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MSCPA CPE UPDATE

Health and safety of our members, speakers, partners, sponsors and staff are of the utmost concern to the MSCPA. We are closely monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation in Mississippi.

MSCPA Adds Additional CPE Courses in August and September

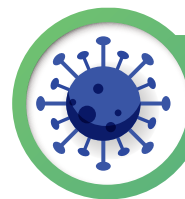
Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy extended the deadline on the current CPE period from June 30, 2020 until October 31, 2020. This blanket extension will provide licensees with 16 months to obtain the required 40 hours of CPE. Accordingly, the online CPE reporting due date will be extended from August 1, 2020 until December 1, 2020. Additionally, carryover hours into the subsequent 8-month CPE period (scheduled to end on June 30, 2021), has been increased from 20 hours to a 40 hour maximum.

Because of the extension, MSCPA has added 22 new in-person courses in Ridgeland in August and September that will also be livestreamed from our MSCPA Training Center. We are also planning to add additional courses as soon as possible that cover topics related to the changes and relief that resulted from COVID-19.

MSCPA to Livestream All May and June Courses From Our Training Center In Ridgeland

While staff and building management are following CDC guidelines to limit risk, out of an abundance of caution, we will be livestreaming all May and June courses and conferences from our MSCPA Training Center in Ridgeland. In person classes will resume once CDC and MS restrictions are lifted. Our Young CPA Conference, Business & Industry Management Development Conference (now one-day

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MSCPA COVID-19 RESOURCES

Visit our MSCPA COVID-19 Resources webpage for MSCPA events updates, webcasts, helpful links and news updates.

2020 Committee Day Cancelled Committees to Meet Virtually or Via Conference Call

MSCPA Committees meet in-person annually for Committee Day to plan their programs of work for the new fiscal year. The 2020 Committee Day and Leadership Luncheon scheduled for May 7 at the MSCPA Training Center in Ridgeland is cancelled. Incoming Chairmen are asked to determine dates for their Committees to meet virtually or via conference calls. Chairmen should contact Karen Moody to help with coordination. Karen will also

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Candidates for 2020-2021 Officers Announced

The MSCPA Nominations Committee reports the candidates for officers/directors for the 2020-2021 year. The election is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 2020 during the Annual Business Meeting at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, in Destin, Florida. Absentee ballots for members who will be unable to attend the Business Meeting will be available later this spring.

Chairman: Annette Pridgen, Pearl, *Jackson State University-Ret.*

Vice-Chairman/Chairman-Elect: Ricky Bullock, Tupelo, *Nail McKinney*

Treasurer: Raleigh Cutrer, Ridgeland, *Matthews, Cutrer & Lindsay, P.A.*

Secretary: Melanie Hamel, Brandon, *GranthamPoole PLLC*

At-Large Board Member: Clyde Herring, Starkville, *Mississippi State Univ.*

Members of the Nominations Committee include: Annette Herrin-Chairman, Hattiesburg; Beth Burgess, Flowood; Paul Calhoun, Jackson; Julia Jesuit, Madison; Anna Langley, Oxford; Jon Pernell, Tupelo; and Ryan Wingfield, Natchez.

This is the first candidate slate under the new bylaws resolution that was voted on and passed during our 2019 Annual Meeting. The highlights of the changes included moving from a two candidate ballot to a single candidate, expanding the nominating committee from 5 members to 7 members, and removing floor nominations at the annual meeting.



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CPE UPDATE

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instead of two-day), and Accounting & Auditing Conference are all being livestreamed from our MSCPA Training Center, and our Technology Conference has been moved from the Embassy Suites to the MSCPA Training Center and will be livestreamed as well. **Don't miss out on the great topics and speakers we are offering in May and June.**

We have also canceled our Hattiesburg courses that were planned for May as the Trent Lott Center is currently under limited access. We are waiting to make a

decision on our Biloxi and Tupelo courses that are planned for June. If you have any questions, please email cpe@ms-cpa.org.

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MSCPA Advocates for Accounting as Essential Service

As a precautionary and proactive move, MSCPA sent Governor Reeves a letter March 21, requesting accounting services be designated as an essential service if an order to shelter-in-place is issued. CPAs and accountants are included in the Department of Homeland Security Critical Infrastructure, noting their GUIDANCE ON THE 16 ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKFORCE, where they cite the Financial Services Sector as one of these essential services.

Governor Reeves signed executive order 1463 on March 24, in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. The order stated, "Essential Business or Operation means professional services including accounting services."

On April 1, Governor Tate Reeves signed a new executive order establishing a statewide shelter-in-place for Mississippi to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect

the health of all who call our state home. The shelter-in-place began Friday, April 3, 2020 at 5:00 PM and will be in effect until Monday, April 20, 2020 at 8:00 AM.

All nonessential businesses are to stop all activities other than those necessary for minimum operations (e.g. payroll, health insurance, security) and enabling employees to work from home. People may leave their homes only to perform essential activities, such as caring for someone in the vulnerable population, getting food or necessary supplies, and working for an essential business.

The definition of essential businesses remains the same as defined previously in Executive Order 1463.

These are indeed trying times for the profession. We are trying our best to keep our members informed and are working diligently on matters affecting us all.

Cheryl Sykes to represent MSCPA as AICPA Council Representative

The MSCPA Board of Governors has elected Cheryl Sykes to the AICPA Council where she will serve a three-year term beginning May 2020.



Sykes

Council is the governing body of the AICPA and is comprised of approximately 265 members and representatives from every state and U.S. Territory. Council meets twice a year, in May and October, and Regional Council meetings are held every year in March.

Cheryl is a recently retired tax partner with Haddox Reid Eubank Betts PLLC

and previously led their physician practice services team and their client accounting services department. She is active in the MSCPA, and has previously served as Chairman, Treasurer, and as a member of the Board of Governors. She has also served as an officer for the MSCPA Central Chapter, a member of the MSCPA Taxation Committee, and as a trustee for the Mississippi Tax Institute. She also served on the board of the Bower Foundation in Ridgeland. Cheryl is married to Bill and has two daughters and five grandchildren.

The MSCPA would like to thank Bob Cunningham for his dedication and representation of the MSCPA as he completes his October 2016–May 2020 extended term as AICPA Council Representative.

COMMITTEES

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distribute updated Committee rosters when finalized. Committees who plan our conferences should meet sooner rather than later as their schedules permit.

Volunteer Now for Committee Service

Serving on an MSCPA Committee allows you to network with other professionals, gain experience and meet others who work in your field. Committee members work together to accomplish objectives and projects that directly support the MSCPA and have been instrumental in addressing issues during the COVID-19 crisis. The time commitment is generally minimal as most Committees meet 2–3 times per year.

Volunteering for a Committee is easy. To view a list of active Committees, volunteer for a Committee, and view your Committee service history, go to our website www.ms-cpa.org, login with your email and password, then go to the Committees page under Members. If you would like more information about finding a Committee that is a good fit for you, please contact Karen at kmoody@ms-cpa.org or 601-856-4244. New committee member assignments are due by April 24.



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MDOR Responds to MSCPA Requests for Relief of Tax Deadline

The MSCPA Taxation Committee, Executive Committee and members have been actively working with MDOR and State leadership to extend the tax filing deadline. MSCPA leadership sent a letter to MDOR Commissioner Frierson requesting that MDOR extend Mississippi's individual tax filing and payment deadlines to align with all due dates established for Federal filings as closely as possible in order to alleviate the strain on our members and their clients and to eliminate confusion. **Since MDOR's first announcement extending the deadline to May 15, a second press release provided some relief by delaying the imposition of interest and penalties.** MSCPA notified members of these actions via email and continues to pursue additional relief.

March 23 MDOR PRESS RELEASE

The deadline to file and pay the 2019 individual income tax and corporate income tax is extended until May 15, 2020. The first quarter 2020 estimated tax payment is also extended until May 15, 2020. Penalty and interest will not accrue on the extension period through May 15, 2020. Withholding tax payments for the month of April are extended until May 15, 2020. The extension does not apply to Sales Tax, Use Tax, or any other tax types. These returns should be filed and paid on the normal due date. The extension also does not apply to payments on prior liabilities. However, the Department will consider an extension of time to file and pay on a case-by-case basis. These requests should be directed to our customer service line at 601-923-7700. We recognize that our extension does not coincide with the federal extension. However, we cannot extend the deadlines beyond the fiscal year end of June 30. To do so would jeopardize the ability of our state leadership to balance the fiscal year budget.

