

In Memoriam

Billy Joe Killebrew

Greenwood

Died March 14, 2010

Mail Ballots Available for Officer Election, Update to Bylaws

Members who choose to cast an absentee ballot for the 2010-2011 officer slate and the at-large Board of Governors member may now request a ballot from the Society office. Requests should be made in writing to the MSCPA, 306 Southampton Row, Ridgeland, MS 39157 or by email to mail@ms-cpa.org. The Bylaws require that an absentee ballot must be voted and returned to the Society office no later than 15 days prior to the date of the Annual Business Meeting (June 26).

Members will also be voting on proposed updates to the Bylaws which were recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee and approved by the Board of Governors at their May 4 meeting. The updates have been posted to the Society's website and a hard copy will be included with the absentee ballots.

Do We Have Your Email Address?

Visit the Members Section of the Society website (top right main page at www.ms-cpa.org) to review your member information and make updates. Or, email your preferred email address to mail@ms-cpa.org and we'll do the update for you.

MAJOR EVENTS IN JUNE

June 1-7: Continuation of Ridgeland Cluster

June 21-23: Gulfport Seminars
(Including 3 days of Technology from K2)

June 24-27: Annual Convention in Sandestin including one day of CPE on Thursday: *Ethics* in the AM and *A&A Update* in the PM

July 1: IRS Practitioners' Meeting at the MSCPA Center



Spring Ceremony Honors New CPAs

The Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy honored new CPAs during their April 24 ceremony at the New Capitol in Jackson. MSCPA President Bob Cunningham introduced the new CPAs to the MSCPA and benefits of membership. Steven Palazzo, CPA, a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives, was guest speaker. State Board Chairman David Clarke administered the Oath of Title. The new CPAs included Karen B. Adams, Jonathan Brent Boutwell, Steven Joshua Carlisle, James H. Carter, Halton A. Davis, III, Renae Leigh Davis, Daniel James DeBlanc, Lydia N. Didia, Felicia Adale Dunn, Chad Edward Ervin, Sheila Franklin-Buie, Randall W. Geimer, Kimberly L. Henry, Derek Wade Holeman, Kristie Ann Holland, Ying Hou, Shelby Lynn Howarth, Kimberly Dawn Jenkins, Brandon Michael Jones, Jarred Hunter King, Mary Anne King, James David Madden, Debbie Lynn Clark McClelland, Jordan Douglas Miller, Danna Gwen Napp, Catherine Kimberly Naughton Peyton, Perry Calloway Rackley, Jr., Barrett Tadlock Smith, William Brent Tapscott, Toni C. Thrasher, James Warner Wadlington, Robert Bryan Wall, and Allison Amanda Wilson.



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Welcome **New Members**

New members include Rosemary Franks Jarrell, Jared Hunter King, Jennifer Rochell Powers, Debbie Lynn Clark McClelland, Scott Aaron Samuels, and Ellen Frances Williams.

Now completing the membership process are:

Leigh F. Agnew was born in Mobile and received her BS in Accounting from Wake Forest University. She is a Staff Accountant with Nicholson & Company in Hattiesburg.

John F. Bakley was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey and received his BS in Accounting from Seton Hall University. He is EVP and CFO of Island View Casino Resort in Gulfport.

Lindsey Wilcox Conley was born in Mobile and received her Bachelor and MBA degrees from Spring Hill College in Mobile. She is Comptroller with Management Resource Group in Ocean Springs.

Daniel James DeBlanc was born in New Orleans and received a BSBA in Management Information Systems, MBA with emphasis in Finance and a BABA in Accounting from the University of Southern Mississippi. He is Controller with TWI in Picayune.

Chad Edward Ervin was born in McComb and received his BSBA from the University of Southern Mississippi. He is a Staff Accountant with McArthur, Thames, Slay & Dews, PLLC in Hattiesburg.

Karen Gurnik was born in New Jersey and received her BS in Accounting from Rutgers University. She is a CPA with Rickert and Company, LLC in Slidell.

Kimberly L. Henry was born in Greenville and received a BBA in Accounting, BS in Psychology and MAcc from Millsaps College. She is a Senior

Accountant with Matthews, Cutrer & Lindsay P.A. in Ridgeland.

Kristie Ann Holland was born in Hattiesburg and attended the University of Southern Mississippi and William Carey University earning a BS in Accounting and MBA. She is a Lead Accountant for Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg.

Shelby Lynn Howarth was born in Pascagoula, earned an Associate degree from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, a Bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and is a Senior Accountant with Nicholson & Company in Hattiesburg.

Robbin Courtney Jones was born in Hattiesburg and earned an Associate Degree in Business from Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Bachelor of Professional Accountancy from Mississippi State University and MBA from the University of New Orleans. She is a Staff Accountant with Nicholson & Company in Hattiesburg.

Shawna Leigh Post was born in Meridian and received a BS in Accounting from Mississippi State University-Meridian. She is a Staff Accountant with Rea, Shaw, Giffin & Stuart, LLP in Meridian.

Kenneth Angelo Primos, III was born in Jackson and received Bachelor and Master of Accountancy degrees and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi. He is an Associate with Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada in Ridgeland.

Troy Daniel Rankin was born in Jackson and received his BSBA in Accounting from the University of Southern

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MSCPA Launches New Online Career Center

The MSCPA has launched an interactive job board, the **MSCPA Career Center**. The center offers an easy-to-use and highly targeted resource for online employment connections. A link is on the Society's website.

Both members and non-members can use the **MSCPA Career Center** to reach qualified candidates. Employers can post jobs online, search for qualified candidates based on specific job criteria, and create an online resume agent to email qualified candidates daily. An added benefit is online reporting that provides job activity statistics.

For job seekers, **MSCPA Career Center** is a free service that provides access to employers and jobs. In addition to posting their resumes, job seekers can browse and view available jobs based on their criteria and save those jobs for later review if they choose. Job seekers can also create a search agent to provide email notifications of jobs that match their criteria.

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Security Concerns Every CPA Firm Should Consider

By **Trey James, Xcentric**

This article was originally going to be titled "10 Surefire Ways to Break into an Accounting Firm's Data," but, as you can imagine, we were concerned about making it any easier than it already is to break in and didn't want to create any unnecessary frustration in the marketplace. So here's a tamed down, but hopefully still potent, reminder that data security doesn't simply care for itself and must be managed like any other aspect of your business.

By law, we have a duty to protect our client data. It's important that we understand our physical security risks, know

what risk points exist for exposure of client data and enforce a plan to keep key systems properly updated and staff up to date on security best practices.

The truth is a hacker can find out everything they need to know about your domain, spam service, website and mail server just through passive and publicly available information lookups. And if you happen to be hosting both your website and mail server from your office, this tells a hacker exactly which IP range to attack.

So how do you keep your firm protected? Here are some things to consider:

Server Security

If your servers are located in your office, new legislation, like the freshly minted (as of March 1, 2010) Massachusetts 201 CMR 17, requires that they be behind a secure locked door with restricted access and locks on the server cases, cabinets, drive chassis and server console screen. Or if your servers

are hosted offsite at a data center, it's best to ensure that all of the physical security requirements are being met based on your needs.

Confidential Data

In theory, CPA firms securely shred everything. In practice, someone could likely find a wealth of information they shouldn't have access to just by going dumpster digging. Does your firm actively enforce a confidential data policy that addresses paper copies of confidential data?

Password Security

It is important to educate your firm on the importance of using secure passwords and keeping them secure by not writing them down, telling them to anyone or using the "remember my password" checkbox at the login prompt. Did you know that adding just one capital letter and one asterisk changes the processing time to crack an 8 character password from 35 minutes to

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NEW MEMBERS

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Mississippi. He is a Financial Analyst with Trustmark National Bank in Jackson

Richard George Roberts, Jr., was born in Chicago and received a BSC in Commerce from Loyola University. He is a sole practitioner in Oxford.

Barrett T. Smith was born in Jackson and received a BS in Fitness Management from Mississippi State University and a BSBA in Accountancy from the University of Southern Mississippi. He is a Staff Accountant with Matthews, Cutrer & Lindsay, P.A. in Ridgeland.

