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Letter from the President

Greetings Colleagues: Another hectic academic year has begun and I trust that your fall so far has been exciting and productive. Since this is my first newsletter, I'd like to start by thanking the membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as president. My objective is to keep our association on an upward trajectory and to continue to encourage the extraordinary collegiality that we've all come to enjoy in our academy. Also, please forgive me when I forget a name or misremember. Over time I've come to rely more and more on my colleagues to keep me in line, so please feel free to contact me anytime with reminders, suggestions, or concerns.

Here's what is coming up in the ATA. The midyear meeting committee (chaired by Kim Key) is busy finalizing the 2016 meeting which will be held on February 26 and 27 in Orlando. I call your attention to the **November 2nd deadline** for submissions to the new faculty/doctoral research and working papers. In addition, submissions to the *JATA* and *JLTR* Conference also have **November 2nd deadlines** and the same deadline applies to proposals to the 2nd Teaching and Curriculum Conference. By now, you should have received in your email reminders of these deadlines as well as requests for officer and award nominations. I know you will take these reminders and requests seriously – our academy thrives because of the care and attention the members pay to each other.

The midyear meeting has always been one of our most effective mechanisms for encouraging and facilitating the production and dissemination of new accounting and tax knowledge. However, organizing the meeting is a substantial undertaking. Kim and her committee deserve our thanks for investing their time and energy on our behalf. In addition to organizing the multitude of activities surrounding the meeting, the committee must also coordinate our activities with AAA staff. To reduce the effort required, I have organized a task force and asked them to consider ways that we might streamline the organization of the midyear meeting. I hope that the task force will be able to present some suggestions to the trustees at the 2016 annual meeting.

Meanwhile, please join me in thanking all of our volunteers for all that they do on our behalf. I'm looking forward to seeing you in Orlando.

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Mid-Year Meeting Submissions

Deadline: November 2, 2015

The 28th annual American Taxation Association (ATA) Midyear Meeting will be held in Orlando, FL on February 26-27, 2016. We invite submissions to the following sessions:

JATA Conference
JLTR Conference
New Faculty/Doctoral Research Session
Working Papers Session
Teaching Sessions
Teaching and Curriculum Conference

More details about each session along with specific submission requirements are available online, [click here](#).

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista for \$189 a night. Please make your reservation by January 25, 2016 to take advantage of this special room rate

KPMG/ATA Doctoral Consortium

Deadline: November 13, 2015

The **KPMG/ATA Doctoral Consortium** will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2016, before the ATA Midyear meeting. KPMG and the ATA will provide lodging for both Wednesday, February 24 and Thursday, February 25, and all Consortium meals on Thursday. Students who have already attended the consortium twice will be asked to pay \$150 to cover meal costs. The full program will be posted when it becomes available.

Students interested in attending should send the completed application form as directed on the form. The deadline for the Doctoral Consortium is Friday, **November 13, 2015**. Applicants will be notified of acceptance to the consortium by Friday December 4, 2015. Students wishing to attend the ATA Midyear Meeting must separately register for the Midyear Meeting and the Consortium.

Additionally, some funding will be available to cover travel costs, including travel support from E&Y and the ATA Memorial Fund in honor of Chris Bauman, Marty Escoffier, and Jack Kramer. Students receiving official invitations to the Consortium who wish to apply for travel funding are invited to apply for E&Y travel grants by **January 8, 2016**, and applicants will be notified by February 5, 2016.

Questions can be directed to Jake Thornock at thornocj@uw.edu.

Nominations for ATA Leaders

Deadline: February 2, 2016

The ATA Nominations Committee is seeking nominations for the following leadership positions for the 2016-2017 academic year:

1. President-Elect
2. Vice President-Elect
3. Vice President of Finance-Elect
4. Secretary
5. Four Trustees (two-year terms)
6. Two Publications Committee members (two-year terms)

Details of the roles and responsibilities of these positions can be found in the ATA Operations Manual on the [ATA Website](#). Those elected to these positions will influence the activities of the ATA for several years to come; please take the time to nominate a colleague you believe might best lead, and serve, the organization. Self-nominations are welcome.

Nominations should be sent to Andy Cuccia at Cuccia@ou.edu.

Any support you might provide for your nominations, although not required, would be helpful. For more information, see <http://www2.aaahq.org/ata/index.cfm>

Nominations for JATA Editor

Deadline: December 15, 2015

The ATA Publications Committee is seeking nominations for editor-elect of the Journal of the American Taxation Association. The editor serves a three-year term, which may be extended by re-appointment for up to an additional three years. The editor-elect position begins August 2016 and the editorship begins August 2017.

Details regarding this position (roles and responsibilities) can be found in Part IV of the ATA Handbook of the Publications Committee of the ATA Operations Manual on the [ATA Website](#). The complete ATA Operations Manual is also accessible from the website.

Please send nominations to Ben Ayers at busdean@uga.edu

For more information, see <http://www2.aaahq.org/ata/index.cfm>

Nominations/Submission for Awards

ATA/Deloitte Teaching Innovation Award

Deadline: January 15, 2016

The American Taxation Association in cooperation with Deloitte presents an annual Teaching Innovation Award at the annual ATA luncheon. The award recipient receives a plaque and a \$5,000 award. Submissions will be accepted for innovations in tax courses. The course may be an elective or required course and should be offered in an undergraduate or graduate business curriculum. The primary objective of the award is to encourage creativity and experimentation with new and unusual ideas. More information is available at:

http://www2.aaahq.org/ata/calls/award_nominations/award_nominations.cfm#ATADeloitteTeachingInnovation.