March 26 MDOR PRESS RELEASE

The Mississippi Department of Revenue is aware of the new pressures on the business community and state governments in responding to the COVID 19 pandemic. We are committed to doing what we can to help provide relief and certainty to our taxpayers.

Extensions of Filing Deadlines

While the federal government and many other states have postponed their income tax filing and payment deadlines to July 15, Mississippi has currently elected to move its filing deadline to May 15 in order to meet our statutory requirements of a balanced

budget as of the fiscal year end, which is June 30. The Department issued this extension with legislative input and input from our governor's office. We cannot move this deadline out past the fiscal year end without express direction from the legislature and the governor because this will create a \$500,000,000 deficit for the current fiscal year.

The Commissioner has the authority, by statute, to extend all sales/ use and local tax levies by only one month without requiring the imposition of interest. As of this time, we have not extended the time to file returns; however, we are agreeing to delay the imposition of interest and penalty on any unpaid tax balance for the period covered by the presidentially declared national emergency.

Property taxes are assessed and collected at the local government levels in Mississippi. The Department of Revenue does not have the authority to extend any of these deadlines.

In addition, the Commissioner was granted approval to extend the following deadlines:

- Homestead Application Deadline –the homestead application deadline has been extended until May 1, 2020.
- First Monday of April Tax Sale - the tax sale deadline has been extended to May 4, 2020, which is the first Monday of May for the following counties: Amite, Quitman, and Sunflower.
- Personal Property Renditions – the due date for Personal Property Renditions furnished by taxpayers to the County Tax Assessor has been extended for thirty (30) days. They will be due on May 1, 2020. Since the due date is now May 1, 2020, the 10% increase in assessment penalty for failure to provide to Assessor will also be extended to May 1, 2020.
- Real and Personal Property Land Rolls Deadline –the due date for Real and Personal Land Rolls furnished from County Tax Assessors to Boards of Supervisors has been extended for thirty (30) days. At the discretion of each county's board of supervisors, the extension is available, if needed. The land rolls could be due on the first Monday in August which will be on August 3, 2020.
- Affordable Rental Housing Deadline – the due date for the owner of affordable rental housing to provide an accurate statement of the actual net operating income to the county

tax assessor has been extended for fifteen (15) days. The statements will be due April 15, 2020.

Penalty and Interest Waiver

Mississippi has taken the steps to suspend the accrual of interest and penalty on all new assessments and all prior liabilities. Penalty and interest accrual has been suspended effective March 15, 2020 and will continue until the end of the national emergency.

Audits and Filing Requirements

Our audit staff is continuing to work on open audits. We will take what steps we can to resolve issues to minimize any audit controversies. We will agree to abate penalty and interest on any audits closed during this period of national emergency and where the taxpayer agrees to settle the audit without appeal and pay the tax due. We will work with taxpayers to extend deadlines for production of records and will commit to executing extensions where needed.

During the period of national emergency, Mississippi will not change withholding requirements for businesses based on the employee's temporary telework location. Mississippi residents are taxable on their total income, regardless of where they work. However, we will not impose any new withholding requirements on the employer. Mississippi will not use any changes in the employees temporary work locations due to the pandemic to impose nexus or alter apportionment of income for any business while temporary telework requirements are in place.

Electronic Mail and Electronic Payments

Mississippi will accept electronic document delivery, digital signatures, and electronic forms of payment. We are not aware of any requirements that a taxpayer must use certified mail in any response to this agency. Certainly, if this situation presents itself, we will accept anything received via regular mail. The Department will still be using certified mail where it is required to by statute. There are statutory deadlines for response times to appeal actions of this agency. We accept these appeals via electronic means now and believe that because we accept appeals through this manner there is no additional burden placed on a taxpayer to timely appeal. Additionally, there is no statutory provision to allow us to extend this deadline, which is currently 60 days for most actions of the agency.

Member News

Matthews, Cutrer and Lindsay CPAs Expands to Third City

The CPA firm of Matthews, Cutrer and Lindsay announced a merger with Clinton accounting firm Mosley and Company. As of Jan. 1, the Mosley team assumed the MCL brand and became the first Clinton location for the firm. MCL shareholder and Clinton resident, Bill McCoy, CPA, manages the Clinton MCL office.

“The city of Clinton is a vibrant part of the tri-county area. We are overjoyed to join their professional services community and welcome the Mosley team to our own. Our west Hinds County clients will enjoy



a more geographically central MCL office. The professionals known and trusted by Mosely clients will continue serving their needs with the added resources of our firm” said Matt Freeland, CPA and

managing shareholder of MCL. “Life’s work is made better by trusted relationships and innovative partnerships. MCL’s core passion is people – not just numbers. They believe every person and every relationship hold inherent worth, and they exhibit a strong desire to meaningfully assist clients. For these reasons, I selected them to continue the legacy of Mosley and

Company,” said Waymond Mosley, CPA. “We believe our expanded services will benefit a number of our new clients and look forward to getting to know them and their goals to secure their financial future,” said, Freeland.

Matthews, Cutrer and Lindsay | CPAs, with offices in Ridgeland, Clinton, and Yazoo City, Miss. provides accounting expertise to nonprofits, construction companies, and the affordable housing industry together with individual and corporate taxation services. Additionally, the firm provides business valuation and litigation support services plus recurring business services such as bookkeeping and payroll.

Sandifer Named *Delta Democrat-Times* Girls Basketball Coach of the Year

After leading the Greenville Christian School girls basketball team to its most successful season ever, **Brother Sandifer, CPA** has been named the *Delta Democrat-Times*’ Girls Basketball Coach of the Year. Coach Sandifer and his Lady Saints finished the season with 24 victories and advanced to the first ever state championship game since the program first started playing girls basketball in 1971. Coach Sandifer said he was honored to receive the award, and his players deserved so much credit for the success of the team. “They just came together so well,” Coach Sandifer said. “They had fun in practice and fun in the games. And, they really played their best during the last weeks of the season.” While Coach Sandifer is a highly competitive coach, winning is not the main reason he has coached at Greenville Christian over the last decade. Coach Sandifer is Partner at Sayle, Sandifer & Assoc, LLP in Greenville and is the father of four children. He said he volunteers his time in order to make a difference in the lives of the girls he leads.



Community Foundation for Mississippi Makes Grant in Honor of Woodrick

The Community Foundation for Mississippi (CFM) recently made a grant to the GranthamPoole Scholarship Endowment in Accountancy at the University of Mississippi Patterson School of Accountancy in honor of **Melanie Woodrick, CPA**, Principal, at GranthamPoole. Woodrick was recognized for her extraordinary partnership with the Community Foundation as a member of the Golden Key Society, comprised of tax professionals who work with CFM to serve their clients’ charitable giving needs.



PICTURED: Jane Alexander, President and CEO, Community Foundation for Mississippi; Jason McCormick, Director of Development, Patterson School of Accountancy; Melanie Woodrick, GranthamPoole; and Jon Turner, Board Chair, Community Foundation for Mississippi.

Anderson Named Top 10 Business Women

Cindy Anderson, CPA, Tax Member at Haddox Reid Eubank Betts PLLC, was named as one of Mississippi's Top 10 Business Women by the



Mississippi Business Journal. Many of the most powerful women in Mississippi gathered in Jackson with their families, coworkers, and friends for an exclusive luncheon that was held at the Old Capital Inn as the 50 Leading Business Women and their guests from all corners of the state converged to celebrate the hard work and dedication it takes to succeed in the ultra-competitive business world.

Matthews, Cutrer and Lindsay signs on as Jackson's St. Jude Dream Home® Giveaway CPAs

The accounting firm of Matthews, Cutrer and Lindsay recently confirmed a collaboration with ALSAC, the fundraising and awareness organization for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital® by signing on as the official Certified Public Accountants of the 2020 Jackson, Miss. St. Jude Dream Home® Giveaway set for Aug. The firm quickly agreed to continue its volunteer support in accordance with the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.



