

President's Fall Newsletter

Last year Lil started sending out a President's letter instead of having an ATA newsletter. I told her I would try to continue that tradition this year. I don't know about you guys but it seems like I just got back from the AAA meeting in San Francisco and now it's December. This is supposed to be the Fall newsletter and since winter doesn't officially start until December 21st I guess I am okay.

There are a few things I would like to cover in this letter. First another thank you to David Hulse and his Annual Program committee from last year. I thought the ATA meetings and luncheon went very well. Information and pictures from the AAA meeting are on the web. That leads me to two other thank yous. Garth Novack has been great at getting things on the web and I know that is a lot of work with little benefit to him. Also a big thank you to a member's husband, Ken Porter, for helping get the pictures formatted so that they could go up on the web. Ken formatted the pictures from the ATA Mid-Year meeting in Denver and also the annual meeting. So Sue please let Ken know that we all appreciate his work.

I am really excited about the upcoming Mid-Year meeting. Remember that it is later than usual. The meeting will be in Washington, DC on March 4th and 5th. Sandy Callaghan and her committee have a great program lined up for us. Washington is a great city to have a tax conference and we are going to take advantage of the guest speakers we can get. Some of the speakers they have already lined up are Nina Olsen, Mark Weinberger and Chris Bergin. Nina Olsen spoke the last and only time we have had the Mid-Year meeting in Washington and she was great. I am looking forward to hearing what the Washington experts have to say about future tax laws. The committee has made a few changes to the meeting format this year. First, because we want to have a good turnout and most of our members will want to hear what the Washington insiders have to say we will have more combined sessions than in the past. Also because it is much easier to get speakers on Friday than Saturday we are changing the lineup of sessions somewhat. Sandy will have the registration information to the AAA by the middle of this month. You will receive an email telling you that registration is open. Please register as early as you can. As a reminder there will be a \$75 late fee for those that don't meet the registration deadline.

I also hope that all of you at Ph.D granting schools get the application for your doctoral students in for the Doctoral Consortium. LeAnn Luna and Raquel Alexander are chairs of the Consortium and I am sure it will be a great success.

Before Thanksgiving you should have received an email from Shelley Rhoades-Catanach about nominations for officers and Trustees. Please take the time to think about possible nominees

and get that information to Shelley. Our organization is only as strong as the leadership so it is important that we get a good list of names in which to select the next slate of officers. The deadline for nominations is February 14, 2011.

In addition to the nominations for officers and trustees please submit nominations for the following awards. Note the name and address to send the nominations for each award. Also take note that the submission deadline is not the same for all of the awards. Information about the awards and the guidelines for submissions for each award can be found on the ATA website.

Sommerfeld and Service Awards - submissions due January 31, 2011. Submit names and information for both the Sommerfeld and the ATA Outstanding Service Award to Tom Omer. Tom's contact information is:

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Deloitte Teaching Innovation Award – submissions due January 15, 2011. Submit your applications and teaching materials for the Teaching Innovation Award to Bob Gardner. Nominations should be submitted electronically to Bob at gardner@byu.edu.

ATA / PwC Outstanding Dissertation Award – submission due February 4, 2011. Submit your application for the ATA Dissertation Award electronically to Terry Shevlin at shevlin@uw.edu.

There is one last thing that I did want to mention in this letter. Many of you attended the E&Y Tax Professors Colloquium in October. One of the attendees many of you may have met was Sue Ann Marcum from American University. For those not familiar with the name this is the lady who used to work for Barnum and Bailey Circus. Unfortunately, the Monday after the

meeting she was killed in a home invasion at her home in Maryland. She was not a member of the ATA but I wanted to let you know of her untimely death. If you know any of her colleagues at American University you may want to express your sympathies.

In closing I hope all of you have had a rewarding semester this fall. I also send my wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season to all of you.

I hope to see you in Washington, DC in March!

Hughlene