Submissions must be received electronically on or before **January 15, 2016**. Please send submissions to Janet Meade at jmeade@uh.edu

ATA/PwC Outstanding Dissertation Award

Deadline: February 1, 2016

The American Taxation Association in cooperation with PricewaterhouseCoopers presents an annual award for the Outstanding Tax Dissertation. The award recipient receives a plaque and a \$5,000 award at the annual ATA luncheon.

To be eligible, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Qualified candidates must submit a “working paper” from their dissertation that does not exceed 40 pages (including ALL tables, graphs, charts, appendices, and bibliography).
- Qualified candidates must complete their dissertation during the 2015 calendar year.
- Qualified candidates must be ATA members.
- The chairperson of the candidate's dissertation committee must write a letter to accompany the submission that certifies that the candidate has met all of the requirements for submission.

Submission procedure:

Candidates must email their submissions to the Chair of the award committee, Stephanie Sikes, at ssikes@wharton.upenn.edu on or before **February 1, 2016**.

ATA Tax Manuscript Award

Deadline: January 15, 2016

The American Taxation Association (ATA) presents an annual award for a significant contribution to the tax literature. The award is given for research published during the three calendar years prior to the announcement year. All areas of tax research and all topics and methodologies are eligible for consideration. In addition, the published article, chapter, or book must meet the selection criteria.

Selection criteria

1. Tax issues should be of major, rather than incidental, importance to the manuscript. The tax issues can be based on policy or planning factors or can be analytical or descriptive in nature, but tax issues should constitute the major focus of the research.
2. The article, chapter, or book as a whole should make a significant contribution to the discipline in topic or methodology (or both). The overall validity and usefulness of the results will be considered.
3. At least one author must be a current ATA member.
4. All manuscripts published during the three calendar years prior to the ATA luncheon are eligible for the award, with these exceptions:
 - The manuscript cannot be research that formed the basis for a dissertation receiving the ATA Dissertation Award.
 - A manuscript that is an extension of the original dissertation research and, as such, is an independent manuscript is eligible for the award.
 - The manuscript cannot have previously won the ATA Tax Manuscript Award.
 - The manuscript cannot be authored or co-authored by a current member of the Manuscript Award Committee. While a manuscript authored or co-authored by a current committee member is eligible for nomination, such member must resign from the committee to have the paper considered for the award.

Nomination procedure:

Nominations for manuscripts, books, and chapters of books published during the 2013-2015 period will be accepted through January 15, 2016.

The American Taxation Association in cooperation with PricewaterhouseCoopers presents an annual award for the Outstanding Tax Dissertation. The award recipient receives a plaque and a \$5,000 award at the annual ATA luncheon.

Nominations should be sent or emailed to Bryan Cloyd at: cbc215@lehigh.edu

2015 Ray M. Sommerfeld Outstanding Tax Educator Award

Deadline: January 29, 2016

The American Taxation Association, in cooperation with the Ernst & Young Foundation, presents the Outstanding Tax Educator Award. The Award's purpose is to recognize, honor and reward outstanding contributions by a faculty member teaching taxation at a recognized academic institution. The award is named after Professor Ray M. Sommerfeld, the first recipient of the award, who earned a reputation as a pioneer of tax education and provided a lifetime of service to students, colleagues, and the profession of taxation.

Criteria for Selecting Recipient

The selection criteria are intentionally broad to allow the Awards Committee to consider the relevant contributions by the nominees in determining a worthy recipient. The types of contributions considered as worthy of the award include, but are not limited to:

- Curriculum or program development (including related research and/or superior teaching)
- Participation in student activities
- Service to an academic institution
- Participation in professional activities, and
- Activities furthering taxation as an academic field of study and research.

Eligible individuals should be currently active in their profession. However, in rare instances an individual who has retired from active service as an academician may be considered for the award. In the absence of qualified nominees for the award, the Awards Committee may choose not to present the award during a particular year.

Nomination procedure

There is no standard nomination package. Nominators should state why their candidate should receive the award and submit appropriate documentation supporting their nomination, such as complete resumes and letters of recommendations from students, colleagues, and/or practitioners. Questions about the content of the package should be addressed to the Committee Chair at the address below.

Nominations will be accepted through January 29, 2016.

Nominations should be emailed to John Barrick at: barrick@byu.edu

2015 ATA Outstanding Service Award

Deadline: January 29, 2016

The purpose of the American Taxation Association's Outstanding Service Award is to recognize an ATA member who has provided outstanding service to the ATA for an extended period of time. To be eligible, one must have been an ATA member for at least 10 years when nominated. The person must have a record of distinguished service as an ATA committee member and served as a chair of at least one ATA committee. The nominee typically will have served as an officer or trustee, but such service is not required to be a recipient of this award.

The following information will be helpful to the Awards Committee when evaluating a nominee:

- Evaluations of the nominee's committee service by chairpersons of committees on which the nominee has served. The evaluations may be solicited if necessary.
- Evaluations provided by ATA members who have served on at least one ATA committee chaired by the nominee. The evaluations may be solicited if necessary.
- Other information that the nominator feels will help in evaluating the nominee's ATA service such as a resume or vita.

The Committee will secure the nominee's ATA service record.

Nomination procedure

The nomination must be made by an ATA member. There is no standard nomination form. The written nomination should include a statement of support and any relevant documentation as to why the nominee deserves the award.

Nominations will be accepted through January 29, 2016. Nominations should be emailed to John Barrick at: barrick@byu.edu

More information about all ATA awards is available on the ATA website at: http://www2.aaahq.org/ata/calls/award_nominations/award_nominations.cfm