"Volunteerism permeates our firm. Our people offer their expertise, time and other talents to a variety of organizations in the communities we serve. This opportunity with St. Jude is a prized one, and we look forward to our role that ensures tickets are properly verified and sorted for the awards," said Kim Hardy, MCL shareholder and official firm contact for the event.

"MCL is an advocate, supporter and trusted advisor of more than 220 nonprofit organizations. We deeply value families and children. Serving our community in this way blends our personal and professional passions," said Charles Lindsay, shareholder-in-charge of the firm's nonprofit practice.

Ticket sales open Mar. 19 and conclude when the last of the 11,000 tickets is sold or the giveaway Aug. 20.

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Meet Our Members

Legacy Spotlights

As a tribute to the 100th Anniversary of the MSCPA, we want to spotlight members during our year-long Centennial Celebration who are legacies of the profession – MSCPA members whose family is or was also a MSCPA member CPA, accountant, or accounting student. If you or someone you know is a legacy of the profession, please email names and contact information to jtruhett@ms-cpa.org.

Jackie Bailey



Jackie Bailey, CPA, is the Chief Operating Officer of the Community Foundation for Mississippi, having joined the staff in 2008 after retiring from a twenty-seven year career in public accounting with various firms. Jackie retired from the Jackson office of HORNE LLP where her client base included a concentration in tax-exempt and healthcare organizations. She has served for many years on the board of directors and as treasurer of the Women's Fund of Mississippi and as treasurer of the Mississippi Association of Grantmakers. Jackie is a 1977 graduate of Forest Hill High School and a 1981 graduate of the University of Mississippi with a BBA in accounting. She has served on the MSCPA Taxation and Awards, Education and Scholarships Committees and currently serves as co-chairman of the MSCPA Not-for-Profit Committee. She is mother to Matthew and Mary Shellie, both graduates of the University of Mississippi.

Matt Bailey



Jackie's son, Matt Bailey, CPA, is a member of BKD National Health Care Group in Jackson with nearly 10 years of providing audit, accounting and consulting services to health care and not-for-profit industry clients. His health care industry experience includes supervising audits and providing

various consulting services for multifacility health systems and critical access hospitals, both governmental and not-for-profit. In addition, he has experience in assisting clients with analyzing accounting policies related to the Mississippi Hospital Access Program, state disproportionate share audit results, reviewing significant estimates related to Medicare cost report settlement estimates and Medicare RAC audits. Matt is a member of the Mississippi Chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association. He has served on the board of the MSCPA Young CPAs and is the millennial chair of the MSCPA Legislation Committee. He is a graduate of The University of Mississippi, Oxford, with B.S. and M.Acc degrees in accountancy. He and his wife, Elisha, live in Jackson with daughters Ellen and Libby.

Dick D. Quin

1938-1939 Chairman



Dick Darden Quin (1905-1981) attended Mississippi State University and then transferred to the Bowling Green College of Commerce where he received his bachelors degree. He started his career as a bookkeeper for the A. L. Sibebottom Lumber Company in Meridian, but moved back to Jackson in 1928 when he was hired by the CPA firm of W. Q. Sharp & Company. He became a partner in that firm in 1933, the same year he passed the CPA Exam by achieving the highest score in the nation. Thus, he was the first Mississippian to win the AICPA's coveted Elijah Watt Sells Award for the

highest scores on the examination. He left W. Q. Sharp in 1937 to form his own firm. He served for 12 years on the State Board of Public Accountancy (1934-1946), being appointed less than a year after passing the CPA Exam. He was secretary of the State Board while serving as President of the MSCPA. He later served as a member of the AICPA Council and in 1942-1943 was President of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), the national organization that oversees the CPA Examination. In terms of civic affairs, Quin served as President of the Country Club of Jackson, Treasurer of St. Andrews Episcopal Day School, as a member of the Board of Stewards of Galloway Memorial Methodist Church, and a member of the Kiwanis Club. Quin hosted the 1939 annual meeting in Natchez; at that meeting the membership voted to encourage the Mississippi Congressional delegation to change the deadline for filing the federal income tax return to April 15, from the then current due date of March 15. The resolution passed, although the vote margin was not revealed. Quin sold his firm, Dick D. Quin & Co., in 1964 and embarked on a second career in the oil business in partnership with his son-in-law, John D. Fournet, an attorney and land man. Following a heart attack, he recuperated by becoming an artist and by 1972 was mounting a show of his water colors of birds at a Jackson gallery. Birds had been a life-long interest of Quin dating back to his years as a taxidermist while he was still in high school. He was a graduate of the Northwestern School of Taxidermy in Omaha, Nebraska. Quin still had many of his taxidermy art treasures in his room at the time of his death at the age of 75.

Dickens Fournet



Fournet, Dickins

Quin's grandson, Dickins Fournet, CPA, is a member with GranthamPoole PLLC and team leader for the non-profit services department. A graduate of St. Joseph High

School in Jackson and later, Mississippi State University with a double major in accounting and business administration, Dickens specializes in non-profit and small business audits and advisory services. In addition to his professional accounting work, he is an active volunteer with several charitable organizations including the Saint Richard's Catholic School Advisory Committee, Saint Dominic Foundation Board Member, and Saint Jude Hospital Annual Hero fundraiser. Dickens has served on the MSCPA Governmental Accounting and Auditing Committee, the MSCPA Accounting and Auditing Committee, and the MSCPA Board of Governors. He and his wife, Brandi, and their son, John Brody, live in Ridgeland and are avid runners.

William C. Trest, Sr.



Trest, William

William C. Trest, Sr., CPA (1934-2012) retired from the Internal Revenue Service. During his career he was also employed by Martin Motor Company, FJ Block, and Williams, Nader, and Matthews.

He was a graduate of Jones Jr. College and the University of Southern Mississippi and also a U.S. Navy Veteran. His father John Trest (1906-1946) was also an accountant.

Angela Herzog



Herzog, Angela

William's daughter, Angela Herzog, CPA, is owner at Herzog CPA Company, PLLC with offices in Hattiesburg and Madison. She has over 29 years of governmental,

non-profit, private corporation, and tax accounting experience. She is a 1990 graduate of the University of Southern

Mississippi with a BS in Accounting. She previously served on the MSCPA Accounting and Auditing Committee and Board of Governors, and currently serves on the Governmental Accounting and Auditing Committee.

Lauren Herzog



Herzog, Lauren

Angela's daughter, Lauren Herzog, has completed her undergraduate degree in accountancy at Ole Miss and is currently getting her Masters of Accounting and Data Analytics. She is also

the recipient of the Hearin Fellowship. She plans to take the CPA exam upon graduation. She has participated in HORNE LLP's winter engagement, PwC's explore program, MCG Dallas's summer engagement, and has interned with ATF in Oxford, KPMG Jackson, and is currently an honors intern with the Federal Bureau of Investigations. She has accepted a position as an audit associate with KPMG in Jackson.

Peer Review COVID-19

During this stressful time of managing your busy season while contending with the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) we understand the challenges that you are faced with in dealing with your peer review. We, as the Administering Entity for Alabama Arkansas and Mississippi along with the AICPA have taken immediate steps intended to make life easier for you in scheduling and completing your peer reviews coming due in the next few months.

We are taking COVID-19 very seriously. First and foremost, we want to protect the health and well-being of our members, staff and reviewers.

Offsite System Reviews

We understand the impact that travel restrictions and health concerns may have in your search for a peer reviewer and performance of your onsite system review. As such, for system reviews that are scheduled to commence prior to July 1, 2020, we have streamlined the process we will be very flexible in allowing such reviews to occur.

Extension Requests

We also recognize the impact the current situation has on the ability to have your peer review and any applicable corrective actions or implementation plans conducted by the due date(s). Please discuss with your peer reviewer if

an extension would be appropriate. If called for, extension requests still need to be made through PRIMA. Again, though, we will be very flexible in granting your request.

For help with PRIMA, please see the *instructions for requesting a due date extension in PRIMA* or *instructions for requesting a due date extension for a corrective action or implementation plan in PRIMA*.

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As always and particularly during these uncertain times, if you have any questions, please contact our team below:

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Responding to COVID-19 with Remote Access? Pay Attention to Security!

