



2023 MSCPA ANNUAL CONVENTION

June 21-25, 2023 Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort Destin, FL

Make plans now to attend our 2023 Annual Convention! 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. Visit our Convention webpage under the CPE tab or click on the homepage button to register online or download a printable registration form.



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NOMINATE AN MSCPA MEMBER for the Rising Star Award

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

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

Nominations should be submitted by **April 1, 2023**. Please send nominations addressing the requirements in the criteria to Karen Moody (kmoody@ms-cpa.org). A copy of the nominee's business resume can be included if available.

The Executive Committee will select the recipient who will be recognized during the 2023 Annual Convention awards presentation on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin.



2022 Rising Star Award - Maxwell

PETER A. KOURY

MSCPA President '88-'89 Dies at 93



Peter A. Koury

Peter A. Koury, father, husband, accountant, and tennis player, passed away on December 27, 2022.

He was born in Natchez, Mississippi on February 5, 1930, the third son of Albert and Eugenia Koury. A few years after his birth, his family moved to Leland, Mississippi where Peter worked side by side with his parents and brothers in the family clothing store. He attended Leland High School where he lettered in three sports and played clarinet in the high school band. As a teenager in Leland, he was introduced to tennis, which soon became a lifelong passion, bringing him great joy and some of his closest friendships. Not only did Peter play tennis, he promoted it, serving in many positions in the Mississippi Tennis Association and helping found the Tennis Foundation of Mississippi. For his efforts both on and off the court, he was inducted into the Mississippi Tennis Hall of Fame in 1997. He also served as Treasurer for the USTA Southern Section and in 2007 he was awarded the Jacobs Bowl, the Southern Section's highest volunteer service award.

After Leland, Peter adopted the maroon and white of Mississippi State University, graduating with an undergraduate degree in 1952 and later returning to State to obtain a master's degree in accounting. Peter greatly enjoyed seeing the Bulldogs win their first baseball

national championship in 2021, and what sadly turned out to be his final Egg Bowl in 2022. In between his stays in Starkville, Peter served in the United States Air Force, serving in Florida and England, and attaining the rank of First Lieutenant.

After he graduated from Mississippi State, Peter embarked on a career in accounting which he would enjoy for over sixty years until his retirement at age 89. He was a partner in the Jackson office of Koury, Ready, Lefoldt and Co., which later merged with May and Company. In 1997, he formed a new firm, but then merged it into Horne CPA Group a year later. As a certified public accountant, he always took great pride in the service he provided his clients and the bonds he formed with his fellow accountants, most of whom viewed him as both a mentor and a friend.

In addition to devoting his life to his profession, Peter also devoted his life to service. Over the years he acted as President of the Boys and Girls Club of Jackson, MS, the Mississippi Tennis Association, the Cedars of Lebanon Club of Jackson, MS, the Audit and Finance Commission for the Catholic Diocese of Jackson, MS and the Mississippi Society of CPAs. Before his election to MSCPA President in 1988-1989, Peter was the Treasurer for the Society and for the Southern States Conference of CPAs. He also served as MSCPA Secretary.

Although he was always early to the office, most of his workdays started somewhere else – at mass. For many years a daily communicant, Peter's Catholic faith formed a central part of his life. He often served as a eucharistic minister at church, was a proud member of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, and even prepared the tax returns for most of the Catholic priests in the diocese.

What brought Peter his greatest joy, however, was his family. While performing an audit of Southwest Drugs in Jackson, Mississippi he met the first great love of his life – Opal Ann Freeman. They soon married and were blessed with a son, Joseph and a daughter, Eugenia. After a long and happy life together, the Lord chose to take Opal home. Peter was then blessed to find the second great love of his life – Miriam Buttross. When they married, he gained not just a wife but two new children, Jennifer and Richard. Rounding out his relations were countless aunts, uncles, in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews – all a part of the big family that he loved so much.

