other states and the District of Columbia that have mobility.
- Created a new database to support the implementation of mobility, providing increased access to consumers when selecting a CPA.
- Obtained approval on regulations requiring criminal background checks for all licensees who have not previously submitted fingerprints as a condition of licensure, or for whom no electronic record of the licensee’s fingerprints exists within the Department of Justice’s criminal offender record identification system.
- Pursued legislation (SB 823) to ease the transition to the new educational requirements for CPA licensure starting in 2014. SB 823 was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown.

“This year was both a culmination of years’ of work and brand-new advances,” said CBA President Leslie J. LaManna. “All of these accomplishments reinforce

and underscore the CBA's commitment to consumer protection.”

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Created by statute in 1901, the CBA's mandate is to protect consumers by ensuring only qualified licensees practice public accountancy in accordance with established professional standards. The CBA currently regulates more than 87,000 licensees, the largest group of licensed accounting professionals in the nation, including individuals, partnerships, and corporations.

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