Thomas G. Stephens, Jr., CPA, CITP, CGMA

As the world comes to grips with COVID-19, many businesses are responding by encouraging team members to work from home. The rationale behind this action is to reduce the possibility of a contaminated team member encountering other team members, and potentially contaminating them. Unfortunately, not everyone has thoughtfully considered the security ramifications of encouraging team members to work remotely. Consequently, many of these new remote workers may potentially and unknowingly compromise sensitive information. Read this article to learn about five security best practices you need to have in place in these environments.

Do Not Connect through Unsecured Wi-Fi

It's an unfortunate fact, but many home wi-fi networks remain unsecured. As such, cybercriminals can intercept the data transmitted over these networks easily. Of course, this results in potentially compromising sensitive and privileged information. Therefore, if you work from home and use wi-fi, protect the network at a minimum by requiring a password to establish a connection. Remember, you should never utilize an unsecured wi-fi network, regardless of whether it is in your home, a hotel, or any other venue!

To improve security relative to your internet access while working remotely, consider the following options:

Connect to the Internet using wired connections. Not only will they be more secure, but they might also be faster.

If wired connections are not practical, secure your wi-fi connection with a strong password. You may need to re-configure your wi-fi router to add this password.

Consider Utilizing a Virtual Private Network

Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) create a secure, encrypted "tunnel" in the otherwise unencrypted Internet. Accordingly, the VPN encrypts all traffic that passes through it, even if the network itself is not encrypted. Stated differently, assuming a secure network connection (as described in the previous paragraph), a VPN adds yet another level of encryption to your data. Your IT staff may already have a VPN option in place for you. However, if they do not, you

can take advantage of one of many good "personal" VPN's, including **Nord VPN**, **Private Internet Access**, **Express VPN**, and **CyberGhost VPN**. Either approach helps to reduce your risk of exposing confidential and sensitive information.

Be Aware of BYOD Risk

If you work from a computer that you provide personally – as opposed to a company-provided device – are you sure that your device is adequately secured. This risk is known as Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) risk, and it can be quite significant. For devices that your IT staff maintains, they likely implemented necessary security measures already. Examples include ensuring that anti-malware software updates automatically, users do not log-in with Administrative rights on the computer, and unauthorised software cannot run on the computer. But in the traditional home computer environment, often these and other necessary security measures are not in place. Further, because several family members likely use the home computer, you run the risk of compromising data due to someone else's actions or activities on the device.

In short, when working from home, try to use devices managed by your IT team. When this occurs, we shift the security issues associated with the computer to professionals who should have adequate training for the task. If, however, you must use your device to work remotely, at a minimum, ensure that your operating system and all your applications have the most recent updates available. Also, verify that anti-malware software is installed on the computer and is updated at least daily. These measures help to reduce BYOD risk when working from home.

Watch Out for Leaving Data Behind

Following on the previous point, be careful about where you store your data if you are working on your computer. In these situations, it is common for team members to save files on the local hard disk, as opposed to the corporate server or some Cloud-based resources. Then, when the working environment transitions back to a more routine one, and you return to the office to work, you may realize that all the files you have been working on are still on

your home computer.

To address this issue, consider storing all your data on an external hard disk and then taking that hard disk with you to the office when normal operations resume. Better yet, if your organization provides access to Cloud-based storage such as OneDrive for Business, store the files there. That way, you can collaborate with either team members in real-time using Microsoft Office applications.

Is Your Office Computer Turned On?

You can use tools to control your computer in the office remotely. This approach gives you access to all the files on the device and network and to all the applications installed on the computer. However, there is a downside to this approach. The downside is that, with some exceptions, you must leave the computer turned on so that you access it remotely. Of course, while the computer is on and you are not physically present in the office, unauthorized users might choose to run applications and access data from that device. Therefore, you may want to consider asking your IT staff to enable **Wake-on-LAN (WoL)** on your computer. Without going into a technical discussion, WoL essentially allows you to turn on your computer remotely. With this feature enabled, you won't have to leave it running 24/7, and, in turn, you reduce your security risk.

Summary

The global pandemic caused by COVID-19 has clearly put us in uncharted territory, on many fronts. Yet business needs to continue with as little disruption as possible. One way that can happen is to work from remote locations to reduce the risk of contracting or contaminating team members. For those who work remotely on a routine basis, hopefully, the five items discussed above have already been addressed. However, for those who are suddenly working in this environment, be sure to address the issues outlined in this article to reduce the risk of compromising confidential and sensitive data. Let's not make a challenging situation any worse because of a data breach.

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Technology and Taxes: The Accountant's Responsibility

By Gurjit Singh, Prager Metis CPAs

In the world we live in today, the only way to avoid becoming a victim to malware and/or identity theft is to disconnect yourself and your workstation from the internet. Unfortunately, in today's business environment, that is not an option.

Accounting firms maintain a significant amount of personal data on behalf of their clients, ranging from financial records to personally identifiable information. Keeping this data safe is a real concern for every single organization that houses it; the question is, are you following best practices to minimize your risk of a breach?

The Risk

There is no way to be completely sure that a system is impenetrable and safe from a cybersecurity threat; however, exercising best practices can turn the difficult task into a manageable event. Threats will continue to emerge and impact those that do not establish a strategy with best practices. First and foremost, the highest risk is posed by the human end-user. Even a firm with the most well-planned and well-funded technology investment, including safeguarding your perimeter, hardening the endpoints with application whitelisting policies and subscribing to advanced threat protection services, is still at risk through the human end-user. People are the first line of defense against cybersecurity attacks. Hackers are smart; they will start where the path to success does not require penetrating through layers of security. Instead, they rely on an attachment or a hyperlink that will grant them the level of access they need without breaking a sweat.

One way hackers accomplish their goals is by engaging their target in a phishing expedition. Phishing scams are a popular way for hackers to try to get your personal information, and, if successful, hackers don't have to do anything to get into your account other than send you an email.

Email Vigilance

Email is another means of information transfer where one needs to be vigilant. Did you know that if you or a member of your organization receive emails that contain sensitive information and ignore the email, neither deleting nor reporting the incident, the entire company is held liable for irresponsible data handling?

While we're on the subject of emails, note that the IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email or social media channels to request personal or financial information. During tax season, there will be numerous attempts to scam both the accountants and taxpayers, so it's important to not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the emails. Instead, forward the email to phishing@irs.gov.

The Rise of Mobile

The workforce of today has become increasingly mobile, and with mobility comes challenges with securing devices that fall outside of your domain. For example, let's look at smart phones. Most firms do not issue firm-owned devices to all employees, opting instead for a "bring your own device" policy. These personal devices store corporate data, including emails, contacts and documents which reside locally. This leaves personal devices open to increased security risks — it only takes one breached or malware-infected mobile application to comb through your personal device and read/move any data on your device without your knowledge. If your corporate applications are not secured using Mobile Device Management solutions, you're introducing a huge risk to your clients' personal data. To mitigate some of the risks, all smart phones should have a screen lock and password protection for corporate data applications. It is also important to remember that you should never connect to public WiFi networks. Why? Because the moment your mobile device sends data to a website or service over these public networks, it can be intercepted and will no longer remain private.

What About Flash Drives

Flash drives are another way that hackers can trick you into giving access to personal information. While it may not be the easiest solution, putting an end to flash drives, unless they're encrypted, will mitigate some of that risk. Encryption is one of the most effective methods to protect your data because without the key, any data stored on the device will not be decrypted.

Changing Regulations

Laws around data protection are rapidly changing, and compliance with these laws will continue to impact modern society. For example, the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) was recently introduced

to enhance privacy rights and consumer protection for residents of California. CCPA is the beginning of "America's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)." Similar to GDPR, CCPA will require organizations to focus on user data and provide transparency in how they are collecting, sharing and using such data.

GDPR is also very much in favor of encryption as a security measure. Article 34, Section 3(a), frees data controllers from having to notify affected individuals about a personal data breach if the controller has implemented protection measures, "in particular those that render the personal data unintelligible to any person who is not authorized to access it, such as encryption."