Katie Bruce Stuart is applying as an Associate Member. She received her Bachelor and Master of Accountancy degrees from the University of Mississippi and is a Staff Accountant with Nail McKinney, P.A. in Tupelo.

Deborah Shea Sutherland was born in Jackson and attended Mississippi College and the University of Texas earning BSBA and MAcc degrees. She is CFO of Health Management Associates in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

Lauren Bailey Trussell was born in Hattiesburg and received her BSBA in Accounting and MPA from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is an Associate with William F. Horne & Co., PLLC in Laurel.

Ima Ruth Whitehead was born in Philadelphia, Miss., and attended East Central Junior College and Mississippi State University earning a BPA. She is an Accountant/ Auditor with A. T. Williams in Philadelphia.

Allison A. Wilson was born in Jackson and received her Bachelor of Accountancy and Master of Professional Accountancy from Mississippi State University. She is a staff auditor with BKD, LLP in Jackson.

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2010 MSCPA Convention

June 24-27, 2010

The 2010 MSCPA Annual Convention is June 24-27, 2010 at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort in Sandestin, Florida as the Society marks the 90th anniversary. President Bob Cunningham invites all MSCPA members to attend.

Activities begin on Thursday, June 24 when exhibitors set up booths in the Baytowne Conference Center. Two four-hour CPE programs are offered to the membership with Dr. Quinton Booker of Jackson State University presenting a four-hour Ethics, Rules & Regulations Seminar Thursday morning and Dr. Stan Clark of the University of Southern Mississippi presenting a four-hour Accounting & Auditing Update Thursday afternoon. A separate brochure with complete details is available on the two four-hour programs at www.ms-cpa.org.

The convention registration desk opens at 1 p.m. Thursday 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.

Barry Melancon speaks at 9 a.m. on Friday.....



Melancon

Barry Melancon, President of the AICPA, will provide a professional issues update Friday morning. Barry is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Institute of Certified Public

Accountants (AICPA), the national professional organization of CPAs with 350,000 members. As head of the largest body of CPAs in the world, Melancon is called upon to represent the Institute with state, national and international

organizations and is sought after by key opinion leaders for his expertise.

Under Melancon, the Institute has spearheaded private company financial reporting standards; eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL); the computerized CPA exam; audit quality centers; an Audit Committee Effectiveness Center; and two consumer education programs: *360 Degrees of Financial Literacy*, a national effort to help Americans understand how financial issues affect them at different life stages, and a related campaign, *Feed the Pig*, created with the Ad Council and designed to help 25 – 34 year olds gain control of their personal finances.

Melancon is a member of the AICPA's delegation to the International Federation of Accountants and founding board member of the Global Accounting Alliance. In 2007 and 2008, he served on the U. S. Department of the Treasury Advisory Committee on the Auditing Profession.

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 partner in 1984. Melancon holds a bachelor's in accounting and MBA from Nicholls State University, where he served four years as an adjunct professor of accounting.

Jonathan Turner discusses fraud issues at 10:15 a.m.....



Turner

Jonathan Turner has extensive experience conducting civil investigations, concentrating on financial fraud, money laundering and computer crime cases. During his career, he has helped hundreds of

companies and organizations resolve fraud matters, primarily in the healthcare, banking, manufacturing, and service sectors.

He is a Managing Director with Wilson & Turner Incorporated, where he specializes in the prevention and detection of financial fraud and employee crime issues. Prior to co-founding WTI, he served in investigations management positions with regional, national and international investigations firms, with operational responsibility for thousands of investigations. Turner was educated at Tulane University (BA, International Relations) and the University of Leicester (MSc, Security & Risk Management).

He is an expert in the investigation and documentation of financial fraud and computer crime matters. He concentrates on the prevention, detection and resolution of financial fraud schemes. He prepares fidelity bond and employee crime claims for victim organizations. Working with Fortune 500 and other leading companies, his efforts have led to numerous multi-million dollar recoveries from fraud losses. He has been retained to provide expert testimony regarding fraud, on behalf of governmental, public and private organizations, for matters before U.S. State, Federal & Bankruptcy courts, as well as international courts.

Turner is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), a Certified International Investigator (CII), and is licensed as a private investigator. He maintains active membership in the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, where he is Chairman of the Board of Regents; the American Bar Association; the American Society of Criminology; and many other professional groups. He serves on the Editorial Boards of *Fraud Magazine* and *The John Liner Review*, and he is an advisor to the Audit Committees of Not-for-Profit Organizations.

Following the morning presentations, members are free to enjoy an afternoon of relaxation or may choose to

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2010 CONVENTION

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participate in the golf tournament on the Baytowne Course or aboard the Sweet Jody for an afternoon of fishing. A box lunch will be provided after the last speaker concludes.

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

The Annual Business Meeting will be called into session at 9 a.m. on Saturday by President Cunningham. Officers for the 2010-2011 fiscal year will be elected and reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, Insurance Trust Chairman, Legislation, and the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy will be presented. Members who have won the Outstanding Educator and Public Service Awards will also be honored. CPA Exam Medal Winners will also be recognized.

Andy Taggart and Jere Nash talk politics at 11 a.m. on Saturday:

Originally published in 2006, *Mississippi Politics* quickly became the definitive work on the state's recent political history, campaigns, legislative battles, and litigation, as well as how Mississippi shaped and was



Taggart



Nash

shaped by national and regional trends. A central theme of the 2006 edition was the state's gradual transition from a Democratic surety to a Republican stronghold. For the updated edition, authors Jere Nash and Andy Taggart examine the aftermath of the 2007 gubernatorial and 2008 presidential elections—and all the fireworks in between. The new edition adds a chapter covering the last two years and includes analyses of the 2007 and 2008 statewide, legislative, and federal elections; the resignations of Senator Trent Lott and Congressman Chip Pickering; the indictments of Richard Scruggs and other prominent lawyers; President Barack Obama's influence on the state's 2008 voting dynamics; and the election of House Speaker Billy McCoy. **Jere Nash**, a Democrat, is a consultant whose political positions have included executive director of Mississippi First, deputy state auditor, and chief of staff for the Office of the Governor. He has consulted on numerous state and local campaigns. **Andy Taggart**, a Republican, currently operates his own law

firm, focusing on business counseling and consulting with emphasis on government and health. He has served as executive director of the Mississippi Republican Party, chief of staff for the Office of the Governor, and president/CEO of the Mississippi Technology Alliance.

Free Time Saturday Afternoon

Members return from a free afternoon for a reception and dinner on the Grand Lawn. President Cunningham will introduce newly elected officers and the traditional exchange of gavel will be made as President-Elect Sim Mosby nears the beginning of his term.

Prayer Breakfast Closes Convention Sunday morning.....

The traditional Sunday morning Prayer Breakfast, very popular with members and well attended, will close the 2010 meeting.

Special for Spouses: On Friday morning at 9 o'clock, a breakfast buffet will be served for Spouses. This will be held on the Second Level of the Baytown Conference Center. And on Saturday starting at 9 a.m., bingo will be held in the conference center with prizes made possible by the MSCPA Chapters.

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President-Elect Sim Mosby Names Chairmen for 2010-2011 Committees

President-Elect Sim Mosby has selected Committee Chairmen to serve in the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Committee Chairmen

Accounting & Auditing	Jennifer Hilliard, Jackson
Advisory to State Board	Gary Walker, Ridgeland
Awards, Education & Scholarships.....	Karen Moody, Jackson
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JUNE 2010

June 1

Tuesday
Ridgeland **NEW**
MSCPA Center

Solving the Choice of Entity Riddle: Key Tax and Business Implications

Discussion Leader: Robert M. (Bob) Gilwee, Jr., CPA

Cost: Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165

Course Hours: 8:30-12

NEW

LEVEL: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA

ACRONYM: CL4CEKI

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Choice of entity issues are relevant throughout the life of a business. When starting a new business, a crucial first decision is choosing the correct form of entity to accomplish the company's goals. This course targets the ever-increasing tax advantages and disadvantages of general and limited partnerships, C and S Corporations, LLCs and LLPs, as well as individual proprietorships. Hone in on key issues surrounding the factors that drive the optimal form of organization for a business. Explore plenty of case studies from real-life client situations. **HIGHLIGHTS:** Advantages and pitfalls of placing assets likely to appreciate into specific entity forms; Retirement and fringe benefit opportunities; Using multiple forms to accomplish business goals while protecting specific assets; Controlled-entity sales to reduce the risk of "dealer" status for future real property development; Selecting the right entity to avoid gain when assets are transferred with liabilities in excess of tax basis; Using an entity to allocate income and loss disproportionately to ownership capital; Using an entity to allow an owner to receive a tax-free distribution of property.

