

CPA NEWS

PERMIAN BASIN CHAPTER TEXAS SOCIETY OF CPAs

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November 2010

Message from the President

Recently, I participated in the meeting with State Senator Kel Seliger to present our CPA-PAC check to him. It gave us an opportunity to share with him upcoming concerns for CPAs in the legislative session that begins in January. I found Senator Seliger very knowledgeable and interested in serving his constituents. This meeting reconfirmed the importance of CPAs participating in the legislative process through TSCPA. I encourage you to contribute to the PAC and attend the TSCPA Midyear Board of Directors Meeting and Legislative Briefing in Austin on January 25-26, where we will have the opportunity to meet our legislators.

[Click here for full article.](#)



**Phil Davis,
CPA**

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Permian Basin Chapter President

Permian Basin Chapter CPE Expo

The Permian Basin Chapter of TSCPA is offering a 16-hour CPE Expo on Thursday and Friday, November 4 & 5 at the Odessa Country Club. Register today and choose from topics such as Business Valuation, Estate Tax Update, GAAP Update, IFRS Update, Sales Tax, Divorce Issues, Roth Conversions, Ethics, and much more. Our lunch speaker on Thursday will be Congressman Mike Conaway.

[Get the two-day schedule, session descriptions, and speaker biographies.](#)

Adjunct Professors Needed at UTPB

UTPB is looking for adjunct accounting professors for Fall 2010 and Spring 2011. Requirements include a Masters Degree plus 18 post baccalaureate hours in Accounting. For more information, please contact Jack Ladd 432-552-2170 or ladd_j@utpb.edu.

Annual Shrimp Boil in September

Our annual Shrimp Boil honoring UTPB accounting students and faculty was held on September 23.

TSCPA Chairman Elect, Donna Wesling, was the guest speaker. Through the generous support of our sponsors and contributors, the Chapter provided UTPB a \$10,000 check for accounting scholarships. We would like to thank all those who attended the event.



(L to R): Dr. Shirley Davenport, Dr. Wilma Dye, Dr. Barbara Scofield, Phil Davis, Susan Nichols, and Jack Ladd.

CPE: Federal Tax Update on January 5

The Federal Tax Update will be held on January 5, 2011 at the Odessa Country Club. Steven J. Tillinger, CPA, is our speaker. Whether you are a generalist or a tax specialist, you will take away valuable information and insights from this eight-hour program.

[Get the details.](#)

[Register online.](#)

Mark Your Calendar: Chapter Holiday Party!

December 6 is the date scheduled for the Permian Basin Chapter's Holiday Party. Be sure to save the date!

Reserve Your 2011 CCH U.S. Master Tax Guide

Act now to reserve your copy of the 2011 CCH U.S. Master Tax Guide. The Permian Basin Chapter will deliver your copy to you. Just click here to complete the form and order your copy.

[Order the 2011 Master Tax Guide \(.PDF\)](#)

Welcome New Student Members

- Tara S. Bailey
- Kenneth J. Bitner
- Guadalupe Castaneda
- Leah V. Detiveaux
- Emily M. Evans
- Kristina Farris
- Ernest N. Hill
- Melissa J. Leeper
- DeAnn N. Martinez
- Rochelle E. Mayfield
- Sylvia Montoya
- Johnal J. Moore
- Alberto R. Tavarez
- Fei Ye

LIVE Becker CPA Review Course at UTPB

The next Becker CPA Review Course begins on January 9 and will be hosted at UTPB. Major content (to include IFRS) and structure changes will become effective January 1, 2011!

[Click here for full article.](#)

Opportunities to Participate - We Need You!

- Holiday Party
- UTPB April Campus Event
- Career Awareness
- Fundraising
- Media Relations
- Membership
- Scholarship

To serve on one of these committees, please contact Phil Davis, Crystal Baylor, Billy Kelley, or Byron Tuck.

Permian Basin Chapter Calendar of Events

- [CPE Expo](#): November 4-5, 2010
- Holiday Party: December 6, 2010
- [Federal Tax Update](#): January 5, 2011

TSCPA Calendar of Events

- [Midyear Board of Directors Meeting - Austin](#): January 25-26, 2011
- Annual Meeting of Members – Fort Worth: June 24-25, 2011

TSCPA CPE Opportunities

- [Business Fraud, Internal Controls and Forensic Analysis:](#) November 10 | Satellite Broadcast
- [2010 Annual Tax Update:](#) December 8 | Satellite Broadcast

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. 665.

