

**External Relations Committee
Final Report 2008-09**

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: Publication of the ATA Newsletter has been suspended. Information about the KPMG Professor Residency program was updated on June 16, 2009 and it is available on the ATA website at:

http://aaahq.org/ATA/sponsors/KPMG/kpmg-resident-prof/KPMG%20PRP_Brochure_v2.pdf

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: Submitted recommendations to the Tax Policy Oversight Committee about increasing the ATA's visibility with Congress, Treasury, and the IRS. Also provided suggestions to the Teaching Resources Committee regarding dissemination of tax education research.

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: Worked with the Tax Policy Oversight Committee, but no names were forwarded from this committee to the AICPA for consideration. Responded to the Tax Policy Oversight Committee's desire to increase the ATA's visibility with Congress, Treasury, and the IRS with suggestions regarding marketing of the ATA's activities and members' research.

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

Action: Worked with the Teaching Resources Committee in developing suggestions for expanding ATA activities to include tax professionals and others.

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