June 1

Tuesday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

S Corporations: Strategies from Formation to Termination

Discussion Leader: Robert M. (Bob) Gilwee, Jr., CPA

Cost: Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165

Course Hours: 1:15 - 4:45

LEVEL: Basic

CPE Credit: 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA

ACRONYM: CL4SCORP-2

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Once again, this is the darling for many businesses; find out why during this information-packed session. Practical real-life examples give you ideas to apply immediately for your S Corporation clients. Review the advantages of the S Corporation tax rules. Minimize your client's tax bill with the latest business and tax strategies that make S Corporations so popular. Decide if an S Corporation is your client's entity of choice. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to: Comply with federal and state S Corporation laws and regulations; Apply special elections and tax treatments in S Corporations; Select tax planning ideas to utilize in S Corporations; Understand the complex rules of S Corporation distributions. Highlights include: How to elect S Corporation status; how and when to terminate; Avoiding built-in gains, excess net passive income and business credit recapture; Tax considerations in the distribution of S Corporation earnings and profits; Pass through rules – selecting the most advantageous allocation method.

June 2

Wednesday
Ridgeland **NEW**
MSCPA Center

The CPA's Role in Buying or Selling a Business

Discussion Leader: Robert M. (Bob) Gilwee, Jr., CPA

Cost: Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165

Course Hours: 8:30-12

NEW

LEVEL: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA

ACRONYM: CL4BASB

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Become the key adviser to your client or employer who's buying or selling a business. Your advice will impact your client for years to come! Lead the team of advisers with a keen overview of the transaction in addition to specific tax and accounting technical advice. Buying and selling a business involves more than calculating a transaction gain or loss – it must be valued, due diligence must be conducted, and various stakeholders will be impacted. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to: Understand deal factors and become acquainted with the team of advisers involved with the transaction; Familiarize oneself with due diligence procedures and transaction documentation; understand the basics of alternative valuation methodologies; Identify key buyer groups and the impact of a sale on them; Structure compensation alternatives for buyers and sellers.

June 2

Wednesday
Ridgeland **NEW**
MSCPA Center

Practical Tax Tips and Techniques for Closely-Held Businesses

Discussion Leader: Robert M. (Bob) Gilwee, Jr., CPA

Cost: Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165

Course Hours: 1:15 - 4:45

NEW

LEVEL: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA

ACRONYM: CL4CHBT

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Walk away with practical tax strategies for challenges facing your closely held business clients, and employ business strategies to minimize the tax burden on the business and the owners. The tips and strategies are uniquely laid out to allow you to easily and quickly identify and hone in on tax strategies that fit your client's situation. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to: Recognize developing tax issues that are impacted by business operations; Explore strategies relating to depreciation, choice of entity, basis considerations, financing alternatives, compensation and accounting methods; Implement strategies to reduce the taxes paid by the business; Recognize and plan for the impact of the business taxes upon the owners of the business.

June 3

Thursday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

Controller's Update: Latest Trends for Today's Financial Manager

Discussion Leader: Anthony C. (Tony) Larusso, MBA, CMA

Cost: Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165

Course Hours: 8:30-12

LEVEL: Update **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** AICPA

ACRONYM: CL4SKSB

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Let us bring you up-to-date on the latest trends and issues in ethics, accounting, corporate finance, treasury management and business systems. Learn about leading-edge topics in managerial accounting and finance in a session that is packed with tips and how-to guidance for immediate use. More than half of the material is new every year, and existing topics are updated for new approaches in implementation or application. Put these hot, new tips to work in your company now.

June 3

Thursday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

Financial Forecasting: Planning for Success

Discussion Leader: Anthony C. (Tony) Larusso, MBA, CMA

Cost: Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165

Course Hours: 1:15 - 4:45

LEVEL: Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** AICPA

ACRONYM: CL4FFMD

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: The secret to success is in the planning! With CPAs constantly being asked to plan the company's future, forecasting is an area to demonstrate your special value. This course provides the basic tools necessary to project the balance sheet and statements of income and cash flows. Learn to determine maximum sustainable growth, predict external funds needed, identify the evidence of growth mismanagement and more. **BRING A CALCULATOR**

June 4

Friday
Ridgeland **NEW**
MSCPA Center

Essential Skills for the Survival and Growth of Your Organization

Discussion Leader: Anthony C. (Tony) Larusso, MBA, CMA

Cost: Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165

Course Hours: 8:30-12

LEVEL: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** AICPA

ACRONYM: CL4SGYC

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Existing skills are becoming obsolete at an accelerating rate. Many management systems were designed to meet the needs of a more stable industrial environment that experienced only incremental changes. Obviously, these are ill-equipped for today. Gone are days when the financial staff were primarily viewed as the gatekeepers of the organization – responsible for counting/calculating results and providing a series of reports. The rate of change in the responsibilities of the finance group has, and will continue, to accelerate faster than available resources. This will require non-traditional skills such as establishing an innovative environment, managing financial and cultural issues, as well as leading efforts to continuously improve the organization's competitive position. A series of specific methods and techniques designed to have an immediate and long-term impact on the bottom line are identified and discussed. Owners, controllers, treasurers, financial officers and other financial managers in companies or divisions with less than \$250 million in sales will benefit from this seminar.

June 4

Friday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

Financial Management: Tools and Techniques to Enhance Profitability

Discussion Leader: Anthony C. (Tony) Larusso, MBA, CMA

Cost: Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165

Course Hours: 1:15 - 4:45

LEVEL: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** AICPA

ACRONYM: CL4BLFM

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Be prepared to advise the company's owner or CEO on the difficult everyday decisions that ensure company success. Use the tool kit provided to enhance profitability. Shift from a reactive to a proactive mode of operation, and end the constant firefighting common to many private companies. This course teaches how to use proven financial tools and techniques to assess the impact of daily decisions on growing business operations and profitability. It presents and illustrates useful techniques for turning those difficult decisions into routine decisions that will maximize profitability and improve business performance. Highlights include: Guidelines for determining activity levels needed to achieve target profits; Approaches for analyzing relevant costs and benefits of alternative courses of action; Methods for determining product or service cost structures that yield desired profit levels; Techniques for utilizing available scarce resources most efficiently and effectively; plus "How To" checklists for reducing costs and improving profits. **BRING A CALCULATOR**

June 7

Monday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

Frequent Frauds Found in Governments

Discussion Leader: James Crockett, CPA, DBA

Cost: Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165

Course Hours: 8:30-12

LEVEL: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A YB **VENDOR:** AICPA

ACRONYM: CL4FGOV-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: What are some of the common frauds that occur in governmental organizations and how could they have been avoided? Through an informative case study approach, this course illustrates common frauds that make headlines and damage the reputations of governments. Rather than speaking generically about fraud, this course analyzes several common frauds that occur in the governmental sector. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to: Recognize several common frauds committed in the government sector and improve their fraud prevention and detection skills. Highlights will include: Manipulation of financial reporting; Personnel frauds; Overriding purchasing controls; Bribes and kickbacks; and Misappropriation of assets.

June 7

Monday
Ridgeland
Holmes Comm. College

Accounting and Auditing Update

Discussion Leader: Stan Clark, CPA PHD

Cost: Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165

Course Hours: 8:30-12

LEVEL: Update **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA

ACRONYM: CL4AUAA-3

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Keep abreast of the fast-paced changes in accounting and auditing. This course covers the most relevant pronouncements, exposure drafts and consensus reports recently issued in the accounting, auditing, compilation and review arenas. This training will help you identify and apply recently issued FASB statements, interpretations and technical bulletins. Learn how to assess the effect of current auditing standards and standards on accounting and review services from coverage of the latest issues at the AICPA, EITF and FASB.

