



New CPAs Honored by State Board at April 28 Ceremony

The Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy recognized new CPAs during their Spring Ceremony Saturday, April 28 at the Capitol in Jackson. MSCPA Chairman Bill Taylor introduced the new CPAs to the Society and Allison Garner, President of the MSCPA Young CPA Network, provided an overview of the Network and invited the new CPAs to become active. Keynote speaker was Honorable Stacey Pickering, Mississippi's State Auditor. Mark Peach, Chairman of the State Board, administered the Oath of Title. New CPAs recognized were Jason Neal Baker, Ashley Nicole Berry, Charles Jubal Chandler, Sydney Hodnett DeFillips, Caitlin Morgan Dormody, Kortney M. Gaddy, Alana Lindsey Harmon, Gregory Douglas Higginbotham, Brandon Lamar Johnson, Tyneisha L. Jones, Shawn Derrick Mason, Lisa Jennifer Meade, Peyton Lee Parks, Lee Randolph Pittman, and Rebecca T. Simmons.

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2017 CPA Exam Medal Winners

The MSCPA Awards, Education and Scholarships Committee has notified winners of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals from the 2017 CPA Exam.

These awards honor those who attained the highest scores in passing all parts of the exam taken for the first time in one sitting during 2017. Winners will be recognized during the MSCPA Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, June 23 at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort.

Medal winners from 2017 include:

- **THE FRED T. NEELY GOLD MEDAL:**
Joseph A. Rebentisch



Joseph Rebentisch of Tupelo graduated summa cum laude from the University of Mississippi with both a Bachelor of Accountancy and a Master of Accountancy. While at Ole Miss, he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and received a Taylor Medal, the university's highest academic honor. He also held leadership positions in multiple organizations including Student Alumni

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Absentee Ballots Available for Officer Election

The Nominations Committee submits candidates for election to fill each office and for the at-large Board of Directors position for 2018-2019. See pages 6-7 for photos and profiles on the candidates. Each member of the Society can vote at the Annual Meeting in person or by mail ballot prior to the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, June 23, 2018 during the MSCPA Annual Convention at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Florida. Members not attending the Annual Meeting may request an absentee ballot by mail (MSCPA, 306 Southampton Row, Ridgeland, MS 39157) or email (memberservices@ms-cpa.org). Absentee ballots must be received by the Society office no later than June 18 (five days prior to the Annual Meeting on June 23).



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MEDAL WINNERS

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Council, Lambda Sigma Honor Society, and Kappa Alpha Order Fraternity and also served as Patterson School of Accountancy Student Body President. He has worked multiple summers at Camp Ozark, and completed an internship with Deloitte's Forensics & Investigations group in Dallas, Texas. He began as a Consultant in Deloitte's Forensics and Investigations practice in Dallas the fall of 2017.

• THE T.E. LOTT SILVER MEDAL: *Reagan H. Stovall*



Stovall

Reagan Stovall of Long Beach graduated summa cum laude from the University of Mississippi with both a Bachelor of Accountancy and a Master of Taxation. She is also a graduate of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College. While at Ole Miss, she was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Alpha Psi, Gamma Beta Phi, and Order of Omega honor societies. She also held leadership positions including Treasurer of Phi Mu Fraternity, Director of Finance for RebelTHON Dance Marathon benefiting Children's Miracle Network,

and was a MoneyThink Student Teacher promoting financial literacy among high school students. She also attended Ole Miss' PULSE Leadership Conference and won PwC's Campus Challenge Case Competition and Target's Campus Grants Case Competition. Regan completed an internship with PricewaterhouseCoopers' assurance group in New Orleans, Louisiana and began as an Assurance Associate in September of 2017.

• THE SILAS M. SIMMONS BRONZE MEDAL: *Harrison K. Edwards*



Edwards

Harrison Edwards of Oxford graduated cum laude from the University of Mississippi with both a Bachelor of Accountancy and a Master of Accountancy. While at Ole Miss, he was involved with activities and societies including Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Gamma Sigma, Beta Phi, Financial Executives International Scholar, and was Student Activities Association Member of the Year. In 2015, he completed an associate auditor internship with FedEx and later worked as an audit associate with BKD in Jackson. Harrison now works as an Accountant and Data Manager for SPOT Tracker, LLC in Columbia.

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Member News

Dr. Dora Herring, A Pioneer for the Accounting Profession



Dr. Dora Herring, 89, of Starkville, passed away Wednesday, May 2, 2018. The MSCPA family is saddened by the loss of Dr. Herring, who was a pioneer for the accounting profession and a positive influence on so many. Survivors include 3 sons Dr. Calvin Herring (Sheila) of Gadsden, AL, Dr. Barry Herring (Karen) of Starkville, MS, and Dr. Clyde Herring (Tammye) of Starkville, MS. 2 brothers Dr. Lloyd Rose of Starkville, MS and H. C. Rose of Ridgeland, MS. 7 Grandchildren and 20 Great Grandchildren. Her son, Dr. Clyde Herring, is a legacy CPA and is also a MSCPA Past Chairman and active member of the Society.

"Of the many words you could use to describe Dora Herring, "trailblazer" might be the best. She was the first female accounting student at Mississippi State University, the first doctoral student admitted to the DBA program, the first female hired to teach in the College of Business, the first person, male or female, in the state of Mississippi to hold a CPA and Doctorate in Accounting, and the first female to serve as the president of the Mississippi Society of CPAs."

Dr. Herring was a mentor to many and a friend to all. We will miss her dearly.

Board Nominates Josh Norris for Trustee

In accordance with the Trust Agreement of the MSCPA Education Foundation, the Trustees of the Foundation of which there are three, shall be appointed by vote of the Society and shall serve for a three-year term beginning July 1. The terms of the Trustees shall be staggered so that one new Trustee shall be appointed each year. For compliance with the Trust Agreement, the Board of Governors of the MSCPA has nominated Josh Norris of Jackson to fill the vacancy of a Trustee who is rotating off.



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Register Now for the MSCPA 2018 Annual Convention

Join other MSCPA members in Destin, June 21-24!

MSCPA's Annual Convention is the avenue to promote fellowship among the members. The Officers and Board of Governors welcome members, their families and guests and invite you to enjoy a program planned with entertainment for the whole family. To our new members, we especially invite you to join us and be a part of the convention.



General registration includes:

- Welcome reception with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails
- Friday, Saturday and Sunday breakfast
- Two speaker presentations approved for 2 CPE credits
- Friday box lunch
- Saturday beach party/volleyball tournament
- Saturday reception
- Saturday dinner banquet
- Special entertainment

Following the Friday morning presentations, members may choose to participate in the golf tournament on the Baytowne Course or aboard the Destiny for an afternoon of fishing. The tennis tournament is also back on the agenda this year. Get your activity registrations in! Spouses, guests and children are welcome.

We are also looking for players and teams of six or more people to go head-to-head and claim the Bailey Trophy and title as champions of the 4th annual MSCPA volleyball tournament. The volleyball tournament and beach party is a free activity. Gather up your co-workers, colleagues, family or friends and email kmoody@ms-cpa.org to sign up to play or just let us know you want to play and we will add you to a team.

