



ABO Members:

Hello! It is an honor to serve the ABO section as president for 2017-2018.

I would like to offer my sincere appreciation to all of the current and former ABO officers and section volunteers who spend countless hours to organize conferences and doctoral consortia, review papers, provide discussant feedback, and serve on committees. The ABO section is truly an amazingly collegial group of individuals who actively support each other in the pursuit of behavioral accounting research.

We had an excellent research conference and doctoral consortium last October in Pittsburgh, which had a record high attendance. Robin Radtke did an admirable job as conference chair in handling a record number of paper submissions - a 67% increase over the previous year! Kerry Humphreys organized an informative and exciting program for the 56 doctoral student attendees – also a record high attendance. On a somber note, the section paid tribute to Bryan Church at Friday's reception. He personally contributed to the lives and careers of many students and colleagues. He is greatly missed.

The 2018 ABO Conference will be held October 11-13 in Phoenix, AZ. Fengchun Tang will take the lead in organizing the program, and the doctoral consortium is in the capable hands of Linda Chang. Further, Bernhard Reichert and Marietta Peytcheva are actively working on the paper submissions and program for the ABO sessions of the 2018 AAA Annual Meeting that will be held in National Harbor, MD.

We are pleased to have Steve Salterio as the Editor of Behavioral Research in Accounting (BRIA), the premier journal dedicated to behavioral accounting research. Steve has implemented a variety of initiatives designed to promote the journal and encourage cutting-edge, high-quality research. For example, the Editorial Team at BRIA recently issued a call for research that discusses and/or illustrates advances in behavioral methods, methodologies, and theories. As work published in BRIA addresses all substantive areas of accounting, we at ABO believe that BRIA has the potential to inform researchers in all AAA sections. Therefore, BRIA is now freely accessible online to all AAA members.

It promises to be an exciting and fruitful year for ABO! I look forward to seeing you all in Phoenix next October!

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2017-2018 ABO President