June 7

Monday
Ridgeland
Holmes Comm. College

Ethics, Rules and Regulations

Discussion Leader: Stan Clark, CPA PHD

Cost: Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165

Course Hours: 1:15 - 4:45

LEVEL: All **CPE Credit:** 4 Ethics **VENDOR:** Dr. Stan Clark, CPA

ACRONYM: ERR-7

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This seminar is designed specifically for CPAs licensed in Mississippi who are subject to the amended Rules and Regulations as adopted by the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy. Completion of this course will meet the State Board's requirement for three hours of "ethics" and one hour of "Mississippi Rules and Regulations" through June 30, 2010.

June 8 & 9

Tuesday-Wednesday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

AICPA's Annual Accounting and Auditing Workshop

Discussion Leader: Elizabeth Gantner, CPA
Cost: Members: \$350 Non-Members: \$500
Course Hours: 8:30-4:30
LEVEL: Update **CPE Credit:** 16 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA

ACRONYM: AAUW

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Make sure your accounting and auditing skills are on par with industry standards. This comprehensive, two-day course updates you on all the new standards in accounting and auditing, compilation and review and other professional standards. The course covers topics including practical applications of the pronouncements covered, a compilation and review update, the latest insights on problems of financial statement fraud, and professional ethics activities. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to apply the recently issued FASB Statements and Interpretations, AICPA Statements of Position, Statements on Auditing Standards, Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services and Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements to accounting and auditing problems. Also included: PCAOB and SEC reporting requirements; Latest insights such as the risk assessment process; VALUE AID - AICPA's Audit Risk Alert.

June 9

Wednesday
Ridgeland **NEW**
Holmes Comm. College

Excel Pivot Tables for Accountants - Part 2

Discussion Leader: Brian Tankersley, CPA, CITP
Cost: Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165
Course Hours: 8:30-12

NEW

LEVEL: Advanced **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** K2 Enterprises **ACRONYM:** PT2

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This course is a continuation of Excel PivotTables for Accountants - Part I, offered in 2009. It extends and builds upon the foundation of PivotTable topics covered in that course and includes in-depth coverage of using advanced data summary functions and creating calculated items and fields. Analysis and reporting of multidimensional OLAP data using PivotTables is also covered, along with an introduction to PivotCharts. Other advanced topics, such as the use of an intermediary database to create PivotTables from multiple external data sources, creating consolidation PivotTables from data ranges in multiple workbooks, producing more effective reports with advanced formatting features, and numerous tips and tricks to improve your PivotTable experience will round out this course. This course is for those who have already completed Part I of this series and would like to extend their knowledge of Excel's most powerful feature. See: www.k2e.com/pt2 for more details on course contents.

June 9

Wednesday
Ridgeland **NEW**
Holmes Comm. College

Excel Macro's

Discussion Leader: Brian Tankersley, CPA, CITP
Cost: Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165
Course Hours: 1:15 - 4:45

NEW

LEVEL: Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** K2 Enterprises **ACRONYM:** EXM

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: You have used Excel for years and Lotus prior to that. During this time, you have said repeatedly, "One day I will learn how to write macros." Well, that time has arrived, because this four-hour program will introduce you to the wide world of macros and Visual Basic for Applications (VBA) in Excel. Designed for those with little, if any, experience working with macros, this course teaches the fundamentals of creating and working with macros in Excel. You will learn how to use the Macro Recorder to write simple, yet effective macros; how to secure and share macros with others; and much more. For details on what will be included in this seminar, go to www.k2e.com/exm for more details.

June 10

Thursday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

Comparing and Contrasting the Tax Aspects of S Corporations, Partnerships, C Corporations, Sole Proprietorships, and Limited Liability Companies

Discussion Leader: John Sherrick, MA, CPA
Cost: Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315
Course Hours: 9-5

LEVEL: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** Surgent McCoy **ACRONYM:** CCTA

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This unique course compares and contrasts the tax aspects of C corporations, S corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships, and limited liability companies. The choice of business organizations continues to undergo upheaval with changes in tax law. This in-depth course will cover planning opportunities and potential pitfalls in developing a business structure. This course is a must for all practitioners. Major topics include: How tax reform, proposed and enacted, affects choice of entity; Understanding when to use entity structures; limited liability partnerships and limited liability companies; and relevant, recent changes in the law; Tax considerations in the organization of an enterprise and the pitfalls to avoid; Non-tax considerations; Choice of entity in structuring real estate investments or a professional business; and much more. See www.cpenow.com for full details.

June 10

Thursday
Ridgeland **NEW**
Holmes Comm. College

PDF Documents: What Accountants Need to Know

Discussion Leader: Brian Tankersley, CPA, CITP
Cost: Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330
Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

NEW

LEVEL: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** K2 Enterprises **ACRONYM:** PBB

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This seminar focuses on how to use Adobe Acrobat for creating and using Portable Document Format (PDF) files -- the recognized standard for exchanging digital documents. Understanding how to use PDFs effectively is rapidly becoming a necessary business skill, especially as more and more organizations migrate to paperless environments. In this seminar, participants will learn how to create and modify PDF documents, OCR documents for searchability, automatically create bookmarks for navigation, send PDFs for review and comment, accumulate comments from multiple reviewers in a single document, secure

PDFs with passwords or digital certificates, apply digital signatures, protect PDFs from being modified, remove sensitive data, and create and use fillable forms. Don't miss this opportunity to learn a full range of skills for working with PDF documents. See www.k2e.com/pbb for more details.

June 11

Friday

Ridgeland

Holmes Comm. College

Excel Financial Reporting and Analysis**Discussion Leader:** Brian Tankersley, CPA, CITP**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Advanced **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** K2 Enterprises **ACRONYM:** EFR-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Microsoft Excel is a powerful tool for analyzing financial data and preparing financial reports, but like most powerful tools, it contains hidden features and functionality useful for these purposes that are not obvious to users, both novice and expert alike. The purpose of this course is to uncover these hidden features so that users may prepare computationally accurate and aesthetically pleasing reports in a more effective and efficient manner. It provides solutions for accountants in the following six major topic areas: advanced techniques for formatting reports and financial statements, assembly and printing of reports and schedules, using templates to automate reporting processes, advanced financial analysis with PivotTables connected to the General Ledger using ODBC, data consolidation, and using charts and digital dashboards for presenting financial information. Participants will have access to sample data files. This course includes coverage of features found in all versions of Excel, including Excel 2003, 2007, and 2010. Please go to www.k2e.com/efr for more details on what will be covered in this seminar.

June 11

Friday

Ridgeland

NEW

MSCPA Center

Surgent McCoy's Comprehensive Guide to Tax Depreciation, Amortization and Property Transactions from Acquisition to Exchange or Disposition**Discussion Leader:** John Sherrick, MA, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315**Course Hours:** 9-5**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** Surgent McCoy **ACRONYM:** TDAP**NEW**

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: New regulations for depreciation will be here shortly! The purpose of this comprehensive course is to provide an in-depth analysis of the complex maze of rules dealing with depreciation, amortization, and sale of property, with an emphasis on identifying special planning opportunities and pitfalls. This great reference manual is written in a very practical format and contains many examples and charts to illustrate the most important points CPAs need to be aware of.

June 14

Monday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

AICPA's Annual Business Law Update**Discussion Leader:** Harris H. (Trip) Barnes, III, J.D.**Cost:** Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315**Course Hours:** 9-5**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** ABLU

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Lawsuits flow freely these days. Stay on top of business law developments to protect your company, firm or clients from common legal entanglements. Learn how to handle current employment issues properly, resolve business disputes, protect assets and avoid product liability issues. Find out how to respond to regulatory trends, limit officer and director liability, and protect patents, trademarks and copyrights. This course draws on the background of commercial litigators corporate lawyers, product liability litigators and tax attorneys to present those "hot legal topics" that managers are facing every day. It uses case studies based on actual legal situations to provide an interactive opportunity with and among participants. Other topics include: Corporate and securities matters; Developments in mergers and acquisitions; What to worry about if you are a public company; Tort reform and product liability; Business tax issues; and Choice of entity and business unit structure. CPAs in public practice and industry will benefit from this seminar.

