

New CPAs Honored Nov. 18 at State Board Ceremony



The Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy honored new CPAs during their fall CPA License Presentation Ceremony November 18 at the Mississippi State Capitol. MSCPAs President and CEO Karen Moody provided an introduction to the Society, and MSCPAs Young CPA Network Past-President Kimberly Williams urged the new CPAs to become active in Society activities. Keynote speaker was MSCPAs Chairman Bill Taylor. State Board Vice-Chairman Mark Peach administered the Oath of Title.

The new CPAs include Carrie Elizabeth Bouchard, William Harrison Bryant, Taylor Francesca Corso, Joshua Elton Currie, Hayley Hall Deer, Harrison K. Edwards, Amber Bell Ferguson, Alison Marie Garrison, Alexandra Nicole Hancock, Lindsay Megan James, Elijah Charles Ladnier, Tony Kevin Lilly, Jeremy Michael McMillan, Eric Marshall Michelletti, John Thomas Newell, Peyton Lee Parks, Daniel Safley Reynolds, Kathryn Kennedy Teasler, Na. J. Venator, Victoria Barcellona Wilcher, and James Ashton Williams.

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More than 130 Participated in our First MSCPAs- Produced Live Webinar

MSCPA began the new year with our Tax Cuts and Jobs Act CPE Course presented by MSCPAs member Jan Lewis. Our statewide participation included 184 participants joining us in-person in Ridgeland, Hattiesburg, and Tupelo and another 138 participants online via live-stream, making our first live webinar a success. "The MSCPAs is committed to moving forward and providing the benefits our members need and want," said MSCPAs Chairman Bill Taylor. "Online access to quality CPE is near the top of that list. We are excited to have our first live-streamed event under our belts and look forward to more offerings in 2018 and an even broader online catalog in 2019."

Online CPE provides a convenient alternative to classroom seminars. MSCPAs now produces real-time webinars offering quality CPE via your computer or mobile device. These webinars let you tune in remotely and even submit questions for the presenter.

We also partner with other CPE providers at a reduced cost for our members. All live webinar, webcast and self-study registrations and payments are now done through the MSCPAs website and will be included on your annual CPE transcript from us. Browse the different providers and register directly from our online CPE catalog.



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MSCPA Honors Hamp King Award Winner



Christopher Bernard Brown of Jackson State University was honored at the MSCPA Tax Institute December 7 for his selection as the Hamp King Award scholarship winner. Brown was presented a \$1,000 scholarship check from the Mississippi Tax Institute and a plaque from the MSCPA Education Foundation. One scholarship winner from among all MSCPA scholarship recipients is selected each fall based on outstanding academic and collegiate leadership. The award was named to honor the long-time service of the late Hamp King as Mississippi's State Auditor. Pictured with Brown are MSCPA Tax Institute trustees Barry Jones, Tom Byrne and William B. (Billy Buck) Staggers.

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Mark P. Peach Reappointed to the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy

Governor Phil Bryant has reappointed **Mark P. Peach, CPA** to the MSBPA effective January 1, 2018 for another 5-year term as an at-large representative. Peach will serve as Chairman of the Board in 2018. He previously held the position of Vice Chair and Secretary and served as Chairman of the Rules and Regulations and National Regulatory Concerns Committees. Peach is an assurance partner at KPMG LLP in Jackson. He began his career with the firm in 1982 and has 35 years of experience in public accounting. Peach has managed audits of clients related to real estate, colleges and universities, governmental entities, manufacturing, distribution, retail and insurance. He has experience serving both public and private companies and has experience with Sarbanes Oxley requirements. He has served as engagement partner for six different public companies in the State of Mississippi and has extensive experience with audits of employee benefit plans and serves as the Employee Benefit Plan Resource Partner. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and MSCPA and previously served on the Legislative Committee. He also serves as treasurer and board member for United Way and is coordinator for Mississippi Fast 40 which serves the fastest growing privately-held companies in Mississippi. He is licensed in the states of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, and Georgia. Peach earned a bachelor of business degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.



