



I am honored to serve as the President of Government and Nonprofit (GNP) section of the American Accounting Association (AAA). My first contact with the section occurred in 1996, when I received a doctoral student research grant, which started my healthcare research career. This work could not have proceeded without the encouragement from people that I met in this section. I value the connections that I made over the years, the friendships that developed, and the very collegial support from the GNP 'family' that we all enjoy.

I would like to highlight some significant events that are on the horizon for the upcoming year. The AAA called on all sections to modify/update bylaws for consistency and comparability. These modifications are due by December 1, 2017, to be reviewed by a AAA Bylaws Review Task force that will submit comments to the section. More information about bylaw updates will follow.

We had awards and honors for GNP section members at the annual meeting. Congratulations to Marc Rubin, Michael Granof, and Dana Forgione for outstanding work in admirably representing our section!

We made significant strides in the past few years with the dedicated work of our members. Please use the website to find information about research and our section journal, *Journal of Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting*, teaching materials, newsletter, and our upcoming mid-year meeting in March 2018.

Reach out to our officers and committee chairs. More specific information follows about each committee. We are very collaborative, and welcoming!

With respect to membership, our doctoral student membership continues to climb. Nancy Feng, (cnfeng@suffolk.edu) has ideas to use technology to better link GNP section members' together. Contact her with your ideas. Speaking of doctoral students, Erica Harris, (Erica.harris@villanova.edu) our Doctoral Student Liaison, organized a mentor session and luncheon at the Annual Meeting between long-time GNP faculty members and doctoral students/new faculty members. We hope to continue these events with even more participation next year. We are also interested in reaching out to GNP practitioners, and welcome participation in our section, in a variety of ways. If interested, please send an email to me (jervisk@uri.edu).

Brian McAllister (bmcallis@uccs.edu) our Education committee chair is working on ideas for future speakers and programs. We are working to better disseminate teaching materials, and perhaps a panel session for the mid-year meeting, with a possibility for a teaching award in future. Please contact Brian about future ideas for the mid-year meeting or website.

Dara Marshall (dara.marshall@tamuct.edu) chairs our Accounting & Auditing Standards committee. The working committee includes several GNP members who responded in comment letters to the GASB's proposal for a new Financial Reporting model, and to the U.S. GAO's proposed changes to Government Auditing Standards. Please contact Dara if you would like to join these dedicated committee members.

Please contact International committee chair, Denise Juvenal (rio1042370@terra.com.br), with ideas for ways to grow our section internationally, or provide updates about international events.

Karen Kitching (kkitchin@gmu.edu), newsletter and Kevin Rich (kevin.rich@marquette.edu), webmaster are excellent in managing our communications.

Linda Parsons (lparkers@culverhouse.ua.edu) is our new Council Representative taking over after outstanding representation by Thomas Vermeer.

Our section regional coordinators contributed to maintaining our exposure in the regions. Our coordinators are listed in the website if you would like to reach out for information about GNP activities in your region.

I look forward to seeing you at our mid-year meeting on March 9-10, 2018 in Providence, RI, a vibrant location for a GNP meeting. We so appreciate the continuing support of Mandy Nelson, V-P for Practice and KPMG, LLP.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments or ideas. I am excited about working with you this year.

Best,

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