The Role of the Accountant as Security Advisor

The need for robust security changes the responsibility of every individual both inside and outside of an organization. This means that as an accountant, you must carry out your usual duties: preparing tax returns, payments, necessary paperwork and reporting, while also becoming a security advisor to your clients. For example, there is a good chance that your clients are not running the most sophisticated security solutions and yet insist on using their current tools to send you sensitive data. It is imperative that you stress firm policies and procedures around the transfer of information as often as possible to continue creating awareness for your clients. In addition, firms must adopt policies for receiving data through portals, which are essentially a gateway for clients to share information securely via the internet. Many portals offer virus scans and usually block attachments before they're eligible for download.

Clients trust their accountants with their most prized possession: data. But as long as there are Internet-enabled devices, there will be those who exploit them to harm the uninformed. With education around best practices relating to security, you're taking monumental steps to reduce these threats and keep your data from being compromised.

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New Email-Only Option for Members

MSCPA members now have the option to receive the MSCPA Newsletters via mail and email, or via email only. If you would like to receive the MSCPA Newsletters via email only, go to our website www.ms-cpa.org, log in with your email and password, and go to the Update My Profile page (under Members) to update your preferences.

AICPA's Benevolent Fund Can Help Members During These Uncertain Days

If you are a member of the AICPA and find that you are financially impacted by COVID-19, please contact the AICPA Benevolent Fund at AICPA.org/benevolentfund or contact them by email: benevolent_fund@aicpa.org

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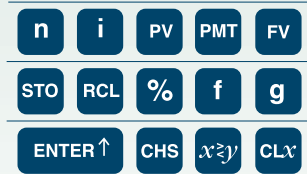
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2020 MSCPA Convention Agenda Announced

We continue to closely monitor the coronavirus situation and, at press time, have not cancelled the Convention.

The 2020 MSCPA Annual Convention is June 24-28, 2020 at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Florida marking the 100th anniversary for the MSCPA. MSCPA Chairman Donna Bruce extends an invitation to all MSCPA members and friends of the Society to attend.

New activities this year will include a silent auction, pickleball tournament and free fun run.

Additional Day of CPE - Now Offering 16 Hours!



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We have added an additional day of CPE Learning on Wednesday, June 24, bringing you four 4-hour course options.

- ❖ Wednesday, June 24, 8:30am – 12:00pm
Ethics, Rules, and Regulations, Bill Taylor
- ❖ Wednesday, June 24, 1:00pm – 4:30pm
Building and Spending a Retirement Fund, Bill Taylor
- ❖ Thursday, June 25, 8:30am – 12:00pm
Amazing Face Reading: A Powerful Tool for Effective Interactions, Ann Marks
- ❖ Thursday, June 25, 1:00pm – 4:30pm
Best Practices for Avoiding Corporate Credit Card and Expense Reimbursement Fraud, Wil Crawford

Complete details on the four courses are posted on the MSCPA website.

Convention registration begins Thursday, June 25, at 1 p.m. in the Azalea Foyer on the second level of the Baytowne Conference Center. The welcome reception starts at 7 p.m. in the Azalea Ballroom officially opening the meeting and members will be greeted by the current MSCPA officers. There will also be face-reading Thursday evening and Friday morning. We will be celebrating our centennial with a “Night on the Red Carpet” theme. *Wear black and white!*

Friday Morning Speakers



Melancon

Barry Melancon speaks at 9 a.m. on “Reimagining the Profession for a Vibrant Future.”

In today’s marketplace, virtually all companies are reimagining who they are, what they offer and how they deliver services and products. To meet the changing needs of clients and employers, we, as a profession, are also reimagining what it means to protect the public interest and serve as trusted advisers. We are providing clients and companies with new services and embracing new technologies to enhance the quality, efficiency and value of what we do. Together, we are creating a future that may be dramatically different from the past but will remain a beacon of trust and opportunity.

Barry is the CEO of the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants, the most influential body of professional accountants in the world with 650,000 members and students. Formed in 2017, it combines the strengths of The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) and the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA), which Melancon also leads as President & CEO. Melancon joined the AICPA in 1995 when he was 37 years old, and is now the longest serving CEO in the organization’s 129 year history. Under his tenure, the AICPA has grown to become the largest membership body of CPAs in the world and has spearheaded a number of initiatives to benefit not only the profession, but also investors, business owners, lenders and the general public. Prior to joining the AICPA, Melancon served for eight years as Executive Director of the Society of Louisiana CPAs. He began his accounting career in 1979 at a small CPA firm in Louisiana and was elected a firm partner in 1984.



Marshall

Charles Marshall speaks at 10:30 a.m. on “Real Heroes Don’t Wear Spandex.”

(A special invitation has been extended to spouses to hear Marshall’s 10:30 a.m. presentation).

In real life, heroes aren’t rock stars, movie stars, or sports figures. Real-life heroes are people who make a difference by believing in, and investing in, the lives of those around them without wearing a costume. In this thoroughly inspiring and fun-packed presentation, learn how to use the Powers of Success to overcome obstacles and achieve success and how to engage the Power of Belief to revolutionize your organization.

Charles Marshall is one of the most popular humorous motivational speakers speaking today and has over 20 years’

experience speaking to audiences all over the United States. Each year, Charles travels 100,000 miles to perform in over 100 corporate and civic venues from New York to California. His animated delivery and original observations have captivated over 1,000 audiences over the past two decades, including many Fortune 500 companies. He is the author of several books including: *The Seven Powers of Success* and *I'm Not Crazy But I Might Be A Carrier*. He also has produced and performed two full-length comedy videos, *Fully Animated* and *I'm Just Sayin'!* He is originally from Clinton.

Following the morning presentations, members are free to enjoy an afternoon of relaxation or may choose to participate in the new pickleball tournament (easy for beginners to learn!), golf tournament on the Baytowne Course, or aboard the *Destiny* for an afternoon of fishing. A box lunch will be provided after the last speaker concludes.

Free Evening Friday Night

This year's convention schedule again features a free evening Friday night for members to enjoy the benefits of the Resort, and sponsors and exhibitors will have ample free time for networking.

Annual Business Meeting Starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday

The Annual Business Meeting begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday with MSCPA Chairman Donna Bruce presiding. Officers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year will be elected, and reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, President, Insurance Trust Chair, AICPA Council Representative, Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy, Legislation Chair, State Auditor, and the Young CPA Network will be presented. Members who have won the Public Service Award and Outstanding Educator Award will also be honored. CPA Exam Medal Winners will be recognized as will the recipient of the Rising Star Award.

Following the morning refreshment break, members will gather in the main meeting room at 11:20 a.m. for exhibitor prize drawings.

Saturday Afternoon

Volleyball Tournament and Beach Party 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (between the Beachside Two and Luau condos). Tents will be set up and sponsors will have giveaways and door prizes.

Saturday Evening

Members return to the Conference Center on Saturday evening for the reception at 6:45 p.m. and will be seated for dinner at 7:30 p.m. We will honor and recognize members with a special centennial program. MSCPA Chairman Donna Bruce will introduce newly elected officers and the traditional exchange of the gavel will be made as MSCPA Chairman-Elect Annette Pridgen nears the beginning of her term. The Bailey Trophy will be presented to the winning volleyball team.



Entertainment will feature **Mr. Big & the Rhythm Sisters**, the hot new pick on the Gulf Coast. This exciting band rolls out the all-time party hits and coastal favorites with irresistible crowd

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interaction and unparalleled enthusiasm. For this special night, the band will cover 100 years of hits – and will make “having fun” the easiest thing you’ll do all week! Get ready for plenty of selfies and photo ops as this unique group turns our members and guests into the stars of the show. Get ready to kick off the next 100 years with the party of the century.

The evening will conclude with the prize money drawing. Members are urged to visit the exhibitors’ booths on Friday and Saturday and have their convention cards stamped to be eligible for the prize.

Prayer Breakfast Closes Convention Sunday morning

The traditional Sunday morning Prayer Breakfast will close the 2020 meeting.

Special for Spouses

On Friday morning at 9 a.m., Hattiesburg chef, author, restaurateur, & world-class eater, Robert St. John, will present a cooking demonstration. Breakfast is included. The cooking program will conclude in time for spouses to hear Charles Marshall’s presentation in the main meeting room.

And on Saturday starting at 9 a.m., bingo will be held in the Camellia Room with prizes made possible by the MSCPA Chapters.