Peach

Jimmy E. Burkes and David L. Miller Recognized for Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy Service

Jimmy E. Burkes, Clinton, (left) and **David L. Miller**, Tupelo, (right) were recognized for their years of service on the State Board of Public Accountancy at the December meeting. Board members are appointed by the Governor for five year terms and may seek reappointment. Both served as At-Large representatives for 15 and 10 years, respectively, and chose to step down when their terms ended on December 31. Burkes will continue to serve as an At-Large Director and Treasurer of NASBA. Karen Moody, President/CEO, attended the State Board meeting and thanked them on behalf of the Society for their dedication and service to the CPAs of Mississippi and to the profession. Both Burkes and Miller are Past Chairmen of the MSCPA.



Burkes (l) and Miller (r)

William T. Kelly and Charles R. Prince Appointed to the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy

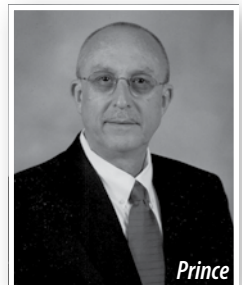
Governor Phil Bryant has appointed **William T. Kelly, CPA** and **Charles R. Prince, CPA** to the MSBPA effective January 1, 2018 as at-large representatives. Kelly and Prince will each serve a 5-year term.

Kelly is Senior Tax Partner at Topp McWhorter Harvey, PLLC in Hattiesburg and also oversees the firm's accounting and auditing quality control. He is also certified in business valuation. Kelly has served on the MSCPA Board of Governors, on the Board of Trustees of the MSCPA Mississippi Tax Institute, and as Secretary of the MSCPA.



Kelly

Prince has a public accounting practice in Magee which he opened in 1984. Prior to establishing his practice, Prince was employed by the Mississippi State Department of Audit. Prince has over 32 years of experience in public accounting. He manages audits, tax and tax planning, payroll, bookkeeping, and advisory services for clients. He also serves as a financial advisor to several Mississippi counties, school boards, a community hospital and nursing homes. Prince is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and has been active with the MSCPA throughout his career serving as Chairman of the Peer Review Committee and a member of the Governmental Accounting & Auditing and the Professional Conduct Committees. Charles was previously elected Treasurer of the MSCPA and also served as 2016-2017 Chairman of the Board.



Prince

HORNE LLP Admits Two Partners and Names a Partner in Charge

HORNE LLP, one of the nation's top 100 accounting and business advisory firms, announced the admittance of **Anna Stroble, J.D.** and **Bruce Walt** into the firm's partnership and named **Jason Saulters, CPA, CGMA**, as the partner in charge of franchise services.

Stroble is a government services partner where her primary focus is helping multiple states and local agencies with disaster response. Leveraging her background in developing successful solutions for complex challenges in disaster recovery, Stroble has served numerous disaster-impacted states, cities and regions by proactively guiding the communities as their strategic vision for recovery is developed. She joined the firm in 2015 after practicing law for more than 10 years. Stroble is passionate about helping communities implement



the program requirements, not only to ensure compliance, but to facilitate through compliance the growth and possibility available under federal recovery programs. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Mississippi College and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi.

Walt is responsible for translating the HORNE brand into go-to-market strategies for the firm's seven focus areas. In addition to marketing program development, he directs HORNE's external branding, messaging, advertising and digital strategy. Walt joined HORNE in 2013 with more than 20 years of experience in marketing, business development and change leadership. His experience includes branding, messaging, advertising, digital and social media, executive communications, and integrated



campaign management to connect with global enterprises, governments, and small and medium businesses. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Master of Business Administration with a focus in marketing from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Saulters joined HORNE in 2005 and has spent his career dedicated to the franchise industry. He specializes in operations consulting, accounting services and business advisory services. He is passionate about client service and aims to provide the broad technical expertise of a CPA firm with innovative technology solutions, fresh industry insights, data benchmarking, and best practices advisory. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in accounting from the University of South Alabama.



Silas Simmons, LLP Announces New Partners

Silas Simmons, LLP is proud to announce that **Peyton C. Cavin** and **Carr Hammond** have been named partners of the firm, effective January 1, 2018.

Both Cavin and Hammond bring a wealth of knowledge in public accounting and over 10 years of experience to Silas Simmons. The two new partners have been integral leaders in the firm for the past decade and are recognized for their dedication to the firm and exceptional service to clients.