Visit ms-cpa.org/education/annual-convention to download the brochure for a detailed agenda and for more information about our speakers and special entertainment. You can register online or download a printable registration form to register by fax or mail.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Under the provisions of Section 4 of the Mississippi Society of CPAs' bylaws, notice is hereby given of the annual business meeting. It will be held at the Annual Convention at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Florida on June 23, 2018 at nine o'clock. The election of officers, reports from officers, and other business will be conducted at this time.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

The election is scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 2018 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 are available upon request.

Members of the Nominations Committee include: Charles Prince-Chairman, Magee; Melanie Hamel, Ridgeland; Clyde Herring, Starkville; Linda Keng, Jackson; and Yale Murphy, Ridgeland.

Vice Chairman / Chairman-Elect



DONNA BRUCE is a partner with BKD, LLP in Jackson and serves as the Tax Director. She was previously a member with Johnson, Bruce & Host, PLLC and a Tax Managing Director with KPMG, LLP. Donna primarily practices in the area of personal financial planning serving individuals, family groups, and closely-held business clients. She also works extensively with tax exempt organizations. Donna is a 1987 graduate of Mississippi State University.

Donna has previously served as Secretary of the MSCPA and on the Executive Committee. She currently serves on the Non-Profit Committee and as chairman of the Taxation Committee. She is a past president of the Estate Planning Council of Mississippi and past chairman of the Mississippi Tax Institute. Donna is a member of the MS Baptist Health System's Estate & Gift Advisory Board. She is a graduate of Leadership Mississippi and has been recognized as one of the "Top 40 Under 40" and one of the Mississippi's "50 Leading Business Women" by the *Mississippi Business Journal*. Donna is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Jackson having previously served on the board of directors and currently serves as the sustaining advisor to the League's board of directors. She is active with the Mississippi Children's Museum serving as the current Finance Committee chair and having previously served as chair of the Audit Committee. Donna is an avid runner. She and her husband, Clark, live in Madison and attend Broadmoor Baptist Church.



J. SCOTT CHRISTIAN is a member with The Gillon Group, PLLC in Natchez. He has over 20 years of audit, tax and consulting experience in public accounting. Scott has worked extensively in the banking, healthcare, manufacturing, oil and gas and not for profit industries. Prior to embarking on his public accounting career, Scott spent 7 years in the banking and financial services field. Scott is a native of Natchez. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Millsaps College. He also holds a Masters of Business

Administration from Christian Brothers University and a Master of Science in Accounting Systems from the University of Memphis.

Within the local community, Scott currently serves as Treasurer of the Natchez Downtown Development Association, President of Home Builder Association of Natchez, Secretary/Treasurer of the St. Catherine Creek Utility District, and Treasurer of Beau Pre Country Club. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Natchez, Cathedral School Athletic Association, and the Santa Claus Committee. Scott is also a graduate of the Natchez-Adams County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Natchez program. His professional affiliations include the AICPA and the Society of Louisiana CPAs. Scott has served as Treasurer of the MSCPA and on the Board of Governors and the Executive Committee. He has also served as the President and 1st Vice-President of the Southwest Chapter and is a member of the Firm Administration and Development Committee. Scott and his wife Robin have two children and they attend St. Mary's Basilica.

Treasurer



RALEIGH CUTRER is a shareholder with Matthew Cutrer and Lindsay, P.A. in Ridgeland. He has over 35 years of experience in public accounting and oversees the firm's tax planning and preparation practice. In addition, Raleigh directs the firm's business valuation services. He earned the Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) designation as well as the Personal Financial Specialist (PFS) designation. Raleigh earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Mississippi State University.

Raleigh is currently serving on the Advisory Board for the Adkerson School of Accountancy at Mississippi State University. Raleigh also serves on the AICPA's Tax Practice Management Committee. Raleigh has been a member of the North Jackson Kiwanis Club, where he served as President, Treasurer, and Lieutenant Governor. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Madison County Chamber of Commerce, is the Past-President of the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce and Past-Treasurer of the Ridgeland Tourism Commission. He is also a former instructor for the Becker CPA Review course. He currently serves on the Advisory Board to the Physician's Assistant School at Mississippi College. Raleigh is a native of Magnolia, MS and resides in Ridgeland, MS. He and his wife, Donna, have three children, Mallory, Clark and Jack. He and his family attend First Baptist Church in Jackson, MS. He currently serves as a deacon and has served as Sunday school teacher and chairman of the Personnel Committee.



JIMMY WOOD is a member of Haddox Reid Eubank Betts PLLC in Jackson. Within the firm, Jimmy serves clients in the areas of audit and accounting; income tax compliance and planning; and various consulting engagements. A primary focus is with closely-held businesses and their owners. He is accredited to perform business valuations through the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts. Jimmy obtained his undergraduate and Master degrees from the University of Mississippi.

Jimmy performs a number of peer reviews each year, and has been involved with the MSCPA and AICPA Peer Review Programs since inception. He presently serves on the Peer Review Committee. As an active member of the Society for many years, Jimmy has served on the Board of Governors. He has been active in the Estate Planning Council of Mississippi, having participated as a former President, officer and board member. Within the metropolitan Jackson area, he actively participates at Colonial Heights Baptist Church, currently or having served as a deacon, Life Group leader, and on various committees. Jimmy is the current Treasurer for the Foundation to Eradicate Duchenne (Muscular Dystrophy); is the current Vice-Chairman and Finance Committee member of St. Catherine's Village; and is member of the Advisory Committee for Macedonia Call Foundation. Jimmy enjoys spending time with friends within the local bike riding and running communities, and especially chasing after his four young grandchildren.

Secretary



SAMANTHA MOORE is an attorney at Butler Snow, LLP, where she has been part of the firm's tax group for the last eight years. She focuses on estate planning and estate administration. Sam received her Bachelor of Accountancy, summa cum laude, her Master of Taxation, and her J.D., magna cum laude, all from the University of Mississippi and received her LLM from New York University.

Samantha served a double term as Secretary of the Central Chapter and as Vice President of Programs and President. She served on the Board of

Governors of the MSCPA and is a member of the Taxation Committee and will serve as Millennial Chair in the upcoming year. Samantha also serves on the Executive Committee of the Estate Planning Council of Mississippi, the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Project, and is on the Board of the University of Mississippi's Bessie Young Council. She currently serves as Chair of Butler Snow's Pro Bono Committee. She frequently speaks, writes, and blogs about tax law updates. Samantha has been recognized by Super Lawyers as a Mid-South Rising Star in the area of Estate Planning and Probate and, in 2018, was named in "Best Lawyers in America" in the area of Tax Law. She attends Grace Chapel in Madison, where she lives with her husband, Easlin, and their three year old son, Watson.



JON PERNELL is a manager at Nail McKinney Professional Association. He has over 17 years of public accounting experience, focusing on manufacturing audits, employee benefit plan audits, construction contractor financial statement reviews and tax services for individuals and businesses. Jon is a graduate of Delta State University.