Children Activities for Ages 4-12

- ❖ Thursday, June 20, 2019 (6:30 PM – 9:00 PM) Arts, crafts, games and snacks.
- ❖ Friday, June 21, 2019 (8:30 AM – Noon) Lawn and pool party with crafts and games.

- ❖ Saturday, June 22, 2019 (6:15 PM – 10:00 PM) Games, arts, crafts, carnival with Captain Davy Magic Show, balloon animals and face painting. Dinner included.

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MSCPA has reserved a block of rooms at the Resort and asks that you book your accommodations directly with Sandestin using our group code 241190. Sandestin has room rates starting at \$178. Weekly rates are also available. Your cut-off date for reservations is **May 24**, after which rooms will be sold on a space-available basis. There are only a certain number of each room type in our block so book early and be sure to get the room you want!

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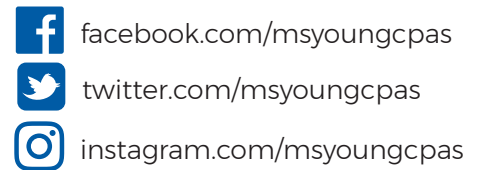
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AGENDA

- 8:00-8:30 a.m. Registration/Breakfast/Networking
- 8:30-10:10 a.m. *Memory Power*
Paul Mellor, Memory Speaker and Coach
- 10:10-10:20 a.m. Morning Break
- 10:20-12:00 p.m. *Memory Power continued*
Paul Mellor, Memory Speaker and Coach
- 12:00-12:50 p.m. **Announcement of Rising Star Award Recipient Lunch and Annual Business Meeting**
- 12:50-2:30 p.m. *Before You Hit Send: Establishing Your Executive Presence Through Email*
Mandi Stanley, Certified Speaking Professional
- 2:30-2:40 p.m. Afternoon Break
- 2:40-3:30 p.m. *It's Not Your Granny's Fraud*
Donna Ingram, Donna M. Ingram, CPA, PC
- 3:30-3:35 p.m. Transition Break
- 3:35-4:25 p.m. *The Importance of Good Credit: What's in your wallet?*
Bill Crim, GranthamPoole PLLC
- 4:25-4:30 p.m. Conference Adjourns

Conference Speakers



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The MSCPA Young CPA Network is seeking volunteers and nominations for 2020-2021. Young CPA Network members will elect new members to the Young CPA Network Board of Directors at the Annual Young CPA Conference on April 29, 2020. You are invited to volunteer or send names of suggested candidates to Shannon Adams, Young CPA Network President, at msyoungcpa@ms-cpa.org by April 17, 2020.

MSCPA 5th Annual Interns/Young Professionals Luncheon

More than 70 interns and young professionals from BKD CPAs & Advisors, C Spire, GranthamPoole, Haddox Reid Eubank Betts PLLC, Harper, Rains, Knight & Company, HORNE LLP, Matthews, Cutrer & Lindsay, P.A., Mississippi Office of the State Auditor, and Tann, Brown & Russ gathered for a leadership luncheon Friday, February 7, hosted by the MSCPA. MSCPA member and Director of the Mississippi Judicial College, Randy Pierce, spoke to the group about relationships, success and hard work. He shared his own story about how relationships can have a positive impact on your career and he encouraged the group to get to know people and be a part of each other's successes. And there is no substitution for hard work!



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BEGIN	DAY	NEW	COURSE TITLE	CITY	LOCATION	LIVESTREAM	AICPA	MEM	NON MEM	CPE HRS	RECOM'D CATEGORY
Jan 8	W		Ethics, Rules, and Regulations	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	Ethics
Jan 8	W		Select Estate and Life Planning Issues	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	Tax
Jan 9	Th		Critical Issues That Tax Public Accountants	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	Tax
Apr 29	W		Young CPA Conference	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		125	125	8	Gen/4 PD/4
May 11	M		MS Sales and Use Tax	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	Tax
May 11	M		Ethics, Rules, and Regulations	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	Ethics
May 13	W		Business & Industry: Management Development Conference	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		180	255	8	Gen
May 14	Th		Accounting and Auditing Conference	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		225	300	8	A&A
May 18-19	M/T		MS Technology Conference	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		385	505	16	Gen
May 20	W		Fraud Update: Detecting and Preventing	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐	30	280	350	8	A&A
May 21	Th		Audit Working Papers: Documenting and Reviewing	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐	30	280	350	8	A&A
May 22	F		Internal Control and COSO Essentials	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐	30	280	350	8	A&A
May 26	T		Advanced Controller and CFO Skills	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐	30	280	350	8	A&A
May 27	W		Accounting and Auditing Update for Small Businesses	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐	30	280	350	8	A&A
May 28	Th		Audits of 401(k) Plans	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐	30	280	350	8	A&A
May 29	F		Business Law Essentials for Practitioners and Controllers	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		280	350	8	Gen
Jun 1	M	New	Evaluating Fraud Risk in a Financial Statement Audit	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	A&A
Jun 1	M	New	Auditing Deficiencies in Peer Reviews	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	A&A
Jun 2	T		Financial Statement Disclosures: A Guide for Small/ Med Businesses	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	A&A
Jun 2	T	New	Top 10 Technology Risks and Trends Every CPA Should Know	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	A&A
Jun 3	W		Maximizing Your Social Security Benefits	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	Tax
Jun 3	W	New	Required Minimum Distributions: Compliance and Planning	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	Tax
Jun 4	Th		Surgent's S Corporation, Partnership, and LLC Tax Update	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	Tax
Jun 4	Th		Critical Issues That Tax Public Accountants Will Need to Face	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	Tax
Jun 5	F		Employer's Handbook: Health Care, Retirement	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	Gen/2 Tax/2
Jun 5	F		The Top Five Tax Issues in Dealing with LLCs and Partnerships	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	Tax
Jun 8	M		Governmental Accounting and Auditing Update	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐	30	280	350	8	A&A/YB
Jun 9	T	New	Succession Planning for the Small Business Owner	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	Tax
Jun 9	T		This Year's Top Tax and Financial Planning Ideas	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		160	200	4	Tax
Jun 10	W		Construction Contractors Advanced Issues	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐	30	280	350	8	A&A
Jun 10	W		Accounting and Auditing Update for Small Businesses	Biloxi	Golden Nugget		30	280	350	8	A&A
Jun 10	W		Employer's Handbook: Legal, Tax, and Health Care Issues	Biloxi	Golden Nugget			280	350	8	Gen/5 Tax/3
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Jun 12	F		Not-for-Profit Financial Reporting: Mastering the Unique Requirements	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐	30	280	350	8	A&A/YB
Jun 12	F		Securing a Comfortable Retirement in the Age of Spending	Biloxi	Golden Nugget			280	350	8	Tax
Jun 12	F		Fraud Update: Detecting and Preventing the Top Ten Fraud Schemes	Biloxi	Golden Nugget		30	280	350	8	A&A
Jun 15	M		Using Internal Control to Strengthen Security, Efficiency	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		280	350	8	A&A
Jun 16	T		The Importance of Security for Digital Information	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		280	350	8	A&A
Jun 16	T		FASB Update for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses	Tupelo	BancorpSouth Conf.			280	350	8	A&A
Jun 16	T		Social Security and Medicare: Maximizing Retirement Benefits	Tupelo	BancorpSouth Conf.			160	200	4	Tax
Jun 16	T		Select Estate and Life Planning Issues for the Middle-Income Client	Tupelo	BancorpSouth Conf.			160	200	4	Tax
Jun 17	W		Advanced Controller and CFO Skills	Tupelo	BancorpSouth Conf.		30	280	350	8	A&A
Jun 17	W		Reviewing Individual Tax Returns: What Are You Missing?	Tupelo	BancorpSouth Conf.			160	200	4	Tax
Jun 17	W		Reviewing Partnership Tax Returns: What Are You Missing?	Tupelo	BancorpSouth Conf.			160	200	4	Tax
Jun 17	W		Working With Excel PivotTables	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		280	350	8	Gen
Jun 18	Th		S Corporations: Key Issues, Compliance, and Tax Strategies	Tupelo	BancorpSouth Conf.		30	280	350	8	Tax
Jun 18	Th		Fraud Update: Detecting and Preventing the Top Ten Fraud Schemes	Tupelo	BancorpSouth Conf.		30	280	350	8	A&A
Jun 18	Th		Metrics Management: Choose and Use Key Performance Indicators	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		290	360	8	A&A
Jun 19	F		The Tactical CFO: Make Your Business Process Work	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		290	360	8	A&A
Jun 22	M		Corporate Finance Check-up	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		290	360	8	A&A
Jun 23	T		Create Reports that Matter: Turn Information into Action!	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		290	360	8	A&A
Jun 24	W		Annual Update and Practice Issues for Preparation, Compilation,	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐	30	280	350	8	A&A
Jun 25	Th		U.S. GAAP: Review Business & Industry	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐	30	280	350	8	A&A
Jun 26	F		Best Practices for Payroll Taxes and 1099 Issues	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐	30	280	350	8	Tax
Jun 29	M		Guided Tour of the Form 990 and its Schedule	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		280	350	8	Tax
Jun 29	M		Annual Update for Controllers	Ridgeland	Holmes CC		30	280	350	8	A&A
Jun 30	T		2020 Nonprofit Tax/Accounting Update	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		280	350	8	Tax
Jun 30	T		Analytics and Big Data for Accountants	Ridgeland	Holmes CC		30	280	350	8	A&A
Aug 3	M		Select Estate and Life Planning Issues for the Middle-Income Client	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	☐		280	350	8	Tax

