

I am honored to serve as the 2016-17 President of the Government and Nonprofit (GNP) Section of the American Accounting Association (AAA). Serving as your President is a tremendous honor for me. I have looked forward to this role for a number of years. Membership and participation in the GNP section has been a fulfilling experience. Volunteering for the section and the support I have received in my research activities has had a pivotal role in my academic career. The friendships I have developed over the years with many of you is a very special part of my academic and personal life. This year I want to continue the great work we have done over the years and expand the opportunities for our growing membership to participate in the volunteer activities of the section. I encourage all members to help us build this website into a valuable new convenient portal for members and a place where the public can learn about our activities.

- We have a good relationship with the standard-setters, providing a sustained input to the due process, will allow us to play an increased role in accountability and/or fiscal responsibility by governments and nonprofits. If you are interested in being a member of the Accounting and Auditing Standards Committee, contact Dara Marshall ([marshadm@miamioh.edu](mailto:marshadm@miamioh.edu)).
- We have a growing number of doctoral students joining the section and participating in the meetings. These students and soon to be assistant professors represent the future of the section and discipline. If you willing to act as a doctoral program liaison (student or professor) and/or mentor a doctoral student contact Erica Harris ([erica.harris@villanova.edu](mailto:erica.harris@villanova.edu)), Chair of the Doctoral Program Liaison Committee.
- As well as conducting research in governmental and nonprofit many of us teach classes to undergraduate and/or graduate students. Some of you have shared your teaching ideas and approaches during our morning CPE session at the annual meeting. If you teach the class, have ideas for education of students and the public at large, or you can help us promote careers in in governmental and nonprofit accounting to students, please contact Brian McAllister ([bmcallis@uccs.edu](mailto:bmcallis@uccs.edu)), Chair of the Education Committee.
- Anyone who has hosted a website knows that setting one up is the easier part. We need volunteers to fill the site with information about us and our discipline. If you are willing to help make the GNP website a tool for organization and communication, please contact Kevin Rich ([kevin.rich@marquette.edu](mailto:kevin.rich@marquette.edu)), Chair of the Information Technology Committee.
- The American Accounting Association is an international organization with a significant and rapidly growing proportion of members from outside the United States. If you are an international member or want to help the section expand our international membership and activities, contact Denise Juvenal ([rio1042370@terra.com.br](mailto:rio1042370@terra.com.br)), Chair of the International Committee.
- Our membership increased this past year, but we need to retain as well as recruit new members. The GNP section must meet the changes needs of our members. What are the

new needs of our members? If you are interested in recruiting new members or a an existing member wanting to inform the new member needs, please contact Nancy Feng ([cnfeng@suffolk.edu](mailto:cnfeng@suffolk.edu)).

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