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 11, 2023

Committee Day | Board of Governors Meeting | Leadership Luncheon

Member News

Governor Reeves makes State Board Appointments

Based on the MSCPA's recommendations, Governor Reeves has made the following appointments for the 3 At-Large Positions:



Bill Kelly

William T. (Bill) Kelly of Hattiesburg has been reappointed for a second term. Bill has served on the State Board since 2018 and recently completed a year as Board Chairman.

He has 41 years of experience in public accounting practice and is a Senior Tax Partner at TMH, PLLC in Hattiesburg where he also oversees the firm's accounting and auditing quality control. Bill is a proven leader having served on

the MSCPA Board of Governors and as Secretary.



Charles Prince

Charles R. Prince has also been reappointed to a second term having served since 2018 and was elected Board Chairman at their January meeting. On the national level, he serves on the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy's (NASBA) Peer Review Compliance Committee and was recently elected to the AICPA Peer Review Standards Board as NASBA's national regulatory representative.

Charles is sole member of Prince CPA Firm, PLLC in Magee. He has served in various leadership positions in the MSCPA, including Chairman of the Board and Treasurer, and has been an effective member of several committees. His longest tenure (22 years) was on our Peer Review Committee where he served as chairman for 11 years.



Gary Walker

Gary L. Walker has been appointed for his first term. Gary is a partner at Lyle, Walker & Co., P.A. in Ridgeland and resides in Clinton. He has extensive public accounting experience and also worked with the Internal Revenue Service as an audit manager. Gary serves the accounting profession with exemplary character and a demonstrated dedication to fulfilling commitments.

He served as MSCPA Liaison to the State Board of Public Accountancy for 13 years where he attended State Board meetings and is very knowledgeable and understands the rules, regulations, and procedures. He is highly respected by State Board members and staff. He has also shown his commitment to the profession in other MSCPA roles and activities and is a past Chairman of the Board.



Peach was awarded a plaque by MSBPA Executive Director Andy Wright

Gary Walker replaces **Mark Peach** of Madison. MSCPA would like to thank Mark for his 10 years of very dedicated service to the State Board. Mark was first appointed to the State Board in 2013 and served two terms.

Mark is now retired from KPMG where he was an assurance partner in the Jackson office and is enjoying his grandchildren and playing golf.

State Board Represents at NASBA Annual Meeting

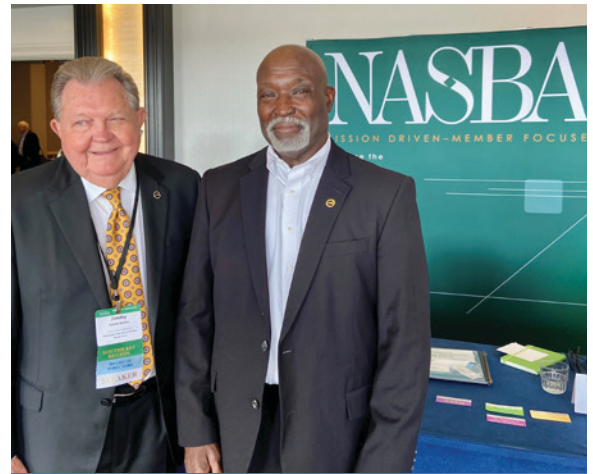
State Board members attended the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) annual meeting in San Diego, CA on October 30-November 2. They were joined by Jimmy Burkes who served on the Mississippi State Board for fifteen years and is now serving at the national level.

About NASBA:

Since 1908, NASBA has served as a forum for the nation's Boards of Accountancy, which administer the Uniform CPA Examination, license more than 665,600 certified public accountants and regulate the practice of public accountancy in the United States. NASBA's mission is to enhance the effectiveness and advance the common interests of the Boards of Accountancy in meeting their regulatory responsibilities. The Association promotes the exchange of information among accountancy boards, serving the needs of the 55 U.S. jurisdictions. NASBA is headquartered in Nashville, TN, with an International Computer Testing and Call Center in Guam and operations in San Juan, PR. To learn more about NASBA, visit www.nasba.org.