BEGIN	DAY	NEW	COURSE TITLE	CITY	LOCATION	LIVESTREAM	AICPA	MEM	NON MEM	CPE HRS	RECOM'D CATEGORY
Aug 4	T		Reviewing Pass-Through Tax Returns: What Are Your Missing?	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		280	350	8	Tax
Aug 5	W		S Corporations: Key Issues, Compliance, and Tax Strategies	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		280	350	8	Tax
Aug 6	Th		Employer's Handbook: Legal, Tax, and Health Care Issues	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		280	350	8	Gen-5/Tax-3
Aug 7	F		Surgent's Comprehensive Guide to Tax Depreciation, Expensing,	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		280	350	8	Tax
Aug 10	M		Securing a Comfortable Retirement in the Age of Spending	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		280	350	8	Tax
Aug 11	T		Reviewing Individual Tax Returns: What Are You Missing?	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		160	200	4	Tax
Aug 11	T		Reviewing Partnership Tax Returns: What Are You Missing?	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		160	200	4	Tax
Aug 12	W		Real-World Fraud Found in Governments and Not-for-Profits	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■	30	280	350	8	A&A
Aug 13-14	Th/F		Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference	Jackson	Hilton-Jackson			295	395	16	A&A/YB
Aug 17	M		Governmental Accounting and Auditing Update	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■	30	280	350	8	A&A
Aug 18	T		Best Practices for Payroll Taxes and 1099 Issues	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■	30	280	350	8	Tax
Aug 19	W		The Top Five Issues in Dealing with LLCs and Partnerships	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		160	200	4	Tax
Aug 19	W		Maximizing Your Social Security Benefits	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		160	200	4	Tax
Aug 20	Th	New	Auditing Deficiencies in Peer Reviews: Focus on Engagement Quality	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		160	200	4	A&A
Aug 20	Th		Financial Statement Disclosures: A Guide for Small- and Medium-Size	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		160	200	4	A&A
Aug 21	F		Current Developments and Best Practices for Today's CFOs and Cont	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		280	350	8	A&A
Aug 24	M		Banking and Finance Conference	Jackson	Hilton-Jackson			200	275	8	Gen
Aug 25	T		FASB Update for Small- and Medium-Sized Businesses: A Practical	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		280	350	8	A&A
Aug 26	W		The Year's Best Income Tax, Estate Tax, and Financial-Planning Ideas	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		280	350	8	Tax
Aug 28	F		Business Law Essentials for Practitioners and Controllers	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		280	350	8	Gen
Aug 27	Th		Agriculture and Farm Activities Conference	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center			215	215	8	Gen
Sep 22	T		Risk, Cost, and Cash Management for Controllers	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		160	200	4	Gen
Sep 22	T		The Changing Role of the Controller	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		160	200	4	Gen
Sep 23	W		Lean Accounting and Management: Saving Money	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		160	200	4	A&A
Sep 23	W		Change the Way You Work: Success as a Virtual CFO	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		160	200	4	Gen
Sep 24	Th		Health Care Services Conference	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center			215	215	8	Gen
Sep 28	M		Audits of 401(k) Plans	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■	30	280	350	8	A&A
Sep 29	T		Fraud Update: Detecting and Preventing the Top Ten Fraud Schemes	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■	30	280	350	8	A&A
Sep 30	W		Annual Update and Practice Issues for Preparation, Compilation, and	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■	30	280	350	8	A&A
Oct 22	Th		Industry Conference	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center			180	255	8	Gen
Oct 26	M		S Corporations: Key Issues, Compliance, and Tax Strategies	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		30	280	350	8	Tax
Oct 27-28	T/W		1040 Tax Return Workshop	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		60	395	545	16	Tax
Oct 29	Th		Not-for-Profit Conference	Jackson	Hilton-Jackson			125	125	8	Gen
Oct 30	F		Accounting Education Conference	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center			100	100	8	Gen
Nov 11	W		AICPA's Annual Federal Tax Update	Tupelo	BancorpSouth Conf.		30	280	350	8	Tax
Nov 11	W	New	Auditing Deficiencies in Peer Reviews: Focus on Engagement Quality	Tupelo	BancorpSouth Conf.			160	200	4	A&A
Nov 11	W		Financial Statement Disclosures: A Guide for Small/ Med Businesses	Tupelo	BancorpSouth Conf.			160	200	4	A&A
Nov 12	Th		The Year's Best Income Tax, Estate Tax, and Financial-Planning	Tupelo	BancorpSouth Conf.			280	350	8	Tax
Nov 12	Th		Current Developments and Best Practices for CFOs & Controllers	Tupelo	BancorpSouth Conf.			280	350	8	A&A
Nov 16	M		AICPA's Federal Tax Update	Hattiesburg	Trent Lott Center		30	280	350	8	Tax
Nov 16	M		Business Law Essentials for Practitioners and Controllers	Hattiesburg	Trent Lott Center			280	350	8	Gen
Nov 17	T		Governmental Accounting and Auditing Update	Hattiesburg	Trent Lott Center		30	280	350	8	A&A/YB
Nov 17	T		The Year's Best Income Tax, Estate Tax, and Financial-Planning	Hattiesburg	Trent Lott Center			280	350	8	Tax
Nov 19	Th		Business Valuation and Litigation Services Conference	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■		185	260	8	Gen
Nov 20	F		Getting Ready for Busy Season: Key Changes Every Tax Practitioner	Oxford	Oxford Conf.			160	200	4	Tax
Nov 20	F		Surgent's Essential Depreciation and Expensing Update	Oxford	Oxford Conf.			160	200	4	Tax
Dec 2-3	W/Th		Mississippi Tax Institute	Jackson	Hilton-Jackson			200	200	8	Tax
Dec 10	Th		The Quest for Buried Treasures	Biloxi	Golden Nugget			160	200	4	A&A
Dec 10	Th		Ethics, Rules, and Regulations	Biloxi	Golden Nugget			160	200	4	Ethics
Dec 10	Th		AICPA's Federal Tax Update	Biloxi	Golden Nugget		30	280	350	8	Tax
Dec 11	F		S Corporations: Key Issues, Compliance, and Tax Strategies	Biloxi	Golden Nugget		30	280	350	8	Tax
Dec 11	F		Advanced Controller and CFO Skills	Biloxi	Golden Nugget		30	280	350	8	A&A
Dec 16	W		AICPA's Federal Tax Update	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	■	30	280	350	8	Tax

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M / N:.....\$125 / \$125
Time:.....8:30am-4:30pm



4/29/2020
Wed

Young CPA Conference
Speaker: Various

This MSCPA Young CPA Network event is for young and aspiring CPAs looking to build success skills to get ahead. Visit the website at www.ms-cpa.org for a complete conference agenda.

