

Ohio Chapter, Association for Accounting Administration November 15, 2002 Meeting

The November 2002 meeting of the Ohio Chapter, Association for Accounting Administration was held at the OSCPAs office in Dublin, Ohio on November 15, 2002.

The following members were in attendance:

Craig Baldauf	Schlabig & Associates, Ltd.	Akron, OH
Sandie Bennett	Donovan, Klimczak and Company	Akron, OH
Tammy Boring	Snyder & Company	Lancaster, OH
Jim Fahey	Brott, Mardis & Co., CPAs	Akron, OH
John Jackson	Battelle & Battelle, LLP	Dayton, OH
Patti Miller	Harr & Scherer, CPAs, Inc.	Circleville, OH
Linda Nay	Whalen & Company	Columbus, OH
Sally Siferd	Pry CPA Services, Inc.	Findlay, OH
Kim Tanner	Whitcomb & Hess, Inc.	Ashland, OH
Barb Walker	Barnes, Dennig & Co., Ltd.	Cincinnati, OH

Presentation

This meeting's presentation was on "Humor in the Workplace," presented by Peter Margaritis, CPA and head of the Accounting Department at Franklin University.

Business Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, as was the Treasurer's report.

Cash in bank at September 20, 2002 was \$2,939.83. Income for the past two months was \$317.92 and expenses for the same period were \$321.33. Cash in bank at November 15, 2002 was \$2,936.42.

Old Business

John reported on plans for next year's national conference. It will be held in Montreal. John is preparing an article for the next newsletter about this upcoming conference. Allan Koltin will be the keynote speaker at this conference. John encouraged everyone to go to the website for more information on the conference.

John said that some chapters have undertaken initiatives to get more of their members to attend the conference. Some chapters are paying \$100 of the conference fee for first-time attendees. Others are planning to pay the conference fee for their chapter president. We may want to consider some such initiative within our chapter.

The 2004 conference will be held in St. Louis and the 2005 conference will be in Phoenix.

The date for our May 2003 meeting was chosen to be May 9, since our regular May date was not available. Thus, upcoming meetings will be held on:

February 21, 2003

May 9, 2003

July 18, 2003

September 19, 2003

New Business

Jim announced that Curt Pederson has left Brady, Ware and Schoenfeld. Thus, we will need a new Program Chairperson. Anyone who is willing to help out with this function should contact Jim.

Everyone agreed that we should sponsor a break at the Montreal conference, which will cost about \$400. John will inform the conference committee that we will be doing this. Suggestions were made to have something at the break which identifies Ohio as the sponsor.

John reported on activities at the national level.

- Fred is heading up a project to collect forms and checklists which can be shared with other firms. So far the response to this request has been slow. John pointed out that you don't have to put your firm's name on the forms. In fact, when you send a form to Fred, if it has your firm's name on it, that will be deleted before the form is published. So, please send any forms and checklists you have to Fred.
- The niche project for 2003 will be on how to help your firm get to a less-paper environment.
- The MAP handbook needs contributing authors for various chapters. Jim will be doing the chapter on Office Facilities. Anyone else who is interested in working on a chapter should contact Jim.

We discussed the idea of a Partner Summit, similar to the summit we did in September for the Network Administrators at our firms. The Partner Summit could either be a conference call, or individual meetings between partners. We could possibly bring our Managing Partners to one of our regular meetings to get them all together at once, or we could go to each other's offices to meet in smaller groups.

The business meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, February 21, 2003 at the OSCP office in Dublin.