Willie Sims, Annette Pridgen, Bill Kelly, Charles Prince, Andy Wright (Executive Director), and Jimmy Burkes.



Jimmy Burkes and Willie Sims

Willie B. Sims, Jr. of Hattiesburg was elected Southeast Regional Director at the annual meeting. Sims is the owner of Willie B. Sims, Jr., CPA, PLLC, a small accounting firm formed in 1994, where he oversees the firm's day-to-day operations, which include tax and tax planning, audit and assurance and the compliance divisions. Sims is a longtime member of the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy and has served on NASBA's CPE, Diversity, Nominating and Awards Committees as well as its Strategic Planning Task Force.

Jimmy Burkes will continue as a NASBA At-Large Board member and Board member of the Center for Public Trust. Burkes has served NASBA for many years in various positions including Treasurer. He was the assurance partner for Haddox Reid prior to retiring to Miramar Beach, FL and is a past MSCPA Chairman of the Board.



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MSCPA Advocates For Pass-Through Entities Corrections in 2023 Legislative Session

HB1668 was introduced by Representative Trey Lamar and SB3102 by Senator Josh Harkins. These are currently active and making their way through the Legislature.

As has been reported in the September Newsletter and on our CONNECT Forum, members of the Taxation Committee and the Legislation Committee have been meeting with MDOR and key legislators to address issues with the SALT Cap Workaround for Pass-Through Entities (PTE) legislation that passed during the 2022 Legislative session. MSCPA is pursuing corrections to Tax Code Section 27-7-26 in the 2023 session.

As currently written the statute fails to allow partners, owners and members to receive any benefit from entity level business tax credits, such as Ad Valorem or Children's Promise Credits. This will result in double taxation. In addition, any excess of the credit for tax paid by the pass-through entity cannot currently be refunded or carried forward to the partners, owners and members. We do not believe this was the intent of the bill and have provided revisions to address this issue. Other cleanup revisions are also included.

Requested changes:

1. **Paragraph (1)(b)** - Adds language to simplify and clarify the voting rules for the election. The existing law requires a vote by a governing body of the passthrough entity, however, not all passthrough entities have governing bodies.
2. **Paragraph (1)(c)** - Strikes the language related to a taxpayer not being liable for taxes under the chapter for its distributive share of the income of the electing pass-through entity. We believe that this language could lead some to believe that a taxpayer is both, exempt from the tax, and allowed a credit at the same time, resulting in "double dipping".
3. **Paragraph (1)(c)** - Clarifies that the PTE credit is based on the amount of taxes actually paid by the PTE, and that any other credits generated by the PTE pass through on a pro rata basis is to be claimed on the owners' returns along with the PTE credit. This method should ensure that owners are able to receive the benefit of the entity-level business credit (such as Ad Valorem or Children's Promise Credits). The example below illustrates the issue.
 1. Assume the PTE has \$1,000,000 of taxable income, so its initial entity-level income tax liability would be \$50,000 (assuming flat 5% rate for model purposes). If it generated a \$50,000 ad valorem tax credit, its net entity-level tax liability would be \$0 if the ad valorem credit was claimed at the PTE level.
 2. Let's assume it has two equal corporate owners. Each gets an equal allocation of \$500,000 of taxable income but will not receive any credit for tax paid at the PTE level. When they compute their separate owner-level tax liabilities, they have \$500,000 of income x 5% rate (taking corporate rate) to give a tax liability of \$25,000. But their share of the PTE credit for tax paid at the PTE level is \$0 so they have a net \$25,000 shortfall and effectively lose the benefit of the ad valorem tax credit.
 3. Our solution is to allow the PTE credit to be calculated at the partner level based on the amount of tax actually paid at the partnership level, and then the ad valorem tax credit to pass through the PTE and be claimed at the owner level.
4. **Paragraph (1)(c)** – A sentence was added at the end of the paragraph allowing for the carryover or refund of any excess credits at the partner level. We believe this, along with the change detailed above in item 3, resolves the discrepancy between individual and corporate tax rates without impacting overall revenues to the State. This also clarifies that any carryforward limitations on credits generated by the PTE apply at the owner level, similar to the pass-through of those credits under current law.

