

2013 Annual Meeting

May 29-31, 2013

Fairbanks, Alaska

Schedule of Events
Business Meeting
Agenda
Minutes
Financial Reports
Committee Reports
Sponsors

#### Alaska Society of Certified Public Accountants

#### 2012 Annual Meeting

#### Land's End Resort Homer, Alaska

June 1, 2012

#### Call to order

Bethe Davis, incoming President, called the meeting to order at 8:47am. John Rodgers was called to the front to thank Marja Beltrami, outgoing President, for her efforts during the past year, he then introduced the incoming board:

Bethe Davis, President; Amy Cooper, President elect; Marja Beltrami, Past President; Lance Bodeen, Treasurer; Cathleen Hahn, Secretary; Jason Bontrager, Director; Rita DelaTorre, Director; Bridget Lujan, Director; Rebecca Martin, Director; Joshua McIntyre, Director; Steve Pence, Director.

#### 2011 Annual meeting minutes

Lisa Rogers moved to approve the prior year minutes, no changes were recommended be made to the minutes, and no objections were heard to the acceptance of the minutes.

#### Financial report

Cindy Hulquist, Treasurer, presented the financial report. She reported there were no significant changes from the amounts budgeted with the exception of depreciation, which was added for the first time in this year's books, after the budget was approved last year. Investment funds are conservatively diversified and held in an Edward Jones account for the Society, risk tolerance is reassessed each year by the Finance Committee. The Society's annual dues were increased \$25 year at the April 2012 board meeting when the 2012/13 budget was approved. No questions from members of Cindy. Lisa moved and Rebecca seconded acceptance of the report. No objections from members, report accepted.

#### Hagelbarger Scholarship fund report

Amy Cooper reminded members to encourage students to apply for this, last year three individuals submitted an application. Discussion of application requirements and use of scholarship proceeds to students, members also discussed how to get more students aware of the application.

#### **AICPA Council report**

Don Rulien reported to the members after attending the Council meeting in April, 2012. Our country's deficit was a major concern discussed at the council meeting, the AICPA thinks the profession should be proactive in a national discussion of the situation and encourages its member to become involved on any level they can do so. Don introduced Tax Insights, a new program the AICPA developed to educate citizens on how much taxes they pay in total: federal, state and local. Also announced is this was Don's

last meeting as a council member, John Rodgers will replace him. Don encouraged all members to participate in the AICPA. The members thanked Don for his six years of service as the Council Member.

#### Alaska State Board of Public Accountant report

Report given by Melody Schneiter the evening before at dinner, no notes were prepared of her report. Discussion of NASBA, including our concern for adequate and appropriate representation, ensued at today's meeting.

#### Technology/website demonstration

Rebecca Martin described this committee's efforts in increasing the use of technology to benefit the members, and then demonstrated our website. She walked us through certain areas of the site: CPE, calendar, CPE tracker. Members can add other CPE certificates to their CPE tracker file on our site. Members can update their profile and add their names to the referral service. Members are encouraged to update their information and we're reminded the FIND A CPA feature is public information, searchable by non-members. Classified ads for jobs and other information are on the site, rather than in the monthly newsletter. No major are improvements scheduled for this year, however, upcoming recommended changes will be budgeted for.

Don Rulien won a bottle of wine in the drawing.

#### Speed dating committee style

Committee reports were provided in the meeting packet. Members then grouped at separate tables, manned by the respective chair persons, to talk with one another about the work of the committee. Members were encouraged to join a committee in which they had an interest.

Jacque Briskey won a bottle of wine in the drawing.

#### Goals for next year

Bethe spoke to the members about being change agents, looking forward to and dealing with changes in professional standards, education, and technology. She encouraged all members to participate in committees, look for opportunities to participate in our profession, and be proactive with respect to the changes we face.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38.

AKCPA 2012 Homer annual meeting minutes.docx

# PAUL HAGELBARGER MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

# MINUTES OF MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE DECEMBER 5, 2012

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
MARK E. SCHNEITER
TRACY HARTUNG
JANE LANFORD

The financial condition of the fund was discussed. There was a fund balance of \$107,518.49 at October 26, 2012. This was the latest statement provided. Based on this it appeared that the fund had earnings over the past year of over \$9,000. The fund appears to be in good financial condition.

