

**External Relations Committee
Final Report 2007-08**

Charges

1. Identify, develop, and publicize in the ATA Newsletter and on the ATA website opportunities for faculty internships with the AICPA, IRS, accounting firms, and other organizations.

Action: Contacted national offices of the Big 4 accounting firms and IRS about faculty internships and was informed that most internships are ad hoc decisions made by the local offices. KPMG responded with information about its KPMG Professor Residency program and this information is available on the ATA website at: <http://aaahq.org/ata/public-interest/announcements/kpmg-resident-prof/kpmg-resident-prof.htm>

2. Explore opportunities for ATA members to work with IRS, Treasury, AICPA, ABA, public accounting firms and other groups in (1) developing joint research topics, and (2) serving on committees, task forces and other working groups.

Action: No direct action other than as explained with respect to Charge 1, above.

3. Work with the Tax Policy Oversight Committee in identifying and recommending ATA members to serve on AICPA Technical Resource panels, committees and task forces.

Action: Contacted Roby Sawyers, Chair of the Tax Policy Oversight Committee, and worked with his committee. Forwarded the names of two ATA members to the AICPA for consideration.

4. Explore ways that tax professionals can become more involved with the ATA.

Action: No direct action.

5. Work with the Pro Bono Task Force to disseminate information on how these programs are being conducted at various universities throughout the country. Engage the AICPA and IRS to gain financial and legislative support for pro-bono tax services conducted by ATA members.

Action: Suggested to President-Elect Shelley Rhoades-Catanach that this charge be eliminated as the Pro Bono Task Force no longer exists.

6. Consider trying to offer sessions at various regional meetings (where there is an interest).

Action: Invited Stanley Oshinsky and Michael Hahn of the IRS to sponsor a booth at the Mid-Year meeting. Notified Tim Rupert, Chair of the Midyear Meeting Committee, of the invitation and received assistance from him. Ultimately, the IRS decided not to participate in the Mid-Year meeting.

7. Consider how the efforts of this committee can provide an even greater increase the public persona of the ATA.

Action: No direct action.

Committee Members

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