MSCPA will update the membership as legislation progresses.

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Ethics & Professional Conduct for CPAs

Wednesday, June 21

8:30am - 12:00pm

Staying Abreast of Corporate & Personal Finance

Wednesday, June 21

1:00pm - 4:30pm

Retain, Recruit & Build Your Brand

Thursday, June 22

8:30am - 12:00pm

The Future-Ready Leader: Leading with Strategic Foresight

Thursday, June 22

1:00pm - 4:30pm

Members who register and attend Convention will also receive 2 hours of CPE credit for the speaker presentations on Friday morning.

Don't Wait! Book Your Room NOW Room Reservation Group Code 24Q6Z3

This year also marks the 37th year for the Annual Convention and Business Meeting to be held at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Florida. Sandestin's Baytowne Conference Center will be the meeting venue for the convention, located just steps from the activities and attractions of the Village of Baytowne Wharf.

MSCPA has reserved a block of rooms at the Resort and asks that you book your accommodations directly with Sandestin using our group code 24Q6Z3. Your cut-off date for reservations is May 21, after which rooms will be sold on a space-available basis. There are only a certain number of each room type in our block so book early and be sure to get the room you want!



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- **Get the room type you want.** Your cut-off date for reservations is May 21, after which rooms will be sold on a space available basis. There are a limited number of each accommodation type in our room block. Book early to get the room you want!
- **Help MSCPA meet our contract obligations and earn rooms for staff and speakers.** We earn complimentary room nights based on the number of rooms booked if our room contract obligation is met. These rooms help defray the cost of housing the MSCPA staff and our speakers. MSCPA could be subject to penalty if the room block falls short. If you book an accommodation type that is not included in our block listing, ask the reservation department to credit your room to the MSCPA group code 24Q6Z3.
- **Deposit is refundable up to 7 days before arrival.** A deposit of one night's room rate is required to secure rooms. Deposit is refundable in the event of individual room cancellation, provided notice is received by Sandestin 7 days prior to the scheduled arrival date.

If a room type is unavailable online, please call Sandestin Group Reservation to check for availability. If you are told before May 21 that no rooms are available, contact Karen Moody at the MSCPA office so that she can remedy the situation through our housing representative.

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DAY

1

Planning for the Long Term

April 28 ■ Event code: CFOS1 | CFOS1W ■ CPE: 8

- Strategy and Implementation, Foundations for Success
- Best Practices EVA/RCE: Metrics to Gauge Real Performance
- Innovation for Continued Success: Sustaining the Organization
- Accounting for Lean & Agile: Staying in Step with Lean Operations

DAY

2

Big Picture Mega-Trends and Risks

May 25 ■ Event code: CFOS2 | CFOS2W ■ CPE: 8

- Big Picture Mega-Trends, Big Data, and World We Now Face
- Cryptocurrencies for the CFO: Explaining Blockchain
- Deceit and the Whys Behind the Lies: Understanding Ethics
- Office Politics: Navigating the Minefield

DAY

3

Staying Ahead in a Dynamic Economy

May 26 ■ Event code: CFOS4 | CFOS4W ■ CPE: 8

- Cybersecurity for the CFO: Ransomware and Beyond
- Detecting Internal Fraud - Expect the Unexpected
- Mergers and Acquisitions: Tips and Speed Bumps to Avoid
- Transition Smoothly in Business: Success and Fun in Your New Role

DAY

4

Skills for 2023 and Beyond

June 13 ■ Event code: CFOS3 | CFOS3W ■ CPE: 8

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Done Right - Lessons from Change Agents
- Accomplishments Follow Failures: Success Through Experimentation
- Getting the Most When Selling a Business: Little Details to Get Top Value
- Measure What Matters: Identify the 'Right' KPIs and Metrics

DAY

5

Today's Staff Retention and Accounting

June 14 ■ Event code: CFOS5 | CFOS5W ■ CPE: 8

- Staff Retention: Attract and Keep the Best People
- Accounting for Equity Compensation Plans: Beware of the Pitfalls
- Inventory Accounting: GAAP, Software and Variance Recognition
- Awesome Business Lessons from the Past: Learn from the Best!