June 15

Tuesday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

Governmental and Non-Profit Annual Update**Discussion Leader:** Bill Wagner, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315**Course Hours:** 9-5**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A YB **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** GNAU-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Change is inevitable and at times overwhelming if you are unprepared. Ensure that you are current in governmental and nonprofit accounting and auditing. This course is designed to help you understand and apply the latest requirements in accounting and auditing for governments and nonprofits. Find out not only what's new but what's coming. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to: Apply the most recent requirements of the GASB & FASB directed toward governments and nonprofits; Utilize a solid understanding of the latest developments in A-133 and Yellow Book requirements; Perceive recent activities of the AICPA including GAAS requirements, and more.

June 16

Wednesday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

The Revised YellowBook: Government Auditing Standards**Discussion Leader:** Bill Wagner, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315**Course Hours:** 9-5**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A YB **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** EO-YB

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to: Understand the applicability of the Yellow Book to financial audits; Apply Yellow Book requirements related to CPE, independence and peer review; Comply with general, field work and reporting requirements related to Yellow Book financial audits; Highlights include: Yellow Book financial audit standards; general, field work, reporting (Chapters 3, 4 and 5 of the Yellow Book); Coverage of independence rules; and Coverage of CPE requirements; Government auditors and public accountants conducting or planning to conduct financial audits in accordance with Government Auditing Standards will benefit from this seminar.

June 17

Thursday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

Studies on Single Audit and Yellow Book Deficiencies

Discussion Leader: Bill Wagner, CPA

Cost: Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315

Course Hours: 9-5

LEVEL: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A YB **VENDOR:** AICPA

ACRONYM: SAYB

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: The best way to avoid Single Audit and Yellow Book audit deficiencies is to recognize them beforehand! Learn how to avoid the common pitfalls miring these audits. This course takes on serious issues in a highly-rated and exciting case study format. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to: Learn from the mistakes of others; Utilize common sense solutions to common problems noted in Yellow Book and A-133 engagements; Perform higher quality engagements. Highlights include: Engagement letter efficiencies; Major program determination in A-133 audits; Avoiding documentation dilemmas; Avoiding management representation letter mishaps; Drafting audit findings; Reporting issues; Effectively meeting CPE and independence requirements; Preventing deficiencies in SEFA presentation, and more.

June 18

Friday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

Not-for-Profit Accounting & Reporting: From Start to Finish

Discussion Leader: Bill Wagner, CPA

Cost: Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315

Course Hours: 9-5

LEVEL: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A YB **VENDOR:** AICPA

ACRONYM: NPAR

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Rather than training to run part of the race, train to run the entire race from start to finish. This course trains you to clear the key hurdles in not-for-profit accounting and reporting in an efficient and effective manner. Avoid the potholes of confusion and finish first by providing a financial picture that end users can truly understand. Highlights include: The not-for-profit environment and GAAP; Core elements of financial reporting; Exchange transactions and contributions; Expenses (including fundraising costs); Investments and split interest transactions; and Reporting and measuring results.

June 21

Monday
Ridgeland **NEW**
MSCPA Center

Closely Held Business Taxation: 49 Practical Ways to Cut Taxes

Discussion Leader: Peter Towle, CPA, JD, LLM

Cost: Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315

Course Hours: 9-5

LEVEL: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA

ACRONYM: CHBT

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Walk away with 49 practical tax strategies and challenges facing your closely held business clients. Employ business strategies that will minimize the tax burden not only on the business but also on the owners. The tips and strategies are uniquely laid out in the course to allow you to easily and quickly identify and hone in on those tax savings strategies that fit your client's situation.

June 21

Monday
Ridgeland
Holmes Comm. College

Ethics, Rules and Regulations

Discussion Leader: Dr. Quinton Booker, CPA, DBA

Cost: Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165

Course Hours: 1:15 - 4:45

LEVEL: All **CPE Credit:** 4 Ethics **VENDOR:** Dr. Stan Clark, CPA

ACRONYM: ERR-8

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This seminar is designed specifically for CPAs licensed in Mississippi who are subject to the amended Rules and Regulations as adopted by the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy. Completion of this course will meet the State Board's requirement for three hours of "ethics" and one hour of "Mississippi Rules and Regulations" through June 30, 2010.

June 21

Monday
Gulfport
Great Southern Club

Excel Financial Reporting and Analysis

Discussion Leader: Will Fleenor, CPA, PHD

Cost: Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330

Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

LEVEL: Advanced **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** K2 Enterprises

ACRONYM: EFR-2

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Microsoft Excel is a powerful tool for analyzing financial data and preparing financial reports, but like most powerful tools, it contains hidden features and functionality useful for these purposes that are not obvious to users, both novice and expert alike. The purpose of this course is to uncover these hidden features so that users may prepare computationally accurate and aesthetically pleasing reports in a more effective and efficient manner. It provides solutions for accountants in the following six major topic areas: advanced techniques for formatting reports and financial statements, assembly and printing of reports and schedules, using templates to automate reporting processes, advanced financial analysis with PivotTables connected to the General Ledger using ODBC, data consolidation, and using charts and digital dashboards for presenting financial information. Participants will have access to sample data files. This course includes coverage of features found in all versions of Excel, including Excel 2003, 2007, and 2010. Please go to www.k2e.com/efr for more details on what will be covered in this seminar.

June 21

Monday
Gulfport
Great Southern Club

MBA In a Day

Discussion Leader: Kenneth Greenwood, MBA

Cost: Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315

Course Hours: 9-5

LEVEL: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** Surgent McCoy **ACRONYM:** MBAD-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: PRESENTED ON THE COAST BY POPULAR DEMAND . . . this course is designed to help CPAs develop a complete business finance and management background. With this knowledge and these skills, CPAs in industry and public accounting can better manage all aspects of their own businesses while helping their clients make more informed business and financial decisions. Major topics include: Fundamentals of organization behavior; Decision making with statistics – Gathering statistical information, interpretation, and methods of forecasting; Finance -- Risk and return; portfolio management theories; asset allocation; capital

asset pricing models; financial management; etc.; Marketing principles and concepts; Capital budgeting and marginal investment analysis; Production management -- Capacity, scheduling, and inventory control issues; Learning to be your own economist -- Macroeconomic and microeconomic concepts, the impact of business cycles and the current business environment on business plans and profitability; and how to interpret the vast amount of data available to make business decisions. Designed for: CPAs in industry and public accounting who want to expand their knowledge of business management and finance and the principles of strategic business planning. Go to <http://www.cpenow.com> for more details.

June 22 **Determining How Much Money You Need to Retire, and Tax Ideas and Money Management in Retirement**

Tuesday
Gulfport
Great Southern Club

Discussion Leader: Kenneth Greenwood, MBA
Cost: Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315
Course Hours: 9-5

LEVEL: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** Surgent McCoy **ACRONYM:** DRMM-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this course is to give CPAs the tools and knowledge required to help their clients implement tax-effective investment and portfolio strategies for successful wealth accumulation and real after-tax retirement income maintenance. The course discusses a host of specific investment tax planning and money management issues and topics, both before and after retirement, within the broader context of the fundamentals of asset allocation and portfolio management, coordinating retirement plans and taxable saving, advanced tax-adjusted time value principles, and asset risk/return and income-tax relationships. Major topics include: Asset allocation, portfolio management, and investment selection concepts including portfolio rebalancing, before and after retirement, tax-saving investment transactions, and the optimal asset mix between retirement plans and taxable savings; Historical guidelines and benchmarks for guidance; Worksheets and formulas for determining how much money one needs; Distribution and asset liquidation planning; and MUCH more. Designed for: CPAs who wish to serve the needs of the growing segment of the public for whom effective retirement planning is critical as they reach their peak earning years and/or are approaching retirement. See <http://www.cpenow.com> for more details.

June 22 **Technology for CPAs: Don't Get Left Behind**

Tuesday
Gulfport
Great Southern Club

Discussion Leader: Will Fleenor, CPA, PHD
Cost: Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330
Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

LEVEL: Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** K2 Enterprises **ACRONYM:** TEC-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Technology continues to accelerate rapidly, and CPAs need to keep pace. This course is designed for those who are not information technology (IT) experts, but who need an update of their base knowledge level to serve their companies and/or clients more efficiently and effectively. In this fast-paced, update-style course, you will survey today's IT environment, learning about computer hardware, software, operating systems, specific CPA firm solutions, and peripheral devices as well as obtain an update on technology such as PDFs, etc. More importantly, you will be exposed to significant trends in information technology and how to take advantage of the opportunities presented by these trends. Examples include wireless connectivity, paperless office technologies, and remote connectivity strategies. Also included are security and privacy issues related to IT; controlling SPAM, viruses, and spyware; and how to improve the overall performance of your IT investment. See www.k2e.com/tec.

