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August 2011

Message from the President

In this article, I would like to talk about the chapter goal of increasing membership awareness this year. This is something that I am very passionate about as the foundation of the chapter is our members. This year's board feels that it is very important to increase the attendance at the chapter's functions, ask more members to volunteer on the various committees, and provide new communication as we have increased our membership among the younger generation.

[Click here for full article.](#)



**Crystal
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Permian Basin Chapter President

Governmental Accounting, Reporting & Auditing Update

If you're a CPA working in governmental accounting, reporting and auditing, you won't want to miss the Governmental Accounting, Reporting & Auditing Update on September 20, 2011 at the Hilton Midland Plaza. Dr. Robert J. Freeman, CPA, will cover GASB Statements, Interpretations, Technical Bulletins, and Exposure Drafts. Selected GASB Implementation Guide issues will be analyzed and recent and proposed SLG-related audit standard and guidance will be reviewed. The program meets Yellow Book requirements.

[Get the details.](#)

[Register online](#)

[Print Registration form](#)

Save the Date: 25th Annual Shrimp Boil

The Permian Basin Chapter's 25th Annual Shrimp Boil honoring UTPB accounting students and faculty is scheduled for September 22 at 7 p.m. at The Shack in the Back. Our guest speaker will be TSCPA Chairman-elect Fred Timmons, CPA-San Antonio. A check will be presented to UTPB for accounting scholarships during the event.

This year, the chapter is not hosting a scholarship fundraising event. To make a contribution via credit card, please call 800-428-0272, ext. 233 or mail checks made payable to Permian Basin Chapter, 14651 Dallas Parkway, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75254.

[Event details.](#)

[Register by Sept. 16 e-mailing Stephanie King.](#) or by calling 800-428-0272, ext. 233

CPA Candidates – Becker’s Fall CPA Review Schedule

Becker CPA Review classes are available for CPA candidates at CEED at the corner of Highway 191 and FM 1788, entrance on south access road to Highway 191.

[Click here to view the upcoming schedule.](#)

Renewing Membership – Chapter Scholarship Contribution

If you have not already done so, be sure to renew your TSCPA membership for 2011-2012. Dues statements were sent to members via e-mail or regular mail. This year, the dues statement provides the opportunity to contribute \$15 to the Permian Basin Chapter’s scholarship awards.

[Get the details.](#)

Welcome New Members

Derek W. Criswell,
CPA
Anthony J. Minor,
CPA

Candidates:
Kristopher
Sheets

Students:
Analisa Acosta
Melissa Olive

Follow the Permian Basin Chapter on Facebook

The Permian Basin Chapter is communicating with members through Facebook.

[You can use the following link.](#)

Opportunities to Participate - We Need You!

- Career Awareness
- Fundraising
- Media Relations
- Membership
- Scholarships

To serve on one of these committees, please contact Crystal Baylor, Billy Kelley, Ryan Bartholomee or Valarie Sanchez.

Permian Basin Chapter Calendar of Events

- [Governmental Accounting & Auditing Update](#): September 20
- Shrimp Boil: September 22
- CPE Expo: November 3-4
- Federal Tax Update: January 4, 2012

TSCPA Calendar of Events

- Midyear Board of Directors Meeting – College Station: January 20-21, 2012
- Annual Meeting of Members – Corpus Christi: June 29-30, 2012

TSCPA CPE Opportunities

- [Compilation & Review Update: Advanced Issues](#): August 31
- [Accounting and Auditing Update](#): September 14
- [Partnership and LLC Update](#): October 26

Did You Know: Chapter members who serve as on-site coordinators at TSCPA CPE programs will be reimbursed one-half of their registration fee? For more information, please contact TSCPA's Juli Cleland at jcleland@tscpa.net or 800-428-0272, Ext.

TSCPA NEWS AND INFORMATION

Free Member Benefit: ACPEN Databank

TSCPA, in cooperation with Accounting CPE Network (ACPEN), has added a new free member benefit. The newly launched ACPEN DataBank is a professional information research tool that provides short 10-20 minute video clips available on demand. Although the videos don't qualify for CPE credit, they are completely free of charge and cover a wide range of accounting topics to meet your professional needs. The DataBank allows the user to solve real practice problems with a search by title, or by using keywords to access a list of discussions by industry experts addressing specific topics.

[Learn more about what the new DataBank offers.](#)

TSCPA Leadership Nominations for Year 2012-2013

The Nominations Committee needs input for key leadership positions. TSCPA members can submit suggestions for next year's Executive Board, directors-at-large (Board of Directors) and Texas members for the American Institute of CPAs Council. Nominations must be received by Aug. 16.

[To access the online form. and log in.](#) The form is also available in the July/August issue of *Today's CPA* magazine.

Find a Mentor through TSCPA's Online Mentor Network

Are you weighing a career move and looking for a little guidance? Do you need advice on resolving a conflict in the office? Since you probably don't want to discuss these types of issues with your boss, TSCPA has developed a customized database for you to find a CPA mentor. Called Mentor Network, the program is available online at tscpa.org and lets CPA, candidate and student members search for potential mentors via criteria like chapter, years of experience and specialty area.

All you do is enter your desired specifications, choose a mentor from the list of matches, and then e-mail your question. It may be a one-time exchange or it may develop into regular e-mail correspondence. Besides finding a mentor on tscpa.org, you can also volunteer to become one.

[Visit the Mentor Network by logging in as a member.](#)

Tell a Student About Membership

If you know a business major who is not yet a TSCPA student member, send him or her to the Student Lounge section of the TSCPA website at <http://www.tscpa.org/Content/studentlounge.aspx>. Students who join now will enjoy membership until May 31, for only \$35. Benefits include a \$300 discount off Becker CPA exam review courses and other CPA exam review discounts, listing TSCPA membership on their resumes, unrestricted access to TSCPA's Members Only and Student Lounge sections of tscpa.org, receiving TSCPA publications, and more.

Four \$250 tuition/book reimbursements, provided by the Accounting Education Foundation, will be awarded through a random drawing in October. To be eligible, students must be valid student members (renewed by Sept. 30), majoring in accounting.

TSCPA Blogs

Keep up-to-date on TSCPA and accounting profession news through the Society's blogs. The following blogs are available on the TSCPA website:

[Chairman Donna H. Wesling, CPA](#)

[Executive Director/CEO John Sharbaugh](#)

[Governmental Affairs](#)

[Federal Tax Policy Committee](#)

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