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Event Codes

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Per Course Fee

\$295 - MSCPA Member
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2023 CONFERENCE DATES ANNOUNCED



LIVESTREAM

*Conferences will also be available via Livestream.

Young CPA Conference

April 27, 2023
MSCPA Training Center, Ridgeland

Accounting & Auditing Conference

May 16, 2023
MSCPA Training Center, Ridgeland

Business & Industry Management Development Conference

May 18-19, 2023
MSCPA Training Center, Ridgeland

Technology Conference

May 22-23, 2023
Virtual Only

Annual Convention

June 21-25, 2023
Sandestin, Florida

Governmental Accounting & Auditing Conference

August 17-18, 2023
MSCPA Training Center, Ridgeland

Banking & Finance Conference

August 24, 2023
MSCPA Training Center, Ridgeland

Agricultural & Farm Activities Conference

August 29, 2023
MSCPA Training Center, Ridgeland

Health Care Services Conference

September 21, 2023
MSCPA Training Center, Ridgeland

Not-For-Profit Conference

September 26, 2023
MSCPA Training Center, Ridgeland

Industry Conference

October 20, 2023
MSCPA Training Center, Ridgeland

Accounting Education Conference

October 27, 2023
MSCPA Training Center, Ridgeland

Business Valuation & Litigation Conference

November 16, 2023
MSCPA Training Center, Ridgeland

Mississippi Tax Institute

December 6-7, 2023
Location TBD

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CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The MSCPA Young CPA Network gathered on December 19 for a Christmas Social at Cultivation Food Hall in the District at Eastover with free food, drinks, games with prizes, and a drawdown with a \$200 grand prize. Thank you to the Events Committee for organizing this event and special recognition to Chairman Andres Posada for being our Family Feud emcee (aka Steve Harvey) and to our sponsor Mississippi Federal Credit Union.



Committee



Family Feud Winner



MSFCU Door Prize Winner



Drawdown Winner



VOLUNTEER OR NOMINATE A MEMBER FOR MSCPA YOUNG CPA NETWORK BOARD

The MSCPA Young CPA Network is seeking volunteers and nominations for 2023-2024. Young CPA Network members will elect new members to the Young CPA Network Board of Directors at the Annual Young CPA Conference. You are invited to volunteer or send names of suggested candidates to Ashley Sullivan, Young CPA Network President, at ashleysullivan@haddoxreid.com by **April 19, 2023**.

Young CPA Conference



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the
Date

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APRIL 27, 2023

KEY TOPICS:

- Young Member Initiatives
- How to Seek Opportunities to Grow Personal and Firm Brands
- Leadership Styles in Today's Landscape
- Mississippi Brain Drain
- Medical Marijuana
- Staff Management



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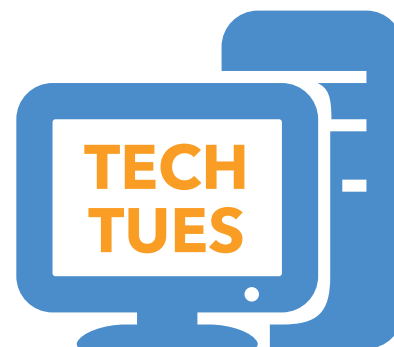
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TECH TUESDAY IN MARCH IS BACK!

LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES

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March 7	What's New in Excel
March 14	Shortcuts Excel Users Love
March 21	The Needed Focus on Cyber-Security
March 28	Stopping Tech-Fraud Aimed at Individuals

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS & PAST CHAIRMEN'S CHRISTMAS EVENT

MSCPA Chairman, Scott Christian, hosted the annual Board of Governors and past Chairmen's Christmas reception and dinner on December 16 at the Sheraton The Refuge. Also, in attendance were past YCPA Presidents, State Board members and staff, and Santa (aka Billy Morehead).