June 22 **Delving Into the Top Twelve Issues for Partnerships, LLCs, and S Corps**

Tuesday
Ridgeland **NEW**
MSCPA Center

Discussion Leader: Peter Towle, CPA, JD, LLM
Cost: Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315
Course Hours: 9-5

LEVEL: Advanced **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** DTT

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This course reviews specialized issues in the taxation of partnerships, LLCs and S Corps. Twelve common issues, each providing significant tax-planning opportunities or potential traps for the unwary, are identified and the tax consequences associated with different types of pass-through entities are explored. Case studies are included with each issue to illustrate how seemingly routine transactions often trigger complex or unexpected tax provisions. Some studies also illustrate how entity choice affects the ultimate tax consequences associated with a particular transaction. Select the AICPA link under the Education Tab on our web site for more details on this seminar.

June 22 **Form 990: AICPA's Answer to Unlocking the Tax Complexities**

Tuesday
Ridgeland
Holmes Comm. College

Discussion Leader: Charles Owen, CPA, JD
Cost: Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315
Course Hours: 9-5

LEVEL: Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax YB **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** EO-F990-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Updated for the completely redesigned Form 990! Not only is the IRS crackdown on nonprofits continuing but the Form 990 has been completely redesigned – are you ready? New legal traps for the organization and its officers and directors created by the excess benefit rules make this course a must! Find out how to deal with the very tricky 990 problems that will confront your clients. With the more complex Form 990, not only are CPAs required to perform numerical computations, but they must also now answer probing IRS questions. This course addresses tricky and potential tax-trap issues you will face. Get practice in completing the revised 990 tax form and solving unique filing problems. Examine the entire Form 990 family: Schedule A, 990T, 990PF, executive compensation reporting, disclosure requirements and guidelines for handling tough UBIT questions.

June 23 **Form 1041: Income Taxation of Estates and Trusts**

Wednesday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

Discussion Leader: Jessica Minter, CPA, PFS, CFP
Cost: Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315
Course Hours: 9-5

LEVEL: Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA**ACRONYM:** ITET-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Explore a nuts-and-bolts approach to the complicated interplay of fiduciary and income tax rules for accounting for the income and expenses of estates and trusts. Get invaluable practice from comprehensive case studies and understand the provisions of Subchapter J covering estates, trusts, beneficiaries and descendants. Examine grantor trusts and planning for children under 14 years of age. Cover tax computations, tax-saving tips and much more. Highlights include: Nature and taxation of estates and trusts; Tax computations and planning tips; Trust accounting income; Subchapter J; Complex trusts and estates; Grantor trusts; Sale or distribution of assets; Income in respect of decedent.

June 23

Wednesday

Gulfport

Great Southern Club

Accounting & Auditing Update**Discussion Leader:** Stan Clark, CPA, PHD**Cost:** Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165**Course Hours:** 8:30-12**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA**ACRONYM:** CL4AUAA-4

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Keep abreast of the fast-paced changes in accounting and auditing. This course covers the most relevant pronouncements, exposure drafts and consensus reports recently issued in the accounting, auditing, compilation and review arenas. This training will help you identify and apply recently issued FASB statements, interpretations and technical bulletins. Learn how to assess the effect of current auditing standards and standards on accounting and review services from coverage of the latest issues at the AICPA, EITF and FASB.

June 23

Wednesday

Gulfport

NEW

Great Southern Club

Moving to Office 2007 / 2010: A Roadmap for Success**Discussion Leader:** Will Fleenor, CPA, PHD**Cost:** Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165**Course Hours:** 8:30-12**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** K2 Enterprises**ACRONYM:** MTO**NEW**

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: The newest versions of Microsoft office are substantially different in many respects from their predecessors; a radically new user interface coupled with new file formats means that the transition can be a rough one, but it does not have to be. If you have recently upgraded to Office 2007 or Office 2010 -- or plan to do so this year -- take steps now by attending this half-day seminar to ensure that the move is a smooth one for you and your team. For details on this seminar, please visit: www.k2e.com/mto.

June 23

Wednesday

Gulfport

Great Southern Club

Ethics, Rules and Regulations**Discussion Leader:** Stan Clark, CPA, PHD**Cost:** Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165**Course Hours:** 1:15 - 4:45**LEVEL:** All **CPE Credit:** 4 Ethics **VENDOR:** Dr. Stan Clark, CPA**ACRONYM:** ERR-9

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This seminar is designed specifically for CPAs licensed in Mississippi who are subject to the amended Rules and Regulations as adopted by the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy. Completion of this course will meet the State Board's requirement for three hours of "ethics" and one hour of "Mississippi Rules and Regulations" through June 30, 2010.

June 24

Thursday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

Determining How Much Money You Need to Retire, and Tax Ideas and Money Management in Retirement**Discussion Leader:** Kenneth Greenwood, MBA**Cost:** Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315**Course Hours:** 9-5**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** Surgent McCoy**ACRONYM:** DRMM-2

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this course is to give CPAs the tools and knowledge required to help their clients implement tax-effective investment and portfolio strategies for successful wealth accumulation and real after-tax retirement income maintenance. The course discusses a host of specific investment tax planning and money management issues and topics, both before and after retirement, within the broader context of the fundamentals of asset allocation and portfolio management, coordinating retirement plans and taxable saving, advanced tax-adjusted time value principles, and asset risk/return and income-tax relationships. Major topics include: Asset allocation, portfolio management, and investment selection concepts including portfolio rebalancing, before and after retirement, tax-saving investment transactions, and the optimal asset mix between retirement plans and taxable savings; Historical guidelines and benchmarks for guidance; Worksheets and formulas for determining how much money one needs; Distribution and asset liquidation planning; and MUCH more. Designed for: CPAs who wish to serve the needs of the growing segment of the public for whom effective retirement planning is critical as they reach their peak earning years and/or are approaching retirement. See <http://www.cpenow.com> for more details.

June 25

Friday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

MBA In a Day**Discussion Leader:** Kenneth Greenwood, MBA**Cost:** Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315**Course Hours:** 9-5**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** Surgent McCoy**ACRONYM:** MBAD-2

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND . . . this course is designed to help CPAs develop a complete business finance and management background. With this knowledge and these skills, CPAs in industry and public accounting can better manage all aspects of their own businesses while helping their clients make more informed business and financial decisions. Major topics include: Fundamentals of organization behavior; Decision making with statistics -- Gathering statistical information, interpretation, and methods of forecasting; Finance -- Risk and return; portfolio management theories; asset allocation; capital asset pricing models; financial management; etc.; Marketing principles and concepts; Capital budgeting and marginal investment analysis; Production management -- Capacity, scheduling, and inventory control issues; Learning to be your own economist -- Macroeconomic and

microeconomic concepts, the impact of business cycles and the current business environment on business plans and profitability, and how to interpret the vast amount of data available to make business decisions. Designed for CPAs in industry and public accounting who want to expand their knowledge of business management and finance and the principles of strategic business planning. Go to <http://www.cpenow.com> for more details.

June 28
Monday
Ridgeland **NEW**
MSCPA Center

Driving Corporate Performance: The CFO's Role in Developing Competitive Advantage
Discussion Leader: Dan Chenoweth, MBA
Cost: Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315
Course Hours: 9-5 **NEW**

LEVEL: Intermediate CPE Credit: 8 General VENDOR: Executive Education ACRONYM: DCP

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Successful companies use strategies that allow them to efficiently use their resources by focusing on a portion of their industry where they can have a competitive advantage. Most financial managers can recognize a successful business strategy when they see it, but may have little experience creating a roadmap to take them there. This seminar will provide financial executives the "big picture" skills necessary to drive company performance. Topics Discussed Include: Knowing why successful companies focus their strategy; and Understanding why great companies use a "Hedgehog Concept". Also included: Developing strategies for success (Cost leadership strategies, Differentiation strategies, and Lean competition); Mapping your strategy; Developing metrics to manage performance; and Translating strategic initiatives into accomplishments.