A discussion of the purpose of the fund followed. A summary of the policies and procedures of the fund was discussed. A summary is as follows:

It is the policy of the Paul Hagelbarger Memorial Fund to emphasize the awarding of scholarships to further accounting education that benefits the State of Alaska. The awarding of those scholarships shall be based upon scholastic achievement, the furthering of education for the practice of public accounting and on financial need.

Scholarships and grants awarded by the Board shall be of a sufficient size to provide a positive impact on the awardees, which means that the size of awards should be such that they keep up with the costs of education and inflation.

The committee determined to follow these procedures as closely as possible in making their selections.

The committee agreed that the scholarship should be meaningful. This would be accomplished by limiting the recipients and increasing the value. The committee unanimously agreed that there would be no more than two scholarships awarded and that the amount of each would be \$3,500.

The candidates considered were:

Stephen Tibbs Melissa Flynn Nan Haley Sheila Sabillo Julie Gilhuly Lyssa Kemper Charles Flint Rebecca Burcell Heather Leggett Emma Zeisel

The committee agreed that there were at least two worthy candidates.

After much discussion, it was resolved that the following candidates would each receive a scholarship of \$3,500 for 2012/2013 school year.

Heather Leggett Emma Zeisel

Meeting was adjourned. The Alaska Society of CPAs executive director, Linda Plimpton, will be informed of this decision.

# Alaska Society of Certified Public Accountants Accounting & Auditing Committee Report May 31, 2013

The Accounting & Auditing Committee is charged with assisting and enabling Alaska CPA's to maintain and improve the quality, competency, and practical application of performing attest services in the state by proving a forum to discuss existing and proposed attest standard and generally accepted accounting principles.

No special projects or objectives were planned for FY 13.

Members were encouraged to meet for lunch every other Thursday to discuss technical accounting and auditing questions, although this did not occur regularly. In January of 2013 the chair called a special meeting of interested members to discuss the future of the committee. Of concern is the low attendance at the lunches, and general involvement by members. Of the twelve to fifteen individuals in attendance, participants agreed the committee is worthwhile and encouraged the chair to continue scheduling lunch (changing to a monthly schedule instead). Stated topics of the lunches were encouraged, and several were suggested. Lunch was held the following month in February so members could discuss and share footnote requirements and examples for union reporting. March and April being tax season, no lunches were scheduled.

We welcome any suggestions for topics, as well as suggestions for individuals that may be interested in leading the discussion of a topic they've become familiar with and willing to share their insights.

Respectfully yours,

Cathleen Hahn

ASCPA A&ART 2013 committee report.doc

# 2012-13 Annual Report ASCPA CPE Committee By Jacque Briskey, CPA Chair

The primary objective of the CPE committee is to enable the members of the Alaska Society to develop and maintain high standards of competence by providing a variety of high quality, educational opportunities on a timely basis in convenient locations, and at a fair price. Specifically, we strive to

- 1. Select quality courses with quality instructors
- 2. Provide a mix of A&A, Tax, Governmental and Industry CPE
- 3. Provide a mix of CPE at varying levels (basic, intermediate or advanced)
- 4. Break even with CPE revenue and costs

Generally the committee only meets once or twice a year, or sometimes three times if necessary. During those meetings, we review and select courses to offer for the upcoming year. We also review the fees and policies surrounding CPE, and advise the Board and Executive Director of any changes. Anchorage and Fairbanks each hold separate meetings for the initial review and selection of courses. Juneau members also make suggestions for the courses to hold in Southeast.

Linda summarizes the course selections and distributes the list to the committee members for input and changes. She then assembles a proposed schedule of course offerings for final approval by the committee.

The biggest issue facing the CPE committee this year was the decrease in attendance at the courses during the year. The committee surveyed a sample of the members to find out why. The greatest response was that the members were simply not happy with the selection of courses offered this year. Many have started taking webinars that they can fit into their busy schedules, rather than being out of the office for a full day. Several others indicated that they were doing self-study for the same reason, as well as the reduced cost.

For the past several years, AKCPA has offered webinars from various vendors through the AKCPA website. Last year, we added CalCPA to our list of webcast providers. CalCPA offers hundreds of CPE courses, ranging from one hour courses to full day. The committee hopes that the large variety will satisfy the CPE needs of all our members. The biggest hurdle is getting the word out so that members look to AKCPA first for all their CPE courses.

