



Chapter News and Events



June 2009

North Perimeter Chapter

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President's Message

I would like to thank everyone who came to the May meeting for making it a lively discussion about cash balance pension plans. I think everyone came away with a new understanding of this type of plan. For those of you who missed it, the outline and PowerPoint presentation are available on our web site.

At our June meeting, we will be having two special functions. First, the incoming officers and Board members will be sworn in. Second, we will be giving out our chapter scholarships to 10 deserving students. Instead of our normal speaker, we will have a panel discussion, similar to last year's presentation, to give the students a feel for what the profession has to offer and how to make themselves more attractive to prospective employers.

May 15 was the GSCPA Spring Council meeting in Chattanooga. In attendance from our chapter were Jennifer Birtz, Marian Macleod-Elliott, Martha O'Brien, Ellen Sweatt, Dick Negus, Bob Prator, and myself.

I was nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for a 2-year term 2009-2011. Bob Prator, incoming GSCPA President, has been nominated to the AICPA Council to serve a 3-year term 2009-2012. In addition, chapter members Dick Negus and Jennifer Birtz were nominated to serve 2-year terms as at-large representatives to the Council for 2009-2011. Elections will be held at the annual meeting, which is part of the annual convention.

The Council approved the proposed bylaws amendments with one modification. After much discussion, the Council voted to further amend the bylaws to require Council approval of any new GSCPA membership requirements in the Associate Member category. Meaning that before the GSCPA can allow "other accounting/finance professionals as defined by the Board of Directors," the Council must approve the definition of this group. All GSCPA members will be asked to approve or disapprove the proposed bylaws amendments soon.

The Council discussed the new 2009-2010 GSCPA budget at length and ratified it. The budget provides for a \$10 increase in fellow and associate members' dues. Additionally, the budget reassesses the way the GSCPA will fund chapters. Chapters with net assets of \$10,000 or more will not receive the \$3,000 annual funding provided in the past. The GSCPA has taken advantage of cost cutting opportunities and will continue to do so. It is also looking carefully at its offered programs and is seeking input from members about the value of the programs, including future CPE offerings and methods of presenting CPE.

Please see any of the Council attendees if you have any questions or input we can pass along to the GSCPA for you.

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Congratulations to Kent Ward on winning last months' drawing.

Larry Cohen

Save the Date for Annual Convention

Catch the wave to success at the 2009 Annual Convention at the Ritz-Carlton in Amelia Island, Florida on June 28th – July 1st. Please join the Society for exciting CPE opportunities and fun in the sun with your fellow members at this wonderful resort. On Tuesday, June 30 Barry Melancon will be the keynote speaker. He will cover issues facing the profession. Please check the [web site](#) for up-to-date information.

Meeting Information and Schedule

The cost is \$30 for current members of North Perimeter Chapter and \$35 for nonmembers. Payment is at the door by cash or check. The time of the meeting is 5 p.m. for registration. Student members of our chapter may attend free as guests (with proper RSVP) of the chapter.

Reservations can be made by [email](#) or on the [North Perimeter Chapter web site](#).

The Ravinia Club is located just across from Perimeter Mall. Heading north from Ashford-Dunwoody and I-285, go to the third light and turn right (just after Crowne Plaza Ravinia) on Ravinia North into the Ravinia Complex. Take the first immediate right and proceed down the hill. Go past One Ravinia Building and turn left between Buildings One and Two. Turn into the parking garage on the right. There is no charge for parking.

Meeting Schedule

June 16, 2009 – Panel Discussion - Moderator – Dan Giannini, CPA

Panel members:

Howard Mosby, CPA, VP Medical Affairs – Grady Health System; he is also a member of the state legislature

David Flax, CPA, President – Morgan Ross Group (recruiter)

Jeff Moore, CPA, President – JE Moore CPA, PC (forensic, accounting, consulting services)

Kelli Crim, VP Commercial Banking – SunTrust

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