Acronym:.....MSUT / MSUTW
Vendor:.....MSCPA
Level:.....Update
CPE Credit:.....4 Tax
City:.....Ridgeland
Location:.....MSCPA Training Center / Online
M / N:.....\$160 / \$200
Time:.....8:30am-12:00pm



5/11/2020
Mon

MS Sales and Use Tax
Speaker: Greg Duke

This seminar, led by a representative of the Mississippi Department of Revenue, will include an Introduction on Sales Tax: Levies, Returns and Filing, and Exemptions; Use Tax; Casual Sales Tax; Industry-Specific Sales Tax; Contractor's Tax; and more. This seminar will be a great opportunity to get the latest Sales and Use Tax information directly from the Department of Revenue.

Acronym:.....ERR-2 / ERRW-2
Vendor:.....MSCPA
Level:.....Update
CPE Credit:.....4 Ethics
City:.....Ridgeland
Location:.....MSCPA Training Center / Online
M / N:.....\$160 / \$200
Time:.....1:00pm-4:30pm



5/11/2020
Mon

Ethics, Rules, and Regulations
Speaker: Donna Ingram

This seminar satisfies the State Board's requirement for three hours of general ethics and one hour of Mississippi Rules and Regulations.

Acronym:.....PMD / PMDW
Vendor:.....MSCPA
Level:.....Update
CPE Credit:.....8 Gen
City:.....Ridgeland
Location:.....MSCPA Training Center / Online
M / N:.....\$180 / \$255
Time:.....8:30am-4:30pm



5/13/2020
Wed

Business & Industry: Management Development Conference
Speaker: Various

The Program for Management Development is geared toward chief financial officers, controllers and other executives in industry, managers, and partners in public accounting. Visit the website at www.ms-cpa.org for a complete conference agenda.

Acronym:.....AAC / AACW
Vendor:.....MSCPA
Level:.....Update
CPE Credit:.....8 A&A
City:.....Ridgeland
Location:.....MSCPA Training Center / Online
M / N:.....\$225 / \$300
Time:.....8:30am-4:30pm



5/14/2020
Thurs

Accounting and Auditing Conference
Speaker: Various

This event will provide the crucial guidance you need to stay in compliance with the many A&A rules affecting your practice, business or clients. Visit the website at www.ms-cpa.org for a complete conference agenda.

Acronym:.....MTC / MTCW
Vendor:.....K2
Level:.....Update
CPE Credit:.....16 Gen
City:.....Ridgeland
Location:.....MSCPA Training Center / Online
M / N:.....\$385 / \$505
Time:.....8:30am-4:30pm



5/18-5/19/2020
Mon-Tue

MS Technology Conference
Speaker: Various

This two-day event attracts public, industry, and technology focused individuals seeking best practices in technology. Be impressed by the best tools, software, and resources to help you succeed. This year K2 Enterprises brings a variety of new sessions. Technology has forever changed the business world. Do you have the knowledge you need to move forward? Are you as effective as you can be within your organization or for your clients? Can you remain competitive? Visit the website at www.ms-cpa.org for a complete conference agenda.

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 Vendor:..... AICPA
 Level:..... Intermediate
 CPE Credit:..... 8 A&A
 City:..... Ridgeland
 Location:..... MSCPA Training Center / Online
 M / N:..... \$280 / \$350
 Time:..... 8:30am-4:30pm



**5/20/2020
 Wed**

**Fraud Update: Detecting and Preventing the Top Ten Fraud Schemes
 Speaker: Glenn Helms**

Many costly fraudulent schemes have occurred repeatedly throughout the past several decades. Why do these material and frequently recurring frauds succeed? One reason is that business owners, management, auditors, and employees fail to recognize the red flags that have been associated with these financial statement and misappropriation of asset frauds. Another major reason is that the reporting and transaction processing systems do not have adequate controls to either prevent and/or detect these schemes. This course will provide descriptions of how these major frauds are perpetrated (including real-world examples) and the types of cost-effective controls that can be implemented by both small and large businesses and nonprofit entities to identify and prevent these deceptive acts.

Acronym:..... AUDW / AUDWW
 Vendor:..... AICPA
 Level:..... Basic
 CPE Credit:..... 8 A&A
 City:..... Ridgeland
 Location:..... MSCPA Training Center / Online
 M / N:..... \$280 / \$350
 Time:..... 8:30am-4:30pm



**5/21/2020
 Thurs**

**Audit Working Papers: Documenting and Reviewing Field Work
 Speaker: Glenn Helms**

Working papers are the building blocks of an audit. If it's not in the working papers, audit quality may suffer, as the manager and partner might not know about it or its ramifications may not be fully considered. Understand the professional standards regarding working paper documentation. Make this course part of the firm's quality control system. Learn the fundamentals of working paper preparation – form and content – to make sure audit considerations, work performed, and conclusions reached are properly documented. You will also explore examples which show field work supervisors what factors to consider and what steps to follow when reviewing working papers. In addition, typical working paper deficiencies are explained to help minimize potential liability.

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 Vendor:..... AICPA
 Level:..... Basic
 CPE Credit:..... 8 A&A
 City:..... Ridgeland
 Location:..... MSCPA Training Center / Online
 M / N:..... \$280 / \$350
 Time:..... 8:30am-4:30pm



**5/22/2020
 Fri**

**Internal Control and COSO Essentials for Financial Managers, Accountants, and Auditors
 Speaker: Glenn Helms**

Many managers, supervisors, and accountants in business, government or nonprofits are not able to identify their departmental policies and procedures that function as the primary controls against errors and fraud. Alternately, auditors performing field work may be confused about how to interpret and evaluate management's documentation of accounting processes and controls. Neither party may truly understand how their duties differ. After an overview of the COSO guidance on the components and principles of internal control, this course introduces participants to basic tools used to document processes and controls. Participants also discuss the identification of the risks of errors and fraud and consideration the presence (or absence) of related controls.

Acronym:..... ACCS-1 / ACCS-1W
 Vendor:..... AICPA
 Level:..... Advanced
 CPE Credit:..... 8 A&A
 City:..... Ridgeland
 Location:..... MSCPA Training Center / Online
 M / N:..... \$280 / \$350
 Time:..... 8:30am-4:30pm



**5/26/2020
 Tue**

**Advanced Controller and CFO Skills
 Speaker: Curtis Quicke**

This course examines best practices of leading-edge controllers and CFOs. Demonstrate your advanced skills that add value and contribute to the success of the organization. You will learn specific skills every CFO or controller needs to be successful, and you will find that you suddenly have more power and influence than you ever thought possible. Show the company's leadership how vital you are to their profitability!

Acronym:..... SMBZ-1 / SMBZW-1
 Vendor:..... AICPA
 Level:..... Update
 CPE Credit:..... 8 A&A
 City:..... Ridgeland
 Location:..... MSCPA Training Center / Online
 M / N:..... \$280 / \$350
 Time:..... 8:30am-4:30pm



**5/27/2020
 Wed**

**Accounting and Auditing Update for Small Businesses
 Speaker: Curtis Quicke**

Geared toward practitioners who provide accounting and auditing services to small businesses, this course updates you on the new accounting, auditing, compilation and review standards, and other professional guidance that impact small businesses and their auditors. Materials include practical applications of the topics covered to help you understand and apply the standards to real-life scenarios. With the rate of change in today's regulatory environment, you must stay current on all of the topics impacting the profession. Your clients are counting on you!

Acronym:..... AFKP / AFKPW
 Vendor:..... AICPA
 Level:..... Basic
 CPE Credit:..... 8 A&A
 City:..... Ridgeland
 Location:..... MSCPA Training Center / Online
 M / N:..... \$280 / \$350
 Time:..... 8:30am-4:30pm



**5/28/2020
 Thurs**

**Audits of 401(k) Plans
 Speaker: Cecil M. (Bill) Felder**

Since 401(k) plans make a popular option for employee benefit plans, auditors of employee benefit plans must have the proper skills to audit these plans effectively. You will work through how to audit a 401(k) plan and prepare financial statements that satisfy ERISA and SEC requirements. Tap into ways to plan and conduct 401(k) audits more efficiently and effectively, and understand the differences between 401(k) audits and other employee benefit plan audits.



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