The committee recommended increasing fees for the Season Pass to \$1,350 for the Season Pass (before \$100 AICPA discount) for 6 full CPE days for the Season Pass (up to 48 hours of CPE). However we eliminated the registration deadline for the Season Pass. The fee for an 8-hour course will remain at \$295 for members (before discounts).

This year, we increased the early registration discount to \$50 per 8-hour course (\$25 per 4-hour course) for registrations made by June ,1 to encourage members to sign up earlier for

classes. In addition, registrations received less than 21 days from the course date will be charged a late fee of \$50 for each 8 hour course and \$25 for each 4 hour course.

In an effort to offer attendees the convenience of electronic course materials, we are now offering the option to receive materials in a PDF format. eManuals will be available for most CPE courses and is included in the course fee. Those who do not have an e-mail address have the option to purchase a book for an additional \$20.

And a report to accountants just wouldn't be complete without statistics -

	2012				2011			
	Tax	A&A	Other	Total	Tax	A&A	Other	Total
Anchorage	12	9		21	13	12	3	28
Fairbanks	5	3	3	11	7	6	1	14
Juneau	1	2		3	1	2	2	3
Total Days	18	14	3	35	21	20	4	45
	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Regular Registrations	422	572	408	618	493	498	521	594
Season Pass Registrations	229	456	447	<u>586</u>	532	538	450	416
Total Attendees	651	1028	855	1204	1,025	1,036	971	1,010
Season Passes Purchased	42	74	78	92	87	87	82	71

Member evaluations of instructors and courses are reviewed, and provide valuable input in the planning process. As always, the committee appreciates any input from members on what types and levels of CPE offered.

Finally, I appreciate all the hard work by the committee members this year.

Ethics/Arbitration Committee Report For Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2013

Ethics and arbitration receives and monitors ethical complaints and other information of alleged unethical conduct involving our members. The committee also accepts requests for arbitration on alleged violations of the Code of Professional Conduct. Any complaints received were forwarded as appropriate to the Alaska Board of Public Accountancy or the AICPA Ethics Committee. Other small matters (not of an ethical issue, but received by our office) are resolved between related parties without additional referral.

No specific objectives are adopted or meetings held during the year. No special projects were established for the committee. The goal of this committee is to ensure ethical and licensing issues and complaints are followed-up and resolved efficiently.

The committee continues to monitor the progress of cases overseen by the AICPA regarding ASCPA members and provides information to the public as needed regarding the process of filing complaints.

Currently, the AICPA Professional Ethics Division has open cases involving three Alaska CPAs. All are in the work product follow-up stage under a letter of required corrective action. We continue to monitor the progress of the cases involving these CPAs and are in communication with the AICPA Technical Manager assigned to the cases as needed.

AKCPA Committee on Financial Literacy Annual Report Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2013

Josh McIntyre, Chair

The Financial Literacy Committee is tasked with promoting financial literacy in our state. The AICPA has provided tools and marketing through its 360 Degrees of Financial Literacy (<a href="http://www.360financialliteracy.org/">http://www.360financialliteracy.org/</a>), and through its Feed the Pig Campaign (<a href="http://www.feedthepig.org/">http://www.feedthepig.org/</a>). The Alaska Society promotes the 360 Degrees campaign on our website (<a href="http://www.akcpa.org/public/financial\_literacy">http://www.akcpa.org/public/financial\_literacy</a>).

As a committee, we decided the best way to promote financial literacy was to help make people aware of the AICPA's 360 Degrees website. We ordered refrigerator magnets which have 20 ideas for being financially responsible, and also the address to the 360 Degrees website. We decided that rather than trying to create our own venue to promote financial literacy our time would be better spent by finding existing venues with a receptive audience.

Last October we participated in the United Way's Financial Fitness Fair, and had the opportunity to talk to a few dozen people who were attending the sessions put on by the United Way.

Additionally, committee member, Phaedra Connell, gave a financial literacy presentation to a group using PowerPoint presentations that were originally developed by the AICPA, and subsequently updated by some of our committee members.

