

**PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

In the Matter of the Certified Public
Accountant (CPA) Certificate and/or
Licenses to Practice Public Accounting of:

Sharon M. Andreason
License No. 06420

Individually and as Owner of:

Sharon M. Andreason CPA PS
Firm License No. 5952

Respondent.

No. ACB-1533

CONSENT AGREEMENT
AND AGREED ORDER

The Washington State Board of Accountancy (Board) and Sharon M. Andreason (Respondent), stipulate and agree as follows:

Section 1: Procedural Stipulations

- 1.1 The parties wish to enter into this Consent Agreement and Agreed Order (Consent Agreement) in order to facilitate resolution of this matter in accordance with the legislative intent endorsed in RCW 34.05.060 and the provisions of WAC 4-30-140.
- 1.2 Respondent has the right to defend against a Statement of Charges issued by the Executive Director of the Board by demanding a hearing and presenting evidence on the Respondent's behalf. Respondent voluntarily waives the right to a hearing and all other rights that may be accorded the Respondent by the Administrative Procedures Act, chapter 34.05 RCW, and the laws of Washington, including the right to petition the courts for judicial review.
- 1.3 Respondent understands that should the Executive Director of the Board prevail at hearing based on the Statement of Charges, the Board has the power and authority to

deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the Respondent's CPA certificate or any individual or firm licenses to practice public accounting as a CPA or CPA firm in Washington, impose a fine plus the Board's investigative and legal costs in bringing charges, impose conditions precedent to renewal of the certificate or license, or impose full restitution to injured parties.

1.4 Respondent wishes to expedite the resolution of this matter by means of this Consent Agreement and does not desire to proceed to a formal hearing based on the issuance of a Statement of Charges.

1.5 Respondent understands that the terms of this Consent Agreement are not binding unless approved by the Board and fully executed.

The parties further stipulate to the following Stipulated Facts, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order:

Section 2: Stipulated Facts

2.1 At all times material hereto, Sharon Andreason, the Respondent herein, held an individual Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license to practice as a CPA in the state of Washington, No. 06429, issued on December 21, 1979.

2.2 At all times material hereto, Respondent held a CPA firm license to practice as a CPA firm in the state of Washington as Sharon M. Andreason CPA PS, No. 5952, issued on December 13, 2013.

2.3 On April 26, 2019, the Board received a CPA firm license renewal application for Sharon M. Andreason CPA PS. Respondent stated that the firm performed one audit, one review, and one compilation report from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2019. Respondent answered that the firm underwent a peer review within the 3-year period ending April 30,

2019. Respondent's last peer review was March 24, 2016, which is not applicable to Respondent's 2019 renewal application.

2.4 On July 29, 2019, Respondent stated in an email to the Board, "Yes, the firm performed services subject to peer review since the March 24, 2016 review. I will be having a peer review this year, although it isn't scheduled yet."

2.5 On May 27, 2020, Board staff referred Respondent to enforcement. The Board's enforcement staff mailed a letter to Respondent's address of record, requiring a response by June 17, 2020. No response was received.

2.6 On July 21, 2020, the Board's enforcement staff mailed a letter to Respondent's address of record, requiring a response by August 10, 2020. No response was received.

2.7 As of September 22, 2020, Respondent has not provided any indication or documentation that she completed a peer review applicable to the 2019 renewal period.

Section 3: Conclusions of Law

3.1 The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.

3.2 The facts set out in paragraphs 2.5 through 2.6 constitute a failure to respond to a written inquiry of the Board requesting a response sent by USPS to Respondent's address of record, which is a violation of RCW 18.04.295 and WAC 4-30-034.

3.3 The facts set out in paragraphs 2.1 through 2.7 constitute a failure to participate in a peer review in accordance with peer review program standards, which is a violation of RCW 18.04.295, RCW 18.04.305, and WAC 4-30-130(4).

3.4 The facts set out in paragraphs 2.1 through 2.7 constitute a failure of a licensed firm in this state to comply with the Board's quality assurance program requirements, which is a violation of RCW 18.04.295, RCW 18.04.305, and WAC 4-30-142(10)(g).

Section 4: Agreed Order

- 4.1 Respondent consents to the entry of this Agreement and has waived any right to a hearing.
- 4.2 Pursuant to RCW 18.04.295, the Board has the power to impose discipline. Based on the preceding Stipulated Facts and Conclusions of Law, the Board and Respondent agree to the following:
 - 4.2.1 Respondent shall complete a Board approved peer review as required in the April 2019 renewal application no later than six months after the date of this Agreement. Respondent shall submit documentation of completion to the Board no later than thirty days after the date of completion. This peer review will not be satisfy the requirements for any other peer review period or application.
 - 4.2.2 The Board shall not permit Respondent any peer review extension for a period of four years from the date of this Agreement.
 - 4.2.3 Respondent shall pay the Board a fine in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) within 90 days of the service of this Agreement. Such fine shall be made payable to the Washington State Board of Accountancy and remitted to the Washington State Board of Accountancy at PO Box 9131, Olympia, WA, 98507-9131.
 - 4.2.4 Respondent shall pay the Board the amount of seven hundred fifty (\$750) to reimburse the Board's investigative and legal costs within 90 days of the service of this Agreement. Such reimbursement shall be made payable to the Washington State Board of Accountancy and remitted to the Washington State Board of Accountancy at PO Box 9131, Olympia, WA 98507-9131.
 - 4.2.5 If Respondent fails to comply with any term of this Agreement, Respondent's CPA firm license shall be immediately revoked through dissolution.

4.2.5.1 If Respondent's CPA firm license is revoked, the Board shall not consider any firm application from Respondent until a minimum of three years have passed since the date of the revocation.

I, Sharon M. Andreason, certify that I have read this Consent Agreement in its entirety, and that I fully understand and agree to all of it and that it may be presented to the Board without my appearance. If the Board accepts the Consent Agreement, I understand that I will receive a signed copy.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

RESPONDENT

Sharon M. Andreason

The Board accepts and enters this Consent Agreement and Agreed Order.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

WASHINGTON STATE
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

Mark Hugh, CPA
Chair