CHAPTERS

GULF COAST CHAPTER CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Gulf Coast Chapter met December 6 at One Thirty One Lameuse in Biloxi for a Christmas Social with live music by Hank Beruman, hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, door prizes, and more.



Chapter Officers: Richard Brown (Treasurer), Kim Allison (President), Maria Saylor (Secretary), Monica Dean (Board Member)



SOUTHEAST CHAPTER LUNCH & LEARN

The Southeast Chapter hosted a Lunch and Learn on Thursday, January 12, in Hattiesburg at Cooperative Energy's Career Center. This meeting was 1 CPE credit hour and featured speakers William T. Kelly, CPA and Willie B. Sims, Jr., CPA who spoke on MS State Board of Public Accountancy Updates.



Chapter Officers: Jamie McGinty (Secretary/Treasurer), Jabe Mills (President) and Jay Babington (Vice-President)



Jamie McGinty, Jabe Mills, Willie Sims, Bill Kelly, Jay Babington and Karen Moody

CENTRAL CHAPTER

The MSCPA Central Chapter hosted a lunch and learn on Tuesday, November 29, at the MSCPA Training Center in Ridgeland. They had two speakers present during the meeting. Representative Jason White, Speaker Pro Tempore, discussed MS legislation of the prior session and what to expect in 2023 and Sara Watson, MS Development Authority, discussed the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentives (MFLEX).



Chapter Officers: Emily Harrington (Secretary), Mary Margret White (VP of Programs), Lydia Windham (VP of Membership), Steven Eilders (Treasurer) & Ed Simmons (President)



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Mary Margret White, Sara Watson & Elisha Bailey



Rob Zischke was presented an appreciation award for his service as President '20-'22 and VP of Programs '19-'20 by Ed Simmons.



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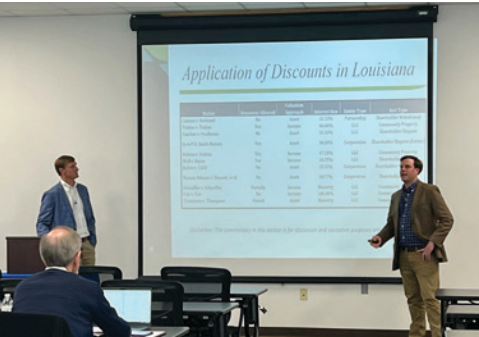
CONFERENCES

Business Valuation & Litigation Services Conference

MSCPA hosted our Business Valuation and Litigation Services Conference on November 17, 2022. This specialized event is for CPAs, business valuation specialists, appraisers and other financial professionals who perform business valuation and litigation services. A big thank you to all our speakers and committee members who made this conference a success. This year's speakers: The Honorable Troy Odom, Matt Baldridge, Madison Field, Rob King, Jamie White, Robert Alexander, Michael Crowley, Charles Rafferty and Jim Koerber.
Chairman: Rob King; Millennial Chairman: Cliff Kinney



Committee



Annual Mississippi Tax Institute Conference

MSCPA hosted our annual two-day Mississippi Tax Institute Dec 6-7 with 65 attending virtually and 71 attending in person at the Sheraton The Refuge Hotel. We heard from Gray Edmondson, Damien Martin, Delbert Hosemann, William M. Walker, T. Hudson Williams, Tandra C. Kyles, Conner Reeves, David Aughtry, David Kemps, Jan Lewis, Jan Craig, Meg Bartlett, John Fletcher, Stephen R. Akers, and Peyton Gordon. MSCPA would like to thank the Taxation Committee, presenters, sponsors, exhibitors and attendees for making the conference a success. *Chairman: Jessica Cooley; Millennial Chairman: Peyton Gordon*

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