In July, we are planning to have a booth promoting financial literacy at the Bear Paw Festival in Eagle River. We have secured a booth and are looking for volunteers to work shifts. Our committee participated in the Bear Paw Festival in 2010 and was very well received. We are looking forward to participating again this year.

This past year we had a number of meetings to plan for both of these events and focusing the direction of our committee.

We plan to make participation in the Financial Fitness Fair and Bear Paw Festival annual events. In the future, we would like to branch out to events in different communities throughout the state with local AKCPA members engaging with the public.

## Leadership Committee

# Report For Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2013

- 1. The Leadership Committee is in its first official year. It started out a task force and has become its own committee. The committee is tasked with renewing and obtaining new commitments from society members to step into leadership roles within the society and our industry at large.
- 2. To that end, we had decided to emulate Leadership Academies developed and offered by other State Societies around the country. Those State Societies that have implemented a leadership academy have seen their member participation grow immensely. The idea is that it will be a win, win, win situation. A win for the society, a win for sponsor firm/company, and a win for the individual that participates.

We looked at ways to offer the academy, via a professional organization that already offers these services or via a home grown academy. Other State Societies use professional organizations. The Board however, because of costs thought we should look at a locally developed program first. The ultimate end is not yet known. We are testing the waters and seeing what the member participation interest is like. We may need to bolster that. Depending on the final registration numbers that come in we will be able to take steps to move forward with plans, ideas and suggestions. The Academies are funded through a joint effort of the State Society, sponsoring firms/companies and the individuals participating.

#### 3. Special Projects:

- a. We have interviewed three professional organizations. Also, Amy Cooper is looking into developing our own academy. The Board has committed \$5,000 to the academy.
- b. Rough timeline mapped out, applications out, and the registration period has been extended due to the low registration. (3 applicants to date)
- c. As the committee head, I am a proponent of partnering with one of the professional providers. All three are already NASB approved CPE providers, and they come with a wealth of knowledge and experience not only in business development, but also individual development as well as business and individual psychology. The other State Societies highly recommend them and have had great successes. If the number of registrants has not increased to a sufficient number by the end of May 2013, I recommend the committee delay the first academy and reconsider partnering with one of the professional firms. The committee will also need to work on marketing of the revamped academy and encourage members to participate.
- 4. Activities for the year and major activities planned for the next year.
- a. Look for suggestions on what an attendee or attendee firm is looking to benefit from an academy such as this.
  - b. Continued development of the academy and its material.
  - c. Market the Academy.

Alaska Society of CPAs Legislative Committee Report For Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2013

#### PRIMARY OBJECTIVES:

Recommend legislative policies and goals to the Board of Directors and take necessary actions to achieve programs approved by the Board.

Develop and maintain a program, compatible with the established policies of the Society, which is designed to protect the integrity of the CPA certificate and provide for the highest level of professional accounting practice to serve the public interest.

#### SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Monitor the legislative session to see if the biometric data collection legislation is introduced. (Jason Giaimo and his group could not find a sponsor for their bill in the 2013 session.) Monitor issues addressed by the Board of Public Accountancy.

#### ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR AND MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED NEXT YEAR

Technical Meetings, seminars, etc. - None.

Articles, publications, etc. – None.

Long-range projects completed or in-process

We are still monitoring for any activity on bills regarding biometric data collection and activity by the Alaska Board of Public Accountancy where we can be helpful.

Number of committee meetings held (with quorum present)

The Legislative Committee held a meeting on May 7, 2012 with three members present and on September 19, 2012 with eight members present (including Linda Plimption, Executive Director.) We responded to the AICPA's annual legislative questionnaire. The remainder of the activities took place via telephone and email.

#### STATUS OF COMMITTEE'S CARRYOVER ITEMS

Board of Public Accountancy is looking at the definition of "holding out as a CPA" and inactive license issues.

RECOMMENDATION FOR CHANGES IN THE COMMITTEE'S SCOPE, SIZE, OR NAME

Increase the number of active participants in the legislative committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Rogers, CPA Legislative Committee Chairman May 28, 2013 Alaska Society of CPAs Political Action Committee For Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2013

The members of the Alaska Society of CPAs Political Action Committee (PAC) are all the members of the Society's legislative committee and any other interested persons. The PAC is incorporated in the State of Alaska and is a separate legal entity from the Alaska Society of CPAs. The officers are as follows:

President – Mike Cook, CPA Treasurer – Lisa M. Rogers, CPA Secretary – Stephen Sheaffer, CPA

The Political Action Committee reports to the Alaska Public Offices Committee are available on the Internet. The Committee also files federal form 1120-POL. All reports were filed timely.