Jon has served as Treasurer/Secretary, Vice-President and President of the Northeast Chapter and subsequently served two years on the Board of Governors. He continues to help coordinate

CPE and meetings for the Northeast Chapter. He has also served on the Nominating Committee and is currently serving on the Long Range Planning Committee. In his free time, he helps local organizations such as Nine Live Animal Rescue and Tupelo-Lee Humane Society with animal fostering and rehoming. Born in Greenwood, MS, Jon and his wife, Casey, live in Tupelo, MS with their dog, Nosy, and too many cats.

At-Large Board Member



DAVID MILLER is a 1979 graduate of the University of Mississippi (BBA) and joined Nail McKinney in Tupelo upon graduation. David is a shareholder and President of Nail McKinney, and his primary areas of practice include providing accounting, audit and income tax services to medium and large businesses.

David recently completed his service on the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy, serving from 2007 – 2017, including two terms as Chair. While on the Board, he was active in

NASBA, serving on various committees including the Administration and Finance Committee. He also served a three-year term on the AICPA Auditing Standards Board as a NASBA nominated member.

He previously served the MSCPA as Chairman of the Board, Treasurer, At-Large Board Member, Executive Committee member, and Chairman of the Peer Review, Continuing Professional Education, and Long Range Planning Committees. David also served as Chairman of the MSCPA Building Committee and was instrumental in completing the project from start to finish including the financing payoff. David is a native of Kossuth. He and Ellen have two children, Blake (Ashley) of Palmetto, FL and Grace (Tyler) of Santa Rosa Beach, FL, and more importantly, three granddaughters.



STACY THOMAS is a shareholder in the Jackson office of the law firm Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell and Berkowitz, PC. He has practiced with the Firm since 1996. He focuses on federal and state tax issues, tax disputes, and estate planning. Stacy is a graduate of Mississippi State University and has served as President of the alumni Advisory Council for the Adkerson School of Accountancy. He received his law degree from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree in tax law from New York University.

Stacy has enjoyed opportunities to serve the Society in many capacities over the years, including Chairman of the Board, Treasurer, member of the Board of Governors and member of the Executive Committee. He has chaired the Society's Public Service Award Committee and served several terms on the Nominations Committee. Stacy has also held several offices in the Central Chapter (most recently President) and is on the Taxation Committee. Stacy was recently elected as a Trustee of the MSCPA Education Foundation. He has served as Chair of the Taxation Section of the Mississippi Bar Association and President of the Estate Planning Council of Mississippi. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation for Mississippi. Stacy and his wife, Ginger, reside in Madison and have two sons.

Education Foundation Trustee



JOSH NORRIS graduated from the University of Mississippi with degrees in both accounting and international studies. During his studies, he was part of the Barksdale Honors College and Croft International Institute. As part of the requirements for both academic entities, he completed a thesis and his unique course of study qualified him to be selected to the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa. Norris was the first accounting major at the University of Mississippi to qualify for this distinction. After graduating, he began his working career with Ernst

& Young in Memphis.

In 2010, he moved back to his hometown where he worked for Richard L. Corken, CPA, P.A. for a year before purchasing the firm and renaming it Corken & Norris. He applied and was accepted in the first class of New York University's Master of Studies in Law and Taxation in 2014. He is pursuing the degree while working full time and his anticipated graduation is 2019.

In 2015, Norris created LeFleur Financial, a fee-only financial planning firm, which allows him to provide more extensive financial services to his clients. Norris operates both his tax practice, Corken & Norris, as a CPA, and his financial planning firm, LeFleur Financial, as a CFP from his office in Fondren.

Norris was named the 2017 MSCPA Rising Star and has been active in the MSCPA serving on the Legislation Committee, Board of Governors as the Central Chapter representative and as the State Board Advisory Committee Millennial Chair, and the Young CPA Network Events Committee. He is also a graduate of the AICPA Leadership Academy and the Next Generation Leadership Institute.

Norris serves the community as Treasurer and Elder at Grace City Church and participates annually in their mission to Cambodia to work with Hard Places Ministry. He also volunteers with Dining Against Darkness in support of Hard Places Ministry and is a board member for Volunteer Greater Jackson, part of the Jackson Chamber's 2020 initiative. Norris is also a board member for the Phoenix Club, which raises money for the Boys and Girls Club of Central Mississippi.



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MSCPA Recognizes Outstanding Senior Accounting Majors

In the spring of each year the MSCPA recognizes seniors majoring in accounting from colleges and universities all across the State of Mississippi. Award winners were presented with their awards at an on campus event (such as an awards banquet, honors day or baccalaureate service). The 2018 recipients are:

ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY
Jazmin Thomas

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Adam Rylander

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
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Taylor Dowdy



From left to right: Henry G. Thomas, CPA, Jackson State University Instructor; Dr. Annette Pridgen, CPA, MSCPA Secretary and Jackson State University Associate Professor; A'Ravian Sharkey, MSCPA Outstanding Senior Accounting Major from Jackson State University; and Karen Moody, MSCPA President/CEO. A'Ravian was honored at the Jackson State University CPA Awareness event on April 19.



From left to right: Dr. Billy Morehead, Mississippi College Associate Professor of Accounting; Sloan Session, MSCPA Outstanding Senior Accounting Major from Mississippi College; Edward Randle, Mississippi College Instructor of Accounting; Karen Moody, MSCPA President/CEO; and Dr. Mark Morgan, Mississippi College Professor of Accounting. Sloan was honored at the Mississippi College School of Business Awards Banquet on April 17.

MSCPA Reveals Training Room Updates

The MSCPA training room now has new classroom tables and chairs! The Board of Governors is committed to improving service to our members and setting the course for the future of the MSCPA. New furniture was installed in April and all classroom tables are powered with outlets and USB connections. Sign up for one of our In Person Courses to try it out.

We have also installed new equipment that allows us to livestream CPE events in real time from our training room. These livestream courses let you tune in remotely via your computer or mobile device and even submit questions for the presenter. Sign up for one of our Online MSCPA Courses.







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CPA License Presentation Ceremony



Alana Lindsey Harmon of The Koerber Company, PA, receives her CPA license from Jim Koerber, Shareholder.



Tyneisha L. Jones of Bridgers Goodman & Aldridge PLLC, receives her CPA license from David Bridgers, Managing Partner.



Brandon Lamar Johnson of Sayle, Sandifer & Associates, LLP, receives his CPA license from Ben Sayle, Partner.



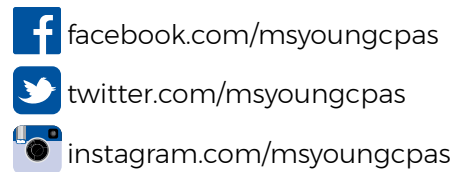
Peyton Lee Parks of BKD, LLP (CPA legacy and grandson of Dr. Sandra Parks) and Dr. Sandra Parks, former Mississippi College accounting professor.