June 28
Monday
Ridgeland **NEW**
Holmes Comm. College

Identifying Fraudulent Financial Transactions
Discussion Leader: Donna Ingram, CPA, CFE, Cr.FA
Cost: Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315
Course Hours: 9-5 **NEW**

LEVEL: Intermediate CPE Credit: 8 A&A VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: FE-FFT

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This course provides practical tips on how to identify financial statement fraud schemes and how to mount a defense by improving your internal controls. This course trains you, the CPA, to refocus analytical and substantive tests on the financial and non-financial information already at hand to expose financial statement fraud. Learn to identify the red flags of fraud in financial information and analyze a variety of fraud schemes. Highlights include: A framework for detecting financial statement fraud; Fraud schemes: revenue, inventory, liabilities and assets; Disclosure omissions; The problem of financial statement fraud; Fraud prevention; The profession's focus on financial statement fraud; and Recent fraud cases.

June 29
Tuesday
Ridgeland **NEW**
MSCPA Center

Corporate Finance Tune-up: Putting the Right Skills in Your Analytical Toolbox
Discussion Leader: Dan Chenoweth, MBA
Cost: Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315
Course Hours: 9-5 **NEW**

LEVEL: Intermediate CPE Credit: 8 General VENDOR: Executive Education ACRONYM: CFT

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Understanding corporate finance is a skill that separates those who will become Chief Financial Officers from those who will always remain accountants. This seminar provides a refresher on corporate finance skills for those who work or aspire to work at a CFO level. Topics discussed include: Internal and external financial analysis, forecasting for M&A activities, and valuation analysis.

June 29
Tuesday
Ridgeland **NEW**
Holmes Comm. College

FASB Review and Update: Common GAAP Issues Impacting All CPAs
Discussion Leader: Anne Oestricher, CPA
Cost: Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315
Course Hours: 9-5 **NEW**

LEVEL: Intermediate CPE Credit: 8 A&A VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: FRU

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Are you looking for an intermediate level review and update of common GAAP issues important to all CPAs? This broad-ranging course covers FASB Statements and Interpretations and other authoritative guidance that apply to all companies. Emphasizing financial statement disclosures in addition to accounting methods, this course also presents implementation guidelines and disclosure illustrations from actual financial statements. Review reporting standards for the balance sheet, income statement and statement of cash flows to gain understanding of the FASB standards that have the greatest impact on accounting and financial reporting. Highlights include: Recent FASB pronouncements and exposure drafts; Research and development; Leases, Debt, Accounting for income taxes, International accounting, (IFRS), Income statement presentation and interim reporting, Statement of Cash Flows, Segment reporting, Long-lived assets (interest capitalization and non-monetary transactions).

June 30
Wednesday
Ridgeland
Holmes Comm. College

Internal Control Essentials for Financial Managers, Accountants and Auditors
Discussion Leader: Anne Oestricher, CPA
Cost: Members: \$240 Non-Members: \$315
Course Hours: 9-5

LEVEL: Basic CPE Credit: 8 A&A VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: ICDAD

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This course gives participants a solid understanding of systems and control documentation. After an overview of the latest COSO guidance on the components and principles of effective internal control, this course introduces participants to basic tools used to document an accounting process. Participants then identify the risks of errors and fraud in the accounting system and the presence (or absence) of compensating controls. Finally, participants will practice identifying key controls and control weaknesses. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to: Interpret basic documentation of a significant accounting process; Identify the significant risks of fraud and errors; Locate the presence or absence of compensating controls; and identify key controls and control weaknesses. Highlights include: Management responsibilities vs. auditor responsibilities for system documentation and detection of errors and fraud; Common fraud risks for major classes of transactions/ significant processes and the controls to prevent or detect them; Introduction to current tools and techniques used in internal control documentation; Interpreting documentation of the accounting and control system; estimating the cost/benefit of remedying a control weakness; and more.

June 30

Wednesday

Ridgeland

NEW

MSCPA Center

Change Management: Making Improvement Happen**Discussion Leader:** Dan Chenoweth, MBA**Cost:** Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165**Course Hours:** 8:30-12**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** Executive Education **ACRONYM:** CM

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Why is change so difficult? Many organizations struggle to improve because they fail to effectively deal with the people issues of change management. This seminar will show participants how to deal with individual resistance to change and the cultural inertia that prevents an organization from reaching its goals. Topics Discussed Include: Overcome Resistance By: Making the case for change, Setting expectations, Involving the team in change, Communicating the need for change, Providing team education, Setting a positive role model, Reinforcing success, and Using interventions when necessary. Manage the Tangible Project: Develop the project purpose, logistics and tactics, Structure the work, Organize the tasks, Determine key milestones and deliverables, and Create the project budget.

June 30

Wednesday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

Leadership Skills for the CFO: From Value Preserver to Value Creator**Discussion Leader:** Dan Chenoweth, MBA**Cost:** Members: \$125 Non-Members: \$165**Course Hours:** 1:15 - 4:45**LEVEL:** Intermediate/Adv. **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** Executive Education **ACRONYM:** LSCFO

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: The CFO's role has changed dramatically in recent years. As more business unit general managers report directly to the CEO, the COO's managerial duties are often reassigned to the CFO who is increasingly viewed as a "strategist"— someone to help grow the business as well as manage costs and report financials. This course will provide ideas, skills and confidence to help you make the transition from "Value Preserver" to "Value Creator." Topics Discussed Include: How the CFO's Role Has Expanded – The CFO as full business partner, and The CFO as growth leader. The CFO as Strategist – Checklist: Is it time to change your strategy? Traditional vs. breakthrough strategic planning, and Introduce breakthrough strategic planning tools. The CFO as Change Agent -- How to successfully implement a strategic plan. Culture Force Field Analysis – Is your organization ready for major change? And Eight steps to achieve organizational change. Also, the CFO as Communicator – Increased importance of both verbal and written communication skills, and tools and tips to help.

SECURITY CONCERNS

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346 days? We recommend enforcing a password policy that includes forced password changes every 90 days with specific complexity requirements (a minimum of 8 characters with a combination of lowercase, uppercase, numbers and symbols). Feel free to use [Xcentric's password policy](#) as a starting point for your firm.

Microsoft Patches

Staying up to date with Microsoft patches is a critical step to ensuring your firm's security. We recommend using automated patch management like GFI LANguard or Windows Server Update Services, which is free. All of the Microsoft server vulnerabilities and their related patches (sometimes called 'fixes') are published on their [Security Advisories Archive](#) site. This serves as a great inventory of how to protect your firm, but also simultaneously provides cyber-punks a roadmap for exactly how to break into your un-patched servers. Server security is only as good as its latest application of patches.

Website

Another thing to consider is what information you post on your website. CPA firms love to publish everyone's name, phone number and email address, which is helpful for the general public, but makes it one step easier for someone to get into your network. If you find this concerning, consider including a contact number and

generic email address for each department to add one more layer of protection for your firm.

Voicemail System

Secure passwords are important here too. You don't want someone calling your office after hours, figuring out how to get a password prompt and then gaining access to someone's voicemail because they used something like 1111, 1234, or 0000 as their password. This is another reason not to post everyone's number online.

ISP Router

The Internet Service Provider's (ISP) "managed router" is one of the most overlooked pieces of the network. It's a nondescript box in the closet with blinking lights that few people understand. Somehow ignorance makes way for comfort. Most firms assume that because the ISP set it up, it must be configured correctly. Not true. We've seen default passwords used on ISP routers many times. MANY times. Some of these routers have built-in sniffing tools to allow you to watch all traffic going in and out. This information is very helpful to a hacker. Request that your ISP changes the default login password on your router.

Firewall

When is the last time your firewall was updated? Firewalls are found both in the server room and as a piece of software on your PC. We recommend using Cisco for network hardware-based firewalls. Other options include SonicWall or WatchGuard. Just as any other component of technology

needs management, hardware firewalls also need to be kept up to date. Your PC-based firewalls found on desktops, laptops and home PCs are generally updated whenever the Windows Updates are installed.

