

ATA Tax Manuscript Award Committee Report - 2008/2009

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Charges

- 1 Review the solicitation and selection guidelines for the ATA Tax Manuscript Award. Provide ATA Trustees and Officers with a document outlining the process suitable for display on the ATA website
- 2 Solicit nominations of published research by ATA members by placing a notice in the Fall 2008 ATA Newsletter and on the ATA web page. At least one author co-author must be an ATA member.
- 3 Select the winner(s). Notify the ATA President as well as the Dean and Department Chair at the recipients' institution(s). Inform the ATA webmaster so that timely posting of the winner is made.
- 4 The committee chair will arrange for the plaque(s) and presentation(s) at the ATA luncheon at the 2009 AAA Annual Meeting, in coordination with the Annual Meeting Program Chair.
- 5 Obtain from the prior year's committee chair their updated spreadsheet of published tax articles considered for this award. Update this spreadsheet for new publications and pass on to next year's committee.

2008-2009 Report:

The Tax Manuscript Award Committee did an excellent job this year. We completed each of our charges (except the actual presentation and notifications) and have made the final selection for the 2009 award. This year's award will be given to David Guenther and Richard Sansing for "*Fundamentals of Shareholder Tax Capitalization*." This paper received wide-spread support among the committee members.

In completing our charges, we have written a summary of the procedures used for the selection and have updated the spreadsheet of published tax articles that we considered for the award. I attach both of these documents to provide additional details.

There are just a couple of items to note.

- 1) We did not post a notice in the Fall 2008 Newsletter because it had been discontinued. We did however post the notice on the website and send out an email to all ATA members to request nominations for the award. We received only 1 nomination from the public.
- 2) There was some uncertainty about whether committee members could self-nominate their papers for the award. Based upon prior discussions on this very issue, we determined that the committee members could not self-nominate but that other committee members could nominate papers by other committee members. If this were to occur, the committee member with the nominated paper would recuse him/herself from the committee. The selection procedure document provides more details.

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