Allison Garner, MSCPA Young CPA Network President; Karen Moody, MSCPA President/CEO; and Bill Taylor, MSCPA Chairman.



New members of the MSCPA pictured with Kimberly Williams, MSCPA Young CPA Network Past President; Allison Garner, MSCPA Young CPA Network President, and Bill Taylor, MSCPA Chairman.



YCPA Social



The MSCPA Young CPA Network hosted a social at Sombra Mexican Kitchen in Ridgeland on April 26.

AICPA EDGE Career Development Conference

June 12-14, 2018

YCPA members are invited to attend the conference online as a group at the GranthamPoole offices in Ridgeland. Special invitations are extended to YCPA Board Members and MSCPA Committee Millennial Chairs. This conference offers great leadership training sessions that are specific to the needs of young professionals.

No CPE can be earned by participants, but it will be a great leadership development and networking opportunity. Lunch will be provided, reservations for attendance must be made in advance. It is not necessary that participants attend the entire event - they can register for the sessions that are most relevant and convenient to their schedules. For more information www.aicpaengage.com/engage2018/edge2018. For questions and to RSVP, contact Allison Garner at aagarne1@yahoo.com.

MSCPA Young CPA Network Incoming At-Large Board Members for 2018

MSCPA Young CPA Network held their Annual Business Meeting April 27 and elected five at-large board members who each will serve a 2-year commitment beginning July 1, 2018. MSCPA Young CPA Network Officers and Committee Chairmen for 2018-2019 will be elected in the coming months.

- Phillip Chu, *Mississippi State Auditor's Office*
- Harrison Edwards, *SPOT Tracker, LLC*
- Sammy Gill, *Matthews, Cutrer & Lindsay, P.A.*
- Deena Keasler, *Topp McWhorter Harvey PLLC*
- Meghan Z. Ozburn, *Silas Simmons, LLP*



Young CPA Conference

MSCPA officially kicked off “CPE season” Friday, April 27, with our Young CPA Conference, sponsored by MEA Medical Clinics and Southern AgCredit with Southern AgCredit exhibiting. Attendees heard from speakers Wil Crawford, Bill Crim, Eddie McNeal, Randy Pierce, Carrie-Beth Randall, Selena Swartzfager, and Brad Trinkle.



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CHAPTER NEWS

CENTRAL CHAPTER

The MSCPA Central Chapter held their quarterly luncheon April 24 at the MSCPA Training Center in Ridgeland. CPE speakers were John Hill and Christopher Brantley of WealthPartners and John Scott of HORNE LLP.



Julia Jesuit, Central Chapter President; John Scott, HORNE LLP; and Blair Jussely, Central Chapter Secretary.



New Central Chapter officers for 2018-2019 and Board of Governors representatives were elected. From left to right: Julia Jesuit, Board of Governors; Blair Jussely, Vice-President/Programs; Shawn Gillenwater, Treasurer; Philando Brown, Vice-President/Membership; and Katelyn Gottberg, Secretary. Not pictured: Chelsey Henley, President; Tom Walker, Board of Governors; and Judy White, Board of Governors.



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CPE THROUGH JUNE

5/29/2018

Tuesday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

Audits of 401(k) Plans

Discussion Leader: Cecil M. (Bill) Felder

Cost: Members: \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30

Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** AFKP

Course Objectives and Description: 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.

5/30/2018

Wednesday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

Analytics and Big Data for Accountants

Discussion Leader: Curtis Quickel

Cost: Members: \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30

Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** DAAN

Course Objectives and Description: Analytics is the new force driving business. Tools have been created to measure program impacts and ROI, visualize data and business processes, and uncover the relationship between key performance indicators, many utilizing the unprecedented amount of data now flowing into organizations. In this course you will discuss leading-edge topics in analytics and finance in a session that is packed with useful tips and practical guidance that you can apply immediately.

5/30/2018

Wednesday
Tupelo
BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr.

Real World Fraud in Today's Small- to Medium- Sized Entities

Discussion Leader: Jerry Spratt

Cost: Members: \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30

Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** FSME

Course Objectives and Description: This course uses hands-on case studies based on real-world frauds to help participants carry out their financial statement fraud responsibilities. Auditors and corporate accounting and finance professionals in small-to medium-sized entities will find this course relevant. The course includes an overview of the auditor's responsibilities related to financial statement fraud. In addition, the course includes information relevant to management's responsibility for fraud and internal controls. Cases address revenue recognition, various financial statement manipulations, purchasing fraud, and other common areas of interest.

5/30/2018

Wednesday
Tupelo
BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr.

Lean Accounting and Management: Saving Money by Streamlining Operations

Discussion Leader: Michele Kemp

Cost: Members: \$150 **Non-Members:** \$190 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0

Course Hours: 8:30am-12:00pm

Level: Advanced **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4LAMA2

Course Objectives and Description: Companies using Lean Accounting have better information for decision making, have simple and timely reports that are clearly understood by everyone in the company and they focus their business around the value created from their customers. Learn to minimize waste and create wealth in your organization through a lean accounting and management approach that improves profitability by streamlining operations. Provide customer value through target-costing and eliminate waste through value-stream management. Improve flow through capacity management. Achieve perfection through continuous process improvement. Those in both manufacturing and service industries can benefit from the techniques presented in this course.

5/30/2018

Wednesday
Tupelo
BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr.

Controller's Update: Today's Latest Trends

Discussion Leader: Michele Kemp

Cost: Members: \$150 **Non-Members:** \$190 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0

Course Hours: 1:00pm-4:30pm

Level: Update **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4SKSB1

Course Objectives and Description: Strengthen your abilities as a controller and help your management team understand current economic issues through the latest trends in accounting, finance, human resources, treasury management, and business systems. In this course you will discuss leading-edge topics in managerial accounting and finance in a session that is packed with useful tips and practical guidance that you can apply immediately.

5/31/2018

Thursday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

Advanced Business Law for CPAs

Discussion Leader: Curtis Quickel

Cost: Members: \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30

Course Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm

Level: Advanced **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** ABLT

Course Objectives and Description: Get a solid understanding of complex legal issues that come up every day and learn how to respond to them. Issue identification is often what separates top financial officers and managers from others. This course covers legal issues in employment, contracts, intellectual property, corporate law, securities, business taxes, environmental regulation, and public company matters. Limit your clients' individual liability and insurance, head off tax issues, and take advantage of alternate forms of dispute resolution.

5/31/2018

Thursday
Tupelo
BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr.

Getting to the Heart of Tax Reform: Individual Income Tax Changes

Discussion Leader: William F. (Bill) Taylor

Cost: Members: \$150 **Non-Members:** \$190 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0

Course Hours: 8:30am-12:00pm

Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4IND-1

Course Objectives and Description: The monumental passing of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act results in historic tax reform impacting nearly every American. This CPE course provides a comprehensive overview of the changes impacting individuals and families as well as critical financial planning considerations and strategies.

5/31/2018 Tax Reform's Impact on Corporations and Pass-Through EntitiesThursday **Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) TaylorTupelo **Cost: Members:** \$150 **Non-Members:** \$190 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr. **Course Hours:** 1:00pm-4:30pm**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4BUS-1

Course Objectives and Description: The monumental passing of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act results in historic tax reform impacting nearly every American. This CPE course provides a comprehensive overview of the changes impacting corporations and pass-through entities along with reviewing tax planning considerations for investors, owners and executives.

5/31/2018 Internal Control and COSO Essentials for Financial Managers, Accountants and AuditorsThursday **Discussion Leader:** Michele KempTupelo **Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr. **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm**Level:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** ICDAD

Course Objectives and Description: 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.

6/1/2018 Form 990: Mastering Its Unique CharacteristicsFriday **Discussion Leader:** Elaine SommervilleRidgeland **Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm**Level:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** EO-F990

Course Objectives and Description: Explore the tax information and inherent not-for-profit organization issues to be mastered in properly preparing the current Form 990. This course covers the numerous reporting demands the 990 imposes, including how to respond to the Form's demands for narrative answers. Participants will gain an understanding of the tax and practical points essential to appropriate completion of the Form 990 and be guided on advising exempt clients on the Form's complexities and diverse demands.

6/1/2018 Best Practices for Payroll Taxes and 1099 IssuesFriday **Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) TaylorTupelo **Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr. **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** GPT-1

Course Objectives and Description: This course is designed to provide you with practical pointers for managing the payroll tax and reporting function. Learn how to avoid the frequent penalties in payroll tax reporting and stay up-to-date with the latest information. It also shows how to handle reporting and withholding requirements for employee fringe benefits. Master the often confusing rules for Form 1099-MISC and other information reports including when and how much to report. Make sure you or your clients are in compliance and not subject to IRS penalties!

6/1/2018 Annual Update for Accountants and AuditorsFriday **Discussion Leader:** Michael BrandTupelo **Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr. **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm**Level:** Update **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** AUAA

Course Objectives and Description: Keep abreast of the fast-paced changes in accounting and auditing. This comprehensive course covers relevant pronouncements, exposure drafts, and other guidance recently issued in the accounting, auditing, review, compilation, and preparation engagement arenas. Let us sort through the complexities and help you identify and apply recently issued FASB, PCAOB, ARSC, and ASB standards and guidance. With the rate of change in today's regulatory environment, you must stay current on the topics impacting the profession – don't get left behind!

6/4/2018 The Bottom Line on the New Lease Accounting RequirementsMonday **Discussion Leader:** Thomas NewellRidgeland **Cost: Members:** \$150 **Non-Members:** \$190 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-12:pm**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4LEAS

Course Objectives and Description: How do the leasing requirements in the new standard differ from current GAAP? This course addresses that question by focusing on the basic core principles of the new standard. Discussion includes basic identification, recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure requirements. Case study exercises are included to illustrate application of the new standard. This course discusses the lessee accounting model, including lease classification, amortization of the right-of-use asset, and interest on the lease liability. This course also discusses the lessor accounting model, including profit recognition and collectability.

6/4/2018 Interpreting the New Revenue Recognition Standard: What All CPA's Need to KnowMonday **Discussion Leader:** Thomas NewellRidgeland **Cost: Members:** \$150 **Non-Members:** \$190 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 1:00pm-4:30pm**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4INRR

Course Objectives and Description: The new accounting standard for revenue recognition was released in 2014 but its effective date is right around the corner. With the issuance of FASB ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, FASB has completed a convergence project. For years, revenue recognition has been the cause of audit failures and the focus of corporate abuse and fraud allegations. This course will provide you with an in-depth understanding of the framework for revenue recognition built around the core principle that is applied in a five step process. In addition, understanding the changes and new requirements is critical for successful implementation of this new standard. Supported by practical examples, this course will assist you in avoiding revenue recognition traps and provide you with latest FASB guidance.

6/4/2018 LIVESTREAM Interpreting the New Revenue Recognition Standard: What All CPA's Need to Know

Monday
 Ridgeland **Discussion Leader:** Thomas Newell
Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 1:00pm-4:30pm
Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4INRRW

Course Objectives and Description: The new accounting standard for revenue recognition was released in 2014 but its effective date is right around the corner. With the issuance of FASB ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, FASB has completed a convergence project. For years, revenue recognition has been the cause of audit failures and the focus of corporate abuse and fraud allegations. This course will provide you with an in-depth understanding of the framework for revenue recognition built around the core principle that is applied in a five step process. In addition, understanding the changes and new requirements is critical for successful implementation of this new standard. Supported by practical examples, this course will assist you in avoiding revenue recognition traps and provide you with latest FASB guidance.

6/5/2018 Preparation, Compilation, and Review Engagements: Update and Review

Tuesday
 Ridgeland **Discussion Leader:** Thomas Newell
Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-12:00pm
Level: Update **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4COMP

Course Objectives and Description: If you supervise preparation, compilation, and review engagements, this course will help you comply with the professional standards by informing you of the latest developments and issues relevant to these engagements. Learn about the U.S. business economy, peer review, FASB updates, International Financial Reporting Standards, and other areas affecting preparation, compilation, and review engagements.

6/5/2018 NEW Cybersecurity Risk Management Program: What You Need to Know

Tuesday
 Ridgeland **Discussion Leader:** Thomas Newell
Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 1:00pm-4:30pm
Level: Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4CRMP

Course Objectives and Description: Cyber threats come in all shapes, sizes, complexity and are ever-evolving. Attacks are causing great financial loss and serious damage to companies. There is not a simple one-size-fits all way to respond. Each organization must work to effectively mitigate the risk of data breaches. It is essential for each organization to establish a baseline to identify critical components that must be incorporated into any cybersecurity risk management approach. Professionals working in firms or entities will learn how to keep abreast of the latest cybersecurity trends, manage risks, and ensure the right level of governance to safeguard their organization.

6/5/2018 NEW LIVESTREAM Cybersecurity Risk Management Program: What You Need to Know

Tuesday
 Ridgeland **Discussion Leader:** Thomas Newell
Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 1:00pm-4:30pm
Level: Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4CRMPW

Course Objectives and Description: Cyber threats come in all shapes, sizes, complexity and are ever-evolving. Attacks are causing great financial loss and serious damage to companies. There is not a simple one-size-fits all way to respond. Each organization must work to effectively mitigate the risk of data breaches. It is essential for each organization to establish a baseline to identify critical components that must be incorporated into any cybersecurity risk management approach. Professionals working in firms or entities will learn how to keep abreast of the latest cybersecurity trends, manage risks, and ensure the right level of governance to safeguard their organization.

6/6/2018 Risk, Cost, and Cash Management for Controllers and Financial Managers

Wednesday
 Ridgeland **Discussion Leader:** John Cox
Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-12:00pm
Level: Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4TKBP1

Course Objectives and Description: When an organization fails, it is usually due to several factors. These often result from a number of undetected, poor practices that infect and grow throughout the entire organization. They can include a lack of understanding of costs, poor asset allocation, systems that support the status quo, failure to identify risk, tunnel vision by management, and so on. Often, management will repeat poor practices across the enterprise. For example, do you think a so-called "budgeting crisis" is normally due to the budget, or actually hidden, existing problems that were uncovered due to the budgeting process? This course demonstrates the use of practices and techniques specifically designed to assist CPAs and other financial professionals in adding value to their company through improved decision-making, cost management, understanding business cycles, managing continuous improvements, cash management, and risk management. Examples of actions by both successful and failed organizations are used throughout the session.

6/6/2018 The Changing Role of the Controller: Advancing from Tactical to Strategic

Wednesday
 Ridgeland **Discussion Leader:** John Cox
Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 1:00pm-4:30pm
Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4COBP

Course Objectives and Description: Are you ready to take your role as controller to the next level while adding significant value to the organization? A successful Controller will go beyond financial statements, internal controls and general accounting to create new value for the organization. We'll explore new additional roles that controllers are now accepting and outline a roadmap you can use to expand your role as a controller from simply internal process/transaction oriented to externally focused understanding of industry and macro trends.

6/7/2018 Tax Consequences and Reporting Issues of LLCs, LLPs, LPs, and Other Partnerships

Thursday
 Ridgeland **Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor
Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-12:00pm
Level: Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4TLLLO

Course Objectives and Description: Is LLC and partnership taxation something new to you? Perhaps you have worked in this area for years but need a quick review of the fundamental concepts? Build a foundation of knowledge or freshen up your skills. This course addresses the tax consequences of the most common transactions engaged in by LLCs and partnerships. Develop a level of comfort with the basic conceptual framework underlying partnership and LLC taxation, with an emphasis on explaining the tax consequences associated with issues that are most frequently confronted by tax practitioners.

6/7/2018 **Social Security and Medicare: Maximizing Retirement Benefits**
 Thursday **Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 1:00pm-4:30pm
Level: Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4SSM

Course Objectives and Description: Our Social Security system provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to millions of Americans. The long-term future of Social Security and Medicare is uncertain, triggering concerns for many workers who are now paying into the system. Attend this course to learn about FICA, the Medicare tax, and more. You will cover real-world situations and use the tools provided to advise your clients to make optimal decisions when it comes to Social Security and Medicare.

6/8/2018 **Reviewing S Corporation Tax Returns: What Are You Missing?**
 Friday **Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-12:00pm
Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4STRM

Course Objectives and Description: Join us as we discuss the common errors practitioners make on S corporation tax returns that are often missed by review staff. The intent is to sharpen skills for reviewers by examining case studies and discussing issues where additional information from the client may be warranted and areas of tax law where proper treatment requires additional analysis and information. Multiple issues will be discussed including income, deductions, K-1 reporting, and more! This course follows a highly illustrative case study format to increase participant comprehension and retention.

6/8/2018 **Reviewing Partnership Tax Returns: What Are You Missing?**
 Friday **Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 1:00pm-4:30pm
Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4PTRM

Course Objectives and Description: Join us as we discuss the common errors practitioners make on partnership tax returns that are often missed by review staff. The intent is to sharpen skills for reviewers by examining case studies and discussing issues where additional information from the client may be warranted and areas of tax law where proper treatment requires additional analysis and information. Multiple issues will be discussed including income, deductions, K-1 reporting, and more! This course follows a highly illustrative case study format to increase participant comprehension and retention.

6/11/2018 **Implementing and Maintaining an Internal Control System**
 Monday **Discussion Leader:** Karl Egnatoff
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$340 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm
Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** Phoenix Beach **ACRONYM:** IMIC

Course Objectives and Description: Many organizations are successful as they create a system of internal controls, however some fail to properly implement the measures that are established. Moreover, entities regularly neglect the important process of testing, monitoring and updating control procedures, which weakens the entire internal control structure. This session provides an overview of control creation methods and discusses ways to successfully implement policies and procedures. Additionally, it includes an array of control maintenance checklists that participants can take and adapt to their organization as they work to improve policies and procedures. Finally, it provides an understanding of the need for dynamic, fluid controls that adapt to changes in business tools and methods. Participants that take this course will have a strengthened ability to implement and maintain an internal control system.

6/12/2018 NEW **Getting to the Heart of Tax Reform: Individual Income Tax Changes**
 Tuesday **Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor
 Gulfport **Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**
 Courtyard by Marriott **Course Hours:** 8:30am-12:00pm
Level: Update **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4IND-2

Course Objectives and Description: The monumental passing of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act results in historic tax reform impacting nearly every American. This CPE course provides a comprehensive overview of the changes impacting individuals and families as well as critical financial planning considerations and strategies.

6/12/2018 NEW **Tax Reform's Impact on Corporations and Pass-Through Entities**
 Tuesday **Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor
 Gulfport **Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**
 Courtyard by Marriott **Course Hours:** 1:00pm-4:30pm
Level: Update **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4BUS-2

Course Objectives and Description: The monumental passing of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act results in historic tax reform impacting nearly every American. This CPE course provides a comprehensive overview of the changes impacting corporations and pass-through entities along with reviewing tax planning considerations for investors, owners and executives.

6/12/2018 **Fraud Update: Detecting and Preventing the Top Ten Fraud Schemes**
 Tuesday **Discussion Leader:** Wayne Wells
 Gulfport **Cost: Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$340 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**
 Courtyard by Marriott **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm
Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** TTFS-2

Course Objectives and Description: 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.

6/12/2018 Understanding the Complexities of Fraud in Order to Develop Ways to Mitigate RiskTuesday **Discussion Leader:** Karl EgnatoffRidgeland **Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** Phoenix Beach **ACRONYM:** UCFR

Course Objectives and Description: All organizations, regardless of size, must be aware of the risks associated with intentional fraudulent acts. Fraud activities can be executed from within an organization, by parties outside an entity, or by both. One of the primary ways to thwart fraud is to understand how and why it occurs. In this session, we delve into the reasons that both internal and external intentional defalcations take place. The material discusses how difficult it can be to see some of the motives driving those that undertake fraud. We then discuss measures that organizations can implement to help stop fraud activities and add security to the entire enterprise.

6/13/2018 Accounting and Auditing Update for Small BusinessesWednesday **Discussion Leader:** Wayne WellsGulfport **Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30Courtyard by Marriott **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm**Level:** Update **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** SMBZ

Course Objectives and Description: 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!

6/13/2018 Determining How Much Money You Need to Retire: Practical Planning StrategiesWednesday **Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) TaylorGulfport **Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0Courtyard by Marriott **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax/4 Gen **VENDOR:** Surgent **ACRONYM:** DRMM

Course Objectives and Description: This course gives CPAs knowledge to help their clients implement tax-effective investment and portfolio strategies for successful wealth accumulation and real after-tax retirement income maintenance.

6/13/2018 NEW An Overview of the COSO Enterprise Risk Management FrameworkWednesday **Discussion Leader:** Karl EgnatoffRidgeland **Cost: Members:** \$150 **Non-Members:** \$190 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-12:00pm**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** Phoenix Beach **ACRONYM:** OCRU-4

Course Objectives and Description: The COSO Enterprise Risk Management Framework was designed to address many new business challenges such as evolving markets, the rapid rate of change in the business world and the notable increase in regulation standards. In the third quarter of 2017 COSO released an updated version of ERM which works to address shortfalls that existed in the previous version. This session presents an overview of the COSO ERM framework and then delves into areas that are affected by the 2017 update. Those that work with internal controls and specifically ERM should strongly consider this session.

6/13/2018 The Importance of Security for Digital InformationWednesday **Discussion Leader:** Karl EgnatoffRidgeland **Cost: Members:** \$150 **Non-Members:** \$190 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 1:00pm-4:30pm**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** Phoenix Beach **ACRONYM:** ISDI-4

Course Objectives and Description: The amount of electronic content that business organizations contend with is growing at incredible rates. Terms like "Big Data" and "Information Overload", are being used by overwhelmed information workers on a daily basis. All of this data must be secured; not only to make sure it is not damaged and remains available to those that need it, but also against theft or misuse. This session discusses the places that businesses keep digital information and addresses the importance of securing corporate electronic data. The material effectively shows ways to achieve high security standards for content stored in fixed locations, on mobile devices and in the cloud. Participants in this session will gain an understanding of the concepts needed to improve the way they, and their companies secure digital information.

6/14/2018 Form 1041: Income Taxation of Estates and TrustsThursday **Discussion Leader:** Harris H. (Trip) Barnes IIIRidgeland **Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm**Level:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** ITET

Course Objectives and Description: Protect your clients' assets and shield their estates from increased taxation brought about by the changing tax code. Understand the tax obligations of trusts and estates and how these obligations affect beneficiaries. This course provides exercises and examples that reflect the calculation and allocation of taxable income and its presentation on the appropriate forms. You will also learn how to prepare Federal Form 1041 and the accompanying schedules.

6/15/2018 The Essential Course for Preparing Not-for-Profit Financial Statements Under ASU No. 2016-14Friday **Discussion Leader:** Cecil M. (Bill) FelderRidgeland **Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm**Level:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A/YB **VENDOR:** Surgent **ACRONYM:** ENFP-1

Course Objectives and Description: ASU No. 2016-14, Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities, will usher in the most significant changes to not-for-profit financial reporting in over 20 years when it becomes effective for December 31, 2018 year-ends. To properly implement the new financial reporting model professionals will need to have a strong, working knowledge of the new requirements. Now is the time to obtain that knowledge! This course will explain the new requirements, illustrate how the requirements will manifest themselves in the financial statements, and explain key options that not-for-profits have in implementing the requirements. The course will also update on you on today's core not-for-profit accounting requirements while also examining other key issues on the horizon related to revenue recognition and leases. The course materials utilize a highly illustrative and innovative format including over 25 focused exercises to provide an enhanced working knowledge of not-for-profit accounting and reporting.

6/18/2018 NEW Getting to the Heart of Tax Reform: Individual Income Tax Changes

Monday **Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members:** \$150 **Non-Members:** \$190 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$0
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-12:00pm
Level: Update **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4IND-3

Course Objectives and Description: The monumental passing of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act results in historic tax reform impacting nearly every American. This CPE course provides a comprehensive overview of the changes impacting individuals and families as well as critical financial planning considerations and strategies.

6/18/2018 NEW Tax Reform's Impact on Corporations and Pass-Through Entities

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6/19/2018 Annual Update for Controllers

Tuesday **Discussion Leader:** John Cox
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm
Level: Update **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** SKSB-2

Course Objectives and Description: Strengthen your abilities as a controller and help your management team understand current economic issues through the latest trends in accounting, finance, human resources, treasury management, and business systems. In this course you will discuss leading-edge topics in managerial accounting and finance in a session that is packed with useful tips and practical guidance that you can apply immediately.

6/20/2018 Transforming Your Role as Controller to Business Partner

Wednesday **Discussion Leader:** John Cox
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm
Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** COBP

Course Objectives and Description: Are you ready to take your role as controller to the next level while adding significant value to the organization? A successful Controller will go beyond financial statements, internal controls and general accounting to create new value for the organization. We'll explore new additional roles that controllers are now accepting and outline a roadmap you can use to expand your role as a controller from simply internal process/transaction oriented to externally focused understanding of industry and macro trends.

6/21/2018 Cut Your Client's Tax Bill: Individual Tax Planning Tips and Strategies

Thursday **Discussion Leader:** Peter Towle
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm
Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CYCT

Course Objectives and Description: Make sure your clients are protecting themselves from higher taxes. Get the latest techniques for building and conserving wealth through proactive tax-planning and investment strategies. Completely updated for tax law changes, this course will bring you up-to-date on the latest strategies which will preserve your clients' wealth and ensure your role as trusted advisor to your clients!

6/22/2018 Advanced Tax Strategies for LLCs & Partnerships

Friday **Discussion Leader:** Peter Towle
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members:** \$270 **Non-Members:** \$340 **AICPA Member Discount:** \$30
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm
Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** DTT

Course Objectives and Description: What works best for your client? Learn the pros and cons of the LLC, General Partnership, Limited Partnership, and Limited Liability Partnership by focusing on planning and potential tax traps. A review of distinct advantages of these entities is coupled with an examination of the risk members and partners face if they do not have a solid tax plan to minimize their exposure. In addition, we will explore some of the more intricate rules and regulations of these entities so you can move your working knowledge of partnership and LLC taxation beyond the basics.

6/25/2018 **Financial Statement Analysis: Basis for Management Advice**
Monday **Discussion Leader:** Thomas Howard
Ridgeland **Cost: Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$340 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**
MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm
Level: Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** FSABM-2

Course Objectives and Description: More and more, businesses turn to you for advice on financial performance. Are you ready? This course presents the financial statements as a set of dynamic instruments that can be used for accurate, relevant, and timely financial decisions. Focus on the economic and financial conditions that caused the statements to change and discover how businesses can manage liquidity, debt, and profitability. Plus, explore effect ratios, causal ratios, pro forma analysis, sustainable growth, and much more.

6/25/2018 **Private Company Accounting: New Directions, New Challenges**
Monday **Discussion Leader:** Bill O'Brien
Ridgeland **Cost: Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$340 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**
Holmes CC **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm
Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** Executive Ed. **ACRONYM:** PCA

Course Objectives and Description: The convergence process is beginning to wind down. Both FASB and the IASB have issued new revenue recognition standards and lease accounting changes will soon follow. These changes will impact both public and private companies. Whether or not IFRS becomes the basis for U.S. accounting standards, the convergence and private company accounting changes impact activities well beyond financial reporting. Awareness of IFRS adoption efforts by the SEC is one thing; understanding how FASB's convergence project and private company reporting can affect your company is a very different issue. You cannot afford to miss this critical, entertaining and interactive course.

6/26/2018 NEW **Only Financial Officer 3.0: More Skills for Smaller Company Management**
Tuesday **Discussion Leader:** Bill O'Brien
Ridgeland **Cost: Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$340 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**
Holmes CC **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm
Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** Executive Ed. **ACRONYM:** OFO3

Course Objectives and Description: The title "Chief Financial Officer" is not an accurate description for what many financial managers do because the word "chief" implies the company has more than one degreed accountant. This seminar covers four major topics of importance to the financial manager who must do it all. We have designed Only Financial Officer 3.0 to give financial managers in small to medium-sized companies the high-level skills needed to act as a member of top management.

6/26/2018 **Not-for-Profit Accounting and Auditing Update**
Tuesday **Discussion Leader:** Brian Yacker
Ridgeland **Cost: Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$340 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**
MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm
Level: Advanced **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A/YB **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** NAU

Course Objectives and Description: The best avenue to success is to be indispensable to your clients. The best way to becoming indispensable is having a solid understanding of your client's business. This course details the latest developments affecting not-for-profits such as requirements of FASB directed toward the organizations and information on the latest OMB and Yellow Book developments.

6/27/2018 **Accounting and Reporting for Not-for-Profit Organizations**
Wednesday **Discussion Leader:** Brian Yacker
Ridgeland **Cost: Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$340 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**
MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm
Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A/YB **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** FSNPO

Course Objectives and Description: Do you need to enhance your not-for-profit accounting skills? Through a case-study-intensive, highly interactive, classroom environment, this CPE course provides you with the tools necessary to go beyond the theory and create value-added services for your clients. This course allows you to examine, evaluate and perform case studies which will enhance your working knowledge of fundamental not-for-profit accounting and reporting, presentation requirements, note disclosures unique to not-for-profits and options allowed under GAAP. FASB's new financial statement standard updates are included in this course.

6/27/2018 **Auditing Employee Benefit Plans**
Wednesday **Discussion Leader:** Cecil M. (Bill) Felder
Ridgeland **Cost: Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$340 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**
Holmes CC **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm
Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** EBPE

Course Objectives and Description: Master the fundamentals of auditing employee benefit plans in accordance with AICPA standards and ERISA rules and regulations and avoid the problems that are often encountered. Explore the accounting and auditing requirements unique to employee benefit plans. This course is designed to give you an understanding of requirements and audit procedures related to defined contribution, defined benefit, and health and welfare plans to help you more effectively plan and carry out your audit.

6/28/2018 NEW **K2's Excel Data Magic, Including Advanced PivotTables and Power Pivot**
Thursday **Discussion Leader:** Mac McClelland
Ridgeland **Cost: Members: \$285 Non-Members: \$355 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**
Holmes CC **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm
Level: Advanced **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** K2 Enterprises **ACRONYM:** EDM

Course Objectives and Description: New Course for 2018! Leave those manual reporting processes behind and move into the new world of automatically linking data into Excel for analyzing, reporting, and preparing visualizations. Using tools such as Power Query and Power Pivot, you can leverage your existing knowledge of PivotTables to do even more when it comes to summarizing, analyzing, and reporting potentially very large volumes of data. In this program, you will learn how to use automated data queries to link data from external databases into Excel and then transform this data into Data Models. From there, you will learn how to use Power Pivot and CUBE formulas to streamline the process of summarizing and reporting this data. You will also learn how to take advantage of advanced features such as Data Analysis Expressions, Key Performance Indicators, Hierarchies, and Dimensions to streamline your reporting processes. Further, you will learn how to create compelling visualizations of this summarized data to help your readers understand the true meaning behind the numbers. For more details, please visit www.k2e.com/edm.

6/28/2018 **Identity Theft: Preventing, Detecting, and Investigating Identity Theft**
 Thursday **Discussion Leader:** Donna Ingram
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$340 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30
Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** IDENT-2

Course Objectives and Description: Protect yourself and your clients from identity theft, which includes the theft of personal and professional identities. No one is immune from this rising tide of criminal misconduct and as your clients seek your advice, you will be required to perform due diligence in protecting their IDs. Some will even be tasked with investigating the crime. This course addresses the needs of each. As the instances of identity theft and data breaches continue, people are clamoring for ways to detect identity theft, protect themselves from becoming a victim, and investigating instances of theft when they strike. Don't allow you or your client to become the next victim! If you have clients who are victims of identity theft, learn how to be an advocate for them and where to report the theft in order to assist them in recovering from this crime.

6/29/2018 NEW K2's Cloud Computing
 Friday **Discussion Leader:** Mac McClelland
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members: \$285 Non-Members: \$355 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**
 Holmes CC **Course Hours:** 8:30am-4:30pm
Level: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** K2 Enterprises **ACRONYM:** CLC

Course Objectives and Description: New Course for 2018! The Future is Here! "Cloud Computing." You've heard the term, but what does it really mean and how does it impact you both personally and professionally? In this seminar, you will learn the fundamentals of Cloud computing, including what Cloud computing really is and what it is not. More importantly, you will learn necessary skills to determine if Cloud computing might be right for your organization or for your clients. Additionally, during the seminar you will learn how to migrate to Cloud-based solutions and how to avoid the major pitfalls along the way. Throughout this program, leading solutions from organizations such as Microsoft, Google, Zoho, Thomson Reuters, CCH, Intuit, Accumatica, Sage, Salesforce.com, Wave, XCM Solutions, Bill.com, Amazon, Canopy Tax, Accountants World, Xero, and many others will be reviewed to help you understand the opportunities that exist today to move your organization forward and begin increasing the return on your investment in technology. A special focus of this seminar is the impact that Cloud computing has on the accounting profession, regardless of whether you work in public accounting, industry, or for governmental, educational, or not-for-profit institutions. For more details, please visit www.k2e.com/clc.

6/29/2018 NEW Surgent's Essential Depreciation and Expensing Update
 Friday **Discussion Leader:** Jan Lewis
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-12:00pm
Level: Update **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** Surgent **ACRONYM:** TDP4-1

Course Objectives and Description: Individuals, corporations, partnerships, LLCs, trusts, estates, and nonprofits all utilize two of the most often prepared tax forms -- Form 4562 -- Depreciation and Amortization, and Form 4797 -- Sales of Business Property. This course provides a quick dissection of both of these complicated forms. New to experienced tax preparers may utilize this manual for all tax returns/entities they prepare. This reference manual contains many examples and cases to illustrate the most important points CPAs need to be aware of.

6/29/2018 NEW Understanding Section 199A: The 20% Deduction for Pass-Through Entity Owners and Investors in Real Estate
 Friday **Discussion Leader:** Jan Lewis
 Ridgeland **Cost: Members: \$150 Non-Members: \$190 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**
 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 1:00pm-4:30pm
Level: Update **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** Surgent **ACRONYM:** DEPT4-1

Course Objectives and Description: This course will explain how the new 20% deduction for pass-through entity owners will work. It will cover the fundamental requirements to claim the 199 deduction, what constitutes qualified business income, calculating the deduction, what types of businesses and services are eligible, the income limitations, and how S corporation shareholders and partners claim the deduction.

6/29/2018 NEW LIVESTREAM Surgent's Essential Depreciation and Expensing Update
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 MSCPA Center **Course Hours:** 8:30am-12:00pm
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