The committee met on May 7, 2012 and September 19, 2012. It reelected officers and discussed the coming years' activities. Mike Cook wrote the letter sent to Society members in September 2012 asking for donations from which there was a good response.

Following is a summary of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements:

Beginning Cash, May 1, 2012	\$	8,848
Interest income		2
Contribution income		1,955
Campaign contributions		(3,500)
Postage and printing - mailing		(436)
Bank fees		(30)
Business license	-	(50)
Ending Cash, April 30, 2013	\$	6,789

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Cook, CPA May 28, 2013

Management of an Accounting Practice Committee Report For Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2013

- 1. What is MAP? It's a committee formed by the Alaska Society of CPA's to:
  - Aid members in improving their ability to deal with the management of their practice.
  - Identify and study problems relating to the management of an accounting practice, and to assist members in the effective management of their professional firms.
- 2. The MAP Committee's objective during the year was to meet at least monthly at breakfast to discuss current issues that affected CPA firm owners and managers and to provide a forum and network for owners and managers to discuss specific issues affecting their practices.
- 3. Meeting Topics:
  - May 2012: Open Forum
  - June 2012: Open Forum
  - July 2012: Clients: Knowing When to Walk Away (from AON Insurance Services Newsletter
  - August 2012: Top 10 CPE Topics we'd love to see in 2013
  - · September 2012: Open Forum
  - October 2012: Open Forum
  - November 2012: National Map Survey
  - December 2012: No meeting
  - January 2013: Engagement Letters and Pre-Tax Season Tasks (what's on your list!)
  - February 2013: Open Forum
  - March 2012: Open Forum
  - April 2013: No Meeting
  - May 2013: Communicating with Clients....to text or not to text.
- 4. Activities for the year and major activities planned for the next year.
  The Committee will continue with the monthly meetings and providing a forum and networking system for owners and managers of firms.
- 5. The Committee has no carryover items into the next year.
- 6. The Committee recommends no changes in scope size or name.

Respectfully submitted, Leslie Schmitz, Chair

# 2013-2014 Annual Report AKCPA Meetings Committee By Rebecca Martin

The stated objective of the Meetings Committee is to produce and coordinate all activities necessary for the accomplishment of the AKCPA monthly luncheon and plan and promote the AKCPA Annual Business Meeting.

The Anchorage monthly meetings afford members an opportunity to gather and commiserate with one another. We enjoy it so much, many Anchorage CPAs attended every two weeks our "CPA Wine and Whine" informal social meetings in Anchorage, which was chaired last year by Mike Czerwonka. The name of the social Wine & Whine group was changed to "Zeitgeist".

Fairbanks holds quarterly meetings. The topics included:

State Board August 10 Jeff Johnson
PCPS October 11 Melody Schneider
Fairbanks Economy December 13 Jim Dobson

The monthly meeting topics in Anchorage included –

Webcast luncheon July 25 cPaperless State Board October 19 Anchorage Collaborative Group November 8 Anchorage

Christmas in Spenard December 4 Anchorage

TheAKCPA meetings are a great opportunity to network with others in our profession, as well as keep up to date on business topics of interest and have a little fun. Please join us for our next meeting!

# Relations with Education Committee Report For year ending April 30, 2013

Alaska Society of CPA members were very busy this year interacting with students at the college level, high school level and even junior high school level.

In Anchorage, Marja Beltrami attended UAA's spring social, an event designed for interaction between firms and students.

In Juneau, Bridget Lujan works with accounting faculty at the University of Alaska Southeast to help promote the accounting profession, including speaking to students and sitting on panel discussions. In the fall semester, she brought breakfast to them! UAS is in the process of creating a student accounting organization.