TSCPA NEWS AND INFORMATION



TSCPA: Your Renewable Resource

2010 Fall Recruitment Campaign – TSCPA: Your Renewable Resource

Do you know a CPA who would benefit from the resources available from TSCPA? Help them join the Texas Society of CPAs – Your Renewable Resource! Our fall membership recruitment campaign is underway, and non-member CPAs are being targeted. Whether they're in Public Practice, Business and Industry, Education, Government, or just starting out on their own, TSCPA offers the resources and support that Texas CPAs need to succeed.

Recruiting new members could equal a free renewed membership for YOU. When your name is listed as the sponsor or referring member on an application, you'll receive an entry in a drawing for a free year of Society and chapter membership. You'll get one entry for each CPA or every three affiliate members you recruit. The more you recruit, the better your chances are to win a FREE year of membership for yourself.

Want to invite a CPA, non-CPA employee, candidate, student,

or other affiliate to join us? Start recruiting today! Send this link to a prospective member: http://www.tscpa.org/content/general/Join_TSCPA.aspx.

For more information about the campaign, e-mail [Catherine Raffetto](mailto:Catherine.Raffetto@tscpa.net); phone 800-428-0272 ext. 216 or 972-687-8516.

Questions about membership categories, dues, or benefits can be directed to Member Services (e-mail membership@tscpa.net; phone 800-428-0272 ext. 260 or 972-687-8560). E-mail [Stephanie King](mailto:Stephanie.King@tscpa.net) to learn more about recruiting activities at your chapter.

Help Promote TSCPA's Children's Book Club

Take time this school year to teach your little ones about spending smart, saving and sharing. TSCPA's Children's Book Club is available on its financial literacy website, ValueYourMoney.org. There, you will find a downloadable reading list for children ages 4-12, printable bookmarks and posters (the poster file is large), fun low-cost and no-cost family activities, and a budgeting worksheet that teaches children about the true costs of owning a pet. If you're interested in getting involved with the Book Club at your child's elementary school, please email Kelly Hardwick for more information.

[E-mail Kelly Hardwick.](mailto:kelly.hardwick@tscpa.net)

[Children's Book Club.](#)

[Downloadable Materials.](#)

Making the Move from Public Practice to Business & Industry

Many CPAs decide to make the switch from public accounting to business and industry. If you're considering this change in your career, TSCPA has resources available to assist you in the B&I Center on the website. Members who made the switch in the last five years were surveyed to gauge their experience, and we're bringing that information to you. TSCPA offers tools, advice from members and other resources to help you determine if it's the right

move. You can also read about the experiences of other CPAs who made the transition.

[Log in as a member to view the guide now.](#)

Practice Management Institute

TSCPA is devoted to helping Texas CPA firms address their most pressing practice management issues. One of the foremost of those issues is succession planning. TSCPA has a special arrangement with the Succession Institute for TSCPA members only. Members get access to a free course on succession planning, as well as a substantial discount on a variety of other practice management CPE courses.

[Go to the Texas Society's Practice Management Institute and enter Customer ID code "TXCPA" when registering.](#)

Financial Literacy

Do you enjoy speaking about personal finance and small business topics? If so, sign up for TSCPA's speakers bureau. TSCPA is looking for CPAs to speak at community and civic programs and to the media. There are talking points, speeches and PowerPoint presentations to make each speaking opportunity as easy as possible. The speakers bureau is one way for CPAs to become involved in TSCPA's ongoing 360 Degrees of Financial Literacy effort. To volunteer, contact Avery Roth at phone 800-428-0272 ext. 688 or 972-687-8688.

[E-mail Avery Roth.](#)

Build Your Network

You can build a network of other CPAs from around the state by serving on a TSCPA committee. Dec. 10 is the deadline to volunteer for the 2011-2012 service year. Study the list of available committees in the members-only Volunteer community accessible through the Resources section of the TSCPA website (tscpa.org).

[Then click the Volunteer Today link to sign up.](#)

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:

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