As I write this letter, the ATA Midyear Meeting is less than three weeks away and promises to be both fun and beneficial. The meeting will begin on Friday with concurrent sessions; the JATA research conference with its theme of Multi-Jurisdictional Tax Issues and a KPMG presentation on the implications of the 1997 Tax Act. Saturday continues with numerous sessions that will benefit both our research and teaching skills. Our luncheon speaker, Joe Reinkemeier, will talk about FASB No. 109 and the tax and financial accounting challenges it entails.

The Graduate Tax Committee has prepared a session about assessing both curriculums and students which promises to be insightful, and the Multi-State Tax Committee is coordinating a session that deals with the research and teaching opportