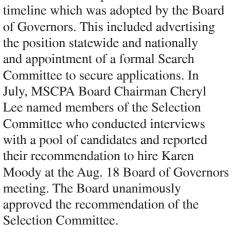


## Karen C. Moody, CPA, CGMA Named MSCPA President/CEO

Karen C. Moody, CPA, CGMA, of Jackson has been named the President/ CEO of the Mississippi Society of CPAs.

Karen replaces Executive Director Jack Coppenbarger who retires October 30 after 28 years on the Society staff.

The succession process for the Executive Director's position began in earnest three years ago when the Long Range Planning Committee developed a



A Bylaws change approved at the Annual Business meeting in June formally changed the titles of the Society President and President-Elect to Chairman and Chairman-Elect and the Executive Director to President/CEO which conforms with changes in many non-profit organizations across the country. The change sunsets the Executive Director title.

Karen has been the Director of Accounting for Lampton-Love, Inc. and Subsidiaries in Jackson for the past 26 years. Her responsibilities included all areas of financial accounting, reporting



Karen C. Moody, CPA, CGMA MSCPA President/CEO

and budgeting and also overseeing internal audit and acquisitions and managing the administrative office.

She previously spent eight years in public practice with the former Hagaman, Roper, Haddox & Reid firm which is now Haddox Reid Eubank Betts PLLC where she was Senior Audit Manager specializing in oil and gas and hotel clients and work in the tax and employee

profit sharing plans.

She is a graduate of Hinds Community College in Raymond and the University of Southern Mississippi where she completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 1981.

She has been active in the MSCPA for many years at the Chapter and Statewide levels and in committee work. She served as Secretary, Vice President and President of the Central Chapter. Karen then served as Secretary, Vice-President/ President-Elect and then President of the MSCPA and has completed several terms on the Board of Governors. She is a long standing member of the Awards, Education & Scholarships Committee which she chaired for seven years and also a member of the Industry Committee.

Karen is a member of the AICPA and just completed a term on Council. She was previously chosen as a CPA Ambassador for Mississippi.

She is the daughter of the late Reginald and Helen Curtis of Utica and resides in Clinton with her husband Tommy. She has two sons, Austin (29) and Josh (26). The Moodys have been long time members of the Utica Christian Church.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

James A. Myrick
Ridgeland
Died September 2, 2015

John Thomas Schultz, Jr.

Jackson
Died July 20, 2015

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## Welcome New Members

New members include: Fatima Amanda Chase, Monica Rose Cooper, Michael Todd Crowley, Victoria Dickinson, Rycki Gabrielle Haas, Nicholas A. Kollath, Cheryl Anne Land, Adam Blake McInnis, Robert Shigeru Mori, Paul D. Moore, Warren Schaeffer Smith, Michael Lawrence Thompson, Colton Ross Wages, Brittany Smith Walker, and Charles Waterloo.

Now completing the membership process are:

Patrick Hugh Cooper was born in Vardaman and is joining as an Associate Member. He received an AA from Hinds Junior College and a Bachelor of Accountancy from the University of Mississippi. He is self employed in Carthage.

Nell Edwards Jobe was born in Memphis and received her Bachelor in Accounting degree from the Mississippi University for Women. She is SVP/ Controller for Mechanics Bank in Water Valley.

Deena C. Keasler was born in Columbus, Mississippi and received BSBA and MBA degrees from William Carey University. She is a Senior Accountant with Nicholson & Co. in Hattiesburg.

Lauren Read Massey was born in

Waco, Texas and received a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Science in Accounting from Texas A&M University. She is a Manager with Kemp, Williams, Steverson and Bernard, PA in Meridian.

Alison Lombardo McLendon was born in New Orleans and received a BSBA in Accounting from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Master of Science in Accounting from the University of New Orleans. She is a Supervisor with Horne LLP in Hattiesburg.

Shawn Mauldin was born in Laurel and received BS and MBA degrees from Nicholls State University and his Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. He is Director of the Richard C. Adkerson School of Accountancy at Mississippi State University in Starkville.

Allen Tyler Morgan was born in Starkville and received his Bachelor of Accountancy degree from Mississippi State University. He is a Staff Accountant with T. E. Lott and Company, PA in Columbus.

Kevin Edward Warren II was born in Meridian and received Bachelor of Accountancy and Master of Taxation degrees from Mississippi State University. He is a Staff Accountant with Watkins, Ward and Stafford, PLLC in Eupora.

#### **MAJOR EVENTS IN CPE FOR 2015**

November 2-3 2015 Corporate Income Tax Workshop

MSCPA Center, Ridgeland

November 4 PASM Fall Education Day "Reserves and AROs"

MSCPA Center, Ridgeland

November 16-17 2015 Individual Income Tax Workshop

MSCPA Center, Ridgeland

November 20 Business Valuation & Litigation Services

Seminar, MSCPA Center, Ridgeland

\*December 1 \*Not-for-Profit Conference

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December 3 Mississippi Tax Institute

Hilton Hotel, Jackson

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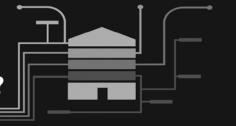
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MSCPA Chairman Cheryl Lee and Society President/CEO Karen Moody visited the Northeast Chapter in Tupelo on Thursday, Sept. 3 during a luncheon meeting at the Tupelo Country Club. Chapter President Jon Pernell presented a \$10,000 contribution from the Chapter to the Education Foundation to benefit the scholarship fund. Chairman Lee gave an update on Society activities and showed the artwork for a proposed CPA car tag for which signatures are now being secured.

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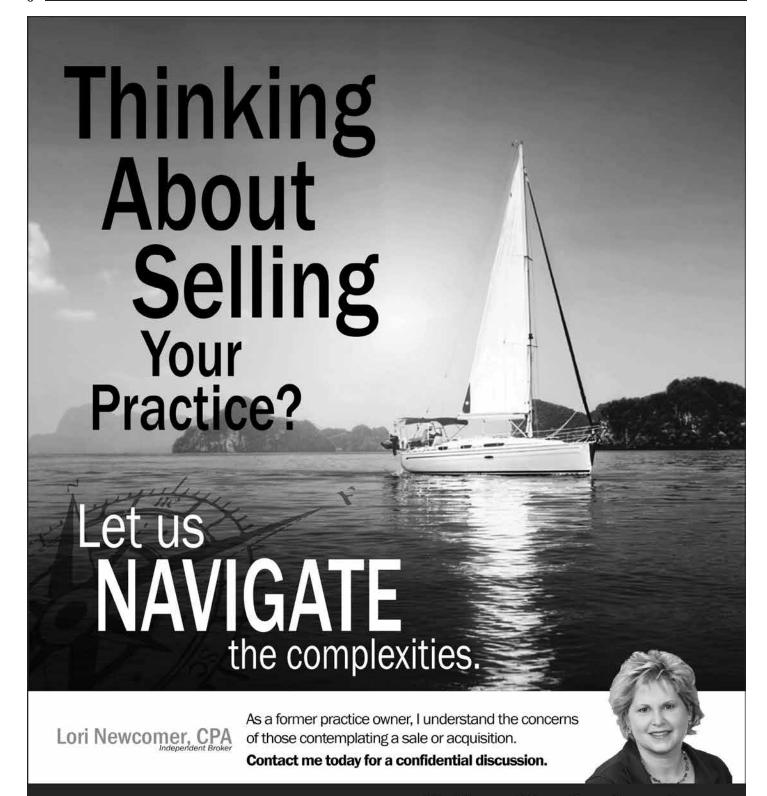
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#### **SCHEDULE**

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Registration

Coffee, Soft Drinks and

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Introduction and 8:30 - 8:40 a.m.

Announcements

8:40 - 9:40 a.m. Update from Mississippi

> Department of Revenue Jan Craig, CPA and

MDOR Staff

9:40 - 9:55 a.m.

**Refreshment Break** 

9:55 - 11:25 a.m. The Antidote for Rubbing Salt in the Wound:Every

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Atlanta, Georgia

11:25 - 12:40 p.m. Lunch with Speaker **Update from Internal** 

Revenue Service

Aaron Steele, IRS

12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Estate Planning Issues

Arising from the Sale of Closely Held and Family **Owned Businesses** 

Nancy Hughes, Attorney Hughes & Scalise

Birmingham, Alabama

2:00 - 2:15 p.m. **Break - Refreshments** 2:15 - 3:30 p.m. State & Local Tax Update

David Stevens, CPA

Horne LLP Ridgeland

3:30 - 4:45 p.m. Federal Tax Update

Mark D. Puckett, CPA,

MST, PFS BDO USA, LLP

Memphis

4:45 p.m. **Awards and Scholarships** 

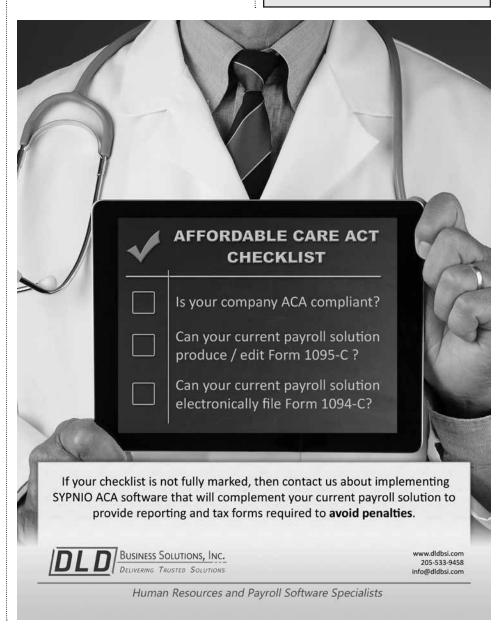
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5:00 p.m. Adjournment

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#### 2015 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

November 2-3, 2015 **2015 Corporate Income Tax Workshop** 

Monday-Tuesday Discussion Leader: Gordon Meicher, CPA

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$380 Non-Members: \$530 AICPA Member Discount: \$6

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

LEVEL: Intermediate CPE Credit: 16 Tax VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: CITW

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Originally written by Sid Kess and now led by AICPA's top tax instructors, this course

will give you an advantage with our unique perspective on the latest tax changes. Look at the most recent tax laws and other developments affecting C Corporations, S Corporations, and other business entities, including limited liability companies. Learn how to advise clients and employees on the latest tax-planning ideas. Share marketing ideas from top practitioners – based on the latest tax strategies. In addition, practical, real-life exercises will help you apply what you've learned from this comprehensive course.

November 10, 2015 AICPA's Annual Federal Tax Update

Tuesday Discussion Leader: Jan Lewis, CPA

Tupelo Cost: Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30

BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr. Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit**: 8 Tax **VENDOR**: AICPA **ACRONYM:** PTU-2

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Save time and keep current on the latest tax developments! This comprehensive course

covers all legislative, judicial, and IRS developments of the past year with a focus on implementation and compliance. Discover how to effectively and confidently complete tax-planning and compliance engagements. Cover current developments affecting individuals (including those regarding income, deductions and losses, tax calculations, individual credits, filing matters), business entities (including those regarding S Corporations and their shareholders, C Corporations, partnerships), estates and trusts,

retirement plans, and more.

November 10, 2015 Ethics, Rules, and Regulations

Tuesday Discussion Leader: Donna Ingram, CPA, CFE

Tupelo Cost: Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr. Course Hours: 8:30-12

LEVEL: All CPE Credit: 4 Ethics VENDOR: Self-Developed ACRONYM: ERR-10

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This seminar satisfies the State Board's requirement for three hours of general ethics

and one hour of Mississippi Rules and Regulations.

November 10, 2015 The ABCs of Fraud and Forensic Accounting

Tuesday Discussion Leader: Donna Ingram, CPA, CFE

Tupelo NEW Cost: Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0 NEW

BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr. Course Hours: 1:00-4:30

**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit**: 4 A&A **VENDOR**: Self-Developed **ACRONYM:** CL4FFF-3

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: In this session you will learn how to improve your forensic accounting skills, develop a

fraud investigation process and discuss the roles and responsibilities of the victim, investigator and expert

in fraud examinations.

November 11, 2015 The Complete Trust Workshop!

Wednesday Discussion Leader: Harris H. (Trip) Barnes, JD

Tupelo Cost: Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

BancorpSouth Conf. Ctr. Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: The use of trusts in 2015 will continue to undergo changes in response to the

modifications of the income tax rates and the changes to the estate and gift tax in 2015. Clients need to be informed why planning is essential in these changing times. The purpose of this course is to explore the many beneficial issues of trusts, an essential element in estate planning. This course gives insights and

practical pointers concerning trusts of every shape and size after tax reform.

November 11, 2015 Revenue Recognition: Mastering the New FASB Requirements

Wednesday Discussion Leader: Thomas Klammer, CPA

Tupelo NEW Cost: Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30 NEW

BancorpSouth Confernce Center Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: The effective date of the new accounting standard for revenue recognition is fast

approaching! With the issuance of FASB ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, FASB has completed a convergence project with the IASB to improve financial reporting by creating common revenue recognition guidance for U.S. GAAP and IFRS. 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. In addition, you will understand how the new guidance impacts certain industries as a result of new criteria for recognizing revenue and changes in disclosure requirements.

#### November 16-17, 2015 1040 Tax Return Workshop

Monday-Tuesday Discussion Leader: Gordon Meicher, CPA

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$380 Non-Members: \$530 AICPA Member Discount: \$60

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

LEVEL: Intermediate CPE Credit: 16 Tax VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: IITW

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Get your tax return training from the industry's best! AICPA's individual tax workshop provides the latest practical insights from nationally recognized tax experts. Reinforce your understanding of frequently used principles, and receive a wealth of tax-planning tips and strategies. Learn how to apply the latest changes when preparing federal income tax returns, and advise clients on new developments and tax-saving ideas for individuals. All key tax return issues are covered during this fast-paced, real-world session. Make sure you are armed with the latest tax guidance as you enter the upcoming tax season!

#### November 17, 2015 AICPA's Annual Federal Tax Update

Tuesday Discussion Leader: Jan Lewis, CPA

Natchez Cost: Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30

Natchez Grand Hotel Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** PTU-3

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Save time and keep current on the latest tax developments! This comprehensive course covers all legislative, judicial, and IRS developments of the past year with a focus on implementation

and compliance. Discover how to effectively and confidently complete tax-planning and compliance engagements. Cover current developments affecting individuals (including those regarding income, deductions and losses, tax calculations, individual credits, filing matters), business entities (including those regarding S Corporations and their shareholders, C Corporations, partnerships), estates and trusts,

retirement plans, and more.

#### November 17, 2015 Frequent Frauds Found in Governments and Not-for-Profits

Tuesday Discussion Leader: Donna Ingram, CPA, CFE

Natchez Cost: Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30

Natchez Grand Hotel Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit**: 8 A&A **VENDOR**: AICPA **ACRONYM:** FFGN

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: What common frauds occur in governments and not-for-profits 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 government and not-for-profit organizations. Recognizing fraudulent or deceptive practices is not always easy, but this course will sharpen your forensic skills with techniques to help you to uncover fraudulent activities in the governmental and not-for-profit environments.

November 18, 2015 Annual Update for Preparation, Compilation, and Review Engagements

Wednesday Discussion Leader: Dr. James Crockett, CPA(ret)

Natchez Cost: Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30

Natchez Grand Hotel Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

LEVEL: Update CPE Credit: 8 A&A VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: CORU-4

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: A go-to reference for training staff and managing your preparation, compilation, and

review engagements, this course will enable you to be in compliance with all of the professional standards surrounding engagements performed in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services (SSARS). A practice-oriented review of the latest developments, cases, and lively discussion among the experienced participants make this class informative and practical. The course covers the entire spectrum of practitioner concerns and introduces the new requirements applicable to engagements to prepare financial statements contained in SSARS No. 21, Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services: Clarification and Recodification, released in connection with the Accounting and Review Services Committee's SSARS Clarity project.

November 18, 2015 Ethics, Rules, and Regulations

Wednesday Discussion Leader: William F. (Bill) Taylor, CPA

Natchez Cost: Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

Natchez Grand Hotel Course Hours: 8:30-12

LEVEL: All CPE Credit: 4 Ethics VENDOR: Self-Developed ACRONYM: ERR-9

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This seminar satisfies the State Board's requirement for three hours of general ethics

and one hour of Mississippi Rules and Regulations.

November 18, 2015 Hot Tax Planning Developments Under the Current Tax Law

Wednesday Discussion Leader: William F. (Bill) Taylor, CPA

Natchez Cost: Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

Natchez Grand Hotel Course Hours: 1:00-4:30

LEVEL: Intermediate CPE Credit: 4 Tax VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: CL4HOT-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Are you up-to-date on the latest tax planning developments for 2015? This course

explores the hottest tax planning topics which will impact you and your clients. Discover how these topics

may impact tax planning strategies and be in a position to help minimize your client's tax bill.

November 20, 2015 Business Valuation and Litigation Services Conference

Friday Discussion Leader: Panel

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$160 Non-Members: \$210 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

LEVEL: All CPE Credit: 8 General VENDOR: Self-Developed ACRONYM: BVLS

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: As the date for this event approaches, please access the MSCPA web site for details and

registration infrmation on this conference. www.ms-cpa.org

Friday Discussion Leader: Panel

Pearl Cost: Members: \$100 Non-Members: \$100 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

The Muse Center Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

LEVEL: All CPE Credit: 8 General VENDOR: Self-Developed ACRONYM: NPC

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: As the date for this event approaches, please access the MSCPA web site for details and registration infrmation on this conference. www.ms-cpa.org

December 3, 2015 Mississippi Tax Institute
Thursday Discussion Leader: Panel

Jackson Cost: Members: \$175 Non-Members: \$175 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

Hilton-Jackson Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

LEVEL: All CPE Credit: 8 Tax VENDOR: Self-Developed ACRONYM: MTI

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: As the date for this event approaches, please access the MSCPA web site for details and

registration infrmation on this conference. www.ms-cpa.org

December 14, 2015 Revenue Recognition: Mastering the New FASB Requirements

Monday Discussion Leader:

Ridgeland NEW Cost: Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30 NEW

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

LEVEL: Intermediate CPE Credit: 8 A&A VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: INRR-3

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: The effective date of the new accounting standard for revenue recognition is fast

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December 15, 2015 AICPA's Annual Federal Tax Update

Tuesday Discussion Leader: Jan Lewis, CPA

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$3

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

LEVEL: Update CPE Credit: 8 Tax VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: PTU-4

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covers all legislative, judicial, and IRS developments of the past year with a focus on implementation and compliance. Discover how to effectively and confidently complete tax-planning and compliance engagements. Cover current developments affecting individuals (including those regarding income, deductions and losses, tax calculations, individual credits, filing matters), business entities (including those regarding S Corporations and their shareholders, C Corporations, partnerships), estates and trusts,

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December 16, 2015 Ethics, Rules, and Regulations

Wednesday Discussion Leader: William F. (Bill) Taylor, CPA

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 8:30-12

LEVEL: All CPE Credit: 4 Ethics VENDOR: Self-Developed ACRONYM: ERR-11

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This seminar satisfies the State Board's requirement for three hours of general ethics

and one hour of Mississippi Rules and Regulations.

December 16, 2015 Hot Tax Planning Developments Under the Current Tax Law

Wednesday Discussion Leader: William F. (Bill) Taylor, CPA

Ridgeland Cost: Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

MSCPA Center Course Hours: 1:00-4:30

LEVEL: Intermediate CPE Credit: 4 Tax VENDOR: AICPA ACRONYM: CL4HOT-2

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Are you up-to-date on the latest tax planning developments for 2015? This course

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