Cavin received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in accounting from Mississippi College. He joined Silas Simmons in 2007 and specializes in tax planning and preparation, IRS representation, QuickBooks consulting and implementation, and financial statement audit, review and compilation. He is a member of the Mississippi Society of CPAs and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Hammond is a graduate of Mississippi State University where he earned his Bachelor of Accountancy and Master of Taxation. He began with Silas Simmons in 2005 and specializes in audits of financial institutions, employee benefit plans, and local governments, as well as tax planning and preparation. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Mississippi Society of CPAs in which he serves as the Millennial Chairman of the Taxation Committee.



Koerber Presents Seminar to Judges

Jim Koerber, CPA/ABV/CFF recently presented a seminar entitled "Issues Related to Lost Profit Economic Damages" to Circuit, County, and Appellate Judges attending the Mississippi Judicial College's Fall Conference, which was held in Jackson, Mississippi. Koerber is a shareholder in The Koerber Company, PA, a Hattiesburg CPA firm that limits its work to business valuation and economic damage services for attorneys, CPAs, and their clients.

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Qualifying activities for the award include MSCPA membership and professional and civic public service achievements. Nominations should be submitted by April 20, 2018. Submit a nominee's name by email to Karen Moody (kmoody@ms-cpa.org) for consideration by the MSCPA Public Service Award Committee. Members serving on the committee this year include Tonya Flesher, Oxford; Benny Jeansonne, Natchez; and Josh Norris, Jackson.

Nominate an MSCPA Member for Rising Star Award

The MSCPA Rising Star Award recognizes an outstanding young CPA in Mississippi who has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills and involvement in the MSCPA, the accounting profession and their communities.

Recipients must be age 40 or younger, a current or past member of the Young CPA Network, and a MSCPA member who has demonstrated a commitment to the profession by leadership in the Network and MSCPA activities such as committees, local chapters, or the Board.

Nominations should be submitted by April 20, 2018. Please send nominations addressing the requirements in the criteria to Karen Moody (kmoody@ms-cpa.org). A copy of the nominee's business resume can be included if available.

The Executive Committee will select the recipient who will be recognized during the 2018 Annual Convention awards presentation on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin.



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CENTRAL CHAPTER



The Central Chapter met December 12 at the MSCPA Training Center for their quarterly meeting and half-day CPE event with Billy Morehead, Tara May and Robert Box presenting.

(Right photo) Central Chapter Officers from left to right: Ginger Gorman-Vice President-Membership; Domina Kaler-Treasurer; Julia Jesuit-President; Chelsey Henley-Vice President-Programs; and Blair Jussely-Secretary (not pictured).



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MISSISSIPPI TAX INSTITUTE

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Exhibitors were Accelerated Cost Recovery Solutions, Brown & Brown Association Services Professionals, CPACharge, Paychex and Thomson Reuters.

Taxation Committee Chairperson, Donna Bruce; Millennial Chair, Carr Hammond





WINTER EVENTS

Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy CPA License Presentation Ceremony

MSCPA President and CEO Karen Moody, MSCPA Young CPA Network Past-President Kimberly Williams, and MSCPA Chairman Bill Taylor were speakers at the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy CPA License Presentation Ceremony November 18.



New MSCPA members pictured with Kimberly Williams and Karen Moody.



Board of Governors and Past Chairmen's Christmas Event

MSCPA Chairman Bill Taylor and his wife Pam (right), hosted the annual Board of Governors and Past Chairmen's Christmas reception and dinner December 7 at the Jackson Yacht Club. Pictured with Northwest Chapter representative Phillip Carr and his wife Leslie.





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Banking and Finance Conference

August 23, 2018 | *Hilton-Jackson*

Health Care Services Seminar

September 21, 2018 | *MSCPA Training Center, Ridgeland*

Industry Conference

October 19, 2018 | *MSCPA Training Center, Ridgeland*

Accounting Educators' Conference

October 26, 2018 | *MSCPA Training Center, Ridgeland*

Not-for-Profit Conference

November 6, 2018 | *Hilton-Jackson*

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