We also recommend using Intrusion Detection/Prevention (IDS/IPS) to protect your firm in addition to firewalls. Where firewalls passively block known attacks, IDS/IPS solutions are proactive in nature and will provide reporting on the number and types of attacks that are attempted. There are numerous options out there, including free services like Symantec DeepSight and Snort. Other options include McAfee, VeriSign, IBM ISS and Cisco. This provides an extra layer of protection, as a hacker

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MAJOR EVENTS IN JUNE

June 1-7: Continuation of
Ridgeland Cluster

June 21-23: Gulfport Seminars
(Including 3 days of Technology from K2)

June 24-27: Annual Convention in
SanDestin including one day of
CPE on Thursday: *Ethics* in the
AM and *A&A Update* in the PM

July 1: IRS Practitioners' Meeting
at the MSCPA Center

CPE REGISTRATION

Due to space constraints, the previous course descriptions have been condensed. The full descriptions – as provided by the CPE vendors – are available through links on our web site: www.ms-cpa.org under EDUCATION. Members may register through the members' portion of the web site or by mailing or faxing the registration portion below with your check or credit card number to: Mississippi Society of CPAs, 306 Southampton Row, Ridgeland, MS 39157. Fax: (601) 856-8255. Please check each course you wish to attend and encircle each amount to ensure we enter your selections correctly.

() DATE	COURSE TITLE	CITY	LOCATION	AICPA*	MEM	NON-MEM	Hours	Rec'd Area
() June 1	Solving the Choice of Entity Riddle: Key Tax and Business Implications	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		125	165	4	Tax
() June 1	S Corporations: Strategies from Formation to Termination	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		125	165	4	Tax
() June 2	The CPA's Role in Buying or Selling a Business	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		125	165	4	Tax
() June 2	Practical Tax Tips and Techniques for Closely-Held Businesses	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		125	165	4	Tax
() June 3	Controller's Update: Latest Trends for Today's Financial Manager	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		125	165	4	General
() June 3	Financial Forecasting: Planning for Success	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		125	165	4	General
() June 4	Essential Skills for the Survival and Growth of Your Organization	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		125	165	4	General
() June 4	Financial Management: Tools and Techniques to Enhance Profitability	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		125	165	4	General
() June 7	Frequent Frauds Found in Governments	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		125	165	4	A&A + YB
() June 7	Accounting and Auditing Update	Ridgeland	Holmes Comm. College		125	165	4	A&A
() June 7	Ethics, Rules and Regulations	Ridgeland	Holmes Comm. College		125	165	4	Ethics
() June 8-9	AICPA's Annual Accounting and Auditing Workshop	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	+	350	500	16	A&A
() June 9	Excel Pivot Tables for Accountants - Part 2	Ridgeland	Holmes Comm. College		125	165	4	General
() June 9	Excel Macro's	Ridgeland	Holmes Comm. College		125	165	4	General
() June 10	Comparing and Contrasting the Tax Aspects of S Corporations, etc.	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		240	315	8	Tax
() June 11	PDF Documents: What Accountants Need to Know	Ridgeland	Holmes Comm. College		255	330	8	General
() June 11	Excel Financial Reporting and Analysis	Ridgeland	Holmes Comm. College		255	330	8	A&A
() June 11	Surgent McCoy's Comprehensive Guide to Tax Depreciation, etc.	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		240	315	8	Tax
() June 14	AICPA's Annual Business Law Update	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	+	240	315	8	General
() June 15	Governmental and Non-Profit Annual Update	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	*	240	315	8	A&A + YB
() June 16	The Revised YellowBook: Government Auditing Standards	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	*	240	315	8	A&A + YB
() June 17	Studies on Single Audit and Yellow Book Deficiencies	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	*	240	315	8	A&A + YB
() June 18	Not for profit Accounting & Reporting: From Start to Finish	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	*	240	315	8	A&A + YB
() June 21	Closely Held Business Taxation: 49 Practical Ways to Cut Taxes	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	+	240	315	8	Tax
() June 21	Ethics, Rules and Regulations	Ridgeland	Holmes Comm. College		125	165	4	Ethics
() June 22	Delving Into the Top Twelve Issues for Partnerships, LLCs, & S Corps	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	+	240	315	8	Tax
() June 22	Form 990: AICPA's Answer to Unlocking the Tax Complexities	Ridgeland	Holmes Comm. College	*	240	315	8	Tax + YB
() June 21	Excel Financial Reporting and Analysis	Gulfport	Great Southern Club		255	330	8	A&A
() June 21	MBA In a Day	Gulfport	Great Southern Club		240	315	8	General
() June 22	Determining How Much Money You Need to Retire, etc.	Gulfport	Great Southern Club		240	315	8	Tax
() June 22	Technology for CPAs: Don't Get Left Behind	Gulfport	Great Southern Club		255	330	8	General
() June 23	Accounting & Auditing Update	Gulfport	Great Southern Club		125	165	4	A&A
() June 23	Moving to Office 2007 / 2010: A Roadmap for Success	Gulfport	Great Southern Club		125	165	4	General
() June 23	Ethics, Rules and Regulations	Gulfport	Great Southern Club		125	165	4	Ethics
() June 23	Form 1041: Income Taxation of Estates and Trusts	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center	*	240	315	8	Tax
() June 24	Determining How Much Money You Need to Retire, etc.	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		240	315	8	Tax
() June 25	MBA In a Day	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		240	315	8	General
() June 28	Driving Corporate Performance: The CFO's Role	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		240	315	8	General
() June 28	Identifying Fraudulent Financial Transactions	Ridgeland	Holmes Comm. College	*	240	315	8	A&A
() June 29	Corporate Finance Tune-up: Putting the Right Skills in Your Toolbox	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		240	315	8	General
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() June 30	Leadership Skills for the CFO: From Value Preserver to Value Creator	Ridgeland	MSCPA Center		125	165	4	General

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SECURITY CONCERNS

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would have to get through your firewall and IDS/IPS system before getting to your client data.

Wireless Access

WPA2 (Wi-Fi Protected Access) is mandatory for all new devices considered "Wi-Fi Certified" by the Wi-Fi Alliance. Using WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy) is unsecure and opens up the risk of key loggers and Wi-Fi piggybacking. If a hacker were able to get onto your wireless network, they would be able to dig deeper by scanning and mapping your network from the inside. You also want to make sure no one brings a computer from home to plug into your network that isn't Wi-Fi certified.

Remote Access

In this day and age the convenience of anytime, anywhere access to data poses new security threats that firms need to consider and address. Our duty to keep client data secure now extends far beyond the walls of the office and staff in the field to our employees' homes and cell phones as well. It's a good idea to develop a written policy for remote access and transit with things like remote wipe, mobile phone lock,

Wi-Fi protocol and password complexity enforcement. Centralized management of anti-virus and personal firewalls is also key to making sure your firm is adequately protected on all fronts.

Encryption

Most states have breach notification laws and nearly all of them waive the requirement for notification where data has been encrypted. Whole disk and USB-stick encryption are the two most common places where encryption can be used. Imagine all of the free press you could get just by having an auditor lose their USB-memory stick.

Another way to avoid data loss without using device or PC encryption is by using remote access technologies such as Citrix/Terminal Services. In the remote computing environments, data is rarely stored on the device, rather it is left on the server where it can be controlled and is generally less likely to be left on a train or stolen from your backseat.

We also recommend using remote laptop security tools like Xtool MobileSecurity and Absolute Software Computrace LoJack, which come with a laptop tracker and recovery guarantee to help protect your firm. Xtool MobileSecurity also includes

features like encrypted disk and remote delete, which are helpful in such situations as well. We recommend using IronKey or PGP to encrypt your USB sticks and PGP or Windows Vista BitLocker for whole disk encryption.

We encourage you to consider this list, as well as additional policies like third party connection, acceptable use, and incident report, to ensure your firm is adequately protected on all fronts. Above all, make sure your firm actively enforces the policies and standards you establish because, no matter what kind of security you have in place, your firm is only as safe as your weakest line of defense.

Special thanks to our internal security experts for explaining the deep and dark hacker tricks in terms that even I can understand.

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