In Fairbanks, Society members routinely make presentations to students and attend the UAF student accounting organization's (GAAP) various events. Melody Schneider, Kevin Walsh and Sandy Wilson are regular speakers at GAAP's weekly meetings. William Kolski and Samantha Bolanos spoke to GAAP this past year for the first time about studying and sitting for the CPA exam. Dave Porter from Mikunda, Cottrell & Co flew up to speak at a spring weekly meeting. At GAAP's professional development day held in the fall, Bethe Davis and Kevin Walsh served on a panel of professionals from the public accounting field. Many Society members attended the dinner that concluded the professional development day. In the spring, GAAP hosted the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual UAF Accounting Awards Ceremony. All Fairbanks Society members were invited. Bethe Davis presented the Society check of \$1,000 to the GAAP president. There were over 80 people in attendance – students and Society members. Also in the spring, Ruth Prato and William Kolski went into local middle and high schools promoting the accounting profession.

The student organizations are the best way for the Society to stay connected with the universities. The organizations have regular meetings for which they are always looking for speakers. This is an opportunity for Society members to share with the students their path to accounting, why they love what they do and why it is so important to give back to the profession. The meetings are usually short so they do not require a great deal of time but what a great way to get to know our future!

Submitted by:

Amy Cooper

Date:

May 24, 2013

Taxation Committee - Report for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2013

The taxation committee consisted of John Rodgers, Chair and Board Liaison, Irina Morozova, Katie Carney, Lance Bodeen, and Phaedra Connell as members.

The stated objectives of the tax committee are:

- To assist members in maintaining and expanding their professional competencies
- To maintain liaison with Alaska members of congress, the Alaska legislature, the Internal Revenue Service, appropriate state and local taxing authorities and the AICPA Federal Taxation Division
- o To work for needed reforms in tax legislation, and
- o To review existing and proposed legislation and regulations, initiating action as required.

The taxation committee has an ongoing responsibility to monitor proposed tax legislation in the state legislature and stand ready to suggest improvements in design and implementation should the legislature consider changes to the corporate tax system or adoption of any new tax measure, such as an income tax or sales tax.

#### Summary of Activities:

- 1. Current year activities:
  - a. The Legislator's Tax Guide was updated for 2012 by John Rodgers and Irina Morozova. The guide was provided to the Legislature with help of Linda Plimpton.
  - b. The IRS/CPA Liaison Subcommittee met with the IRS twice this year and provided a report in the Society newsletter. Chairperson Therese Sharp, along with other members, solicited feedback from the Society membership about questions, concerns or issues they wanted the IRS/CPA Liaison Subcommittee to discuss with IRS representatives. The committee appreciates the input of the Society members who contributed their feedback. Due to IRS budget constraints, the most recent meeting was held electronically using video streaming and a group teleconference call. This worked quite well and will be used for future meetings. The next meeting will is tentatively scheduled for November 2013 and is expected to be conducted via video streaming. Please use this as a reminder to call a committee member if you have a problem that is frustrating, unusual or which you think may be systemic in nature so the committee can address it during their IRS/CPA Liaison meetings. Thank you again to Therese for her continued efforts in running this committee and meetings.
  - c. Alaska was represented at the AICPA Tax Conference in Washington DC meeting by John Rodgers, Therese Sharp, Kevin Walsh, and Mike Kelliher. IRS National Taxpayer Advocate Nina Olsen and IRS Commissioner Doug Schulman gave reports on various topics (see ASCPA Newsletter article December 2012). Upon checking out of the hotel an "Anime" convention was checking in....WOW!

d. The Anchorage Tax Committee Roundtable met frequently throughout the year to discuss items of mutual interest. Thank you to Joan Henry for taking the lead in organizing these meetings.

# 2. Activities planned for the next year:

- a. The Legislator's Tax Guide will be updated as usual.
- b. As mentioned above, the IRS/CPA Liaison Committee will meet with IRS this fall. Please forward your questions or problems to a committee member soon!
- c. The Tax Committee Roundtable brown bag lunch meetings will continue to be held at the Society office in Anchorage every other Tuesday. If you would like to be involved in organizing these or participating, please contact Linda Plimpton or Joan Henry.
- d. The Committee will continue to monitor tax related legislation introduced in the Alaska legislature. The AICPA is working on getting new legislations passed to better define the definition of Attest. More information will come as this develops.

As a result of our recent Capitol Hill visits in DC, my goal is to engage our Washington DC State Representatives in increased communication regarding emerging tax issues we continue to face, as I am sure we will be seeing a more of them in the near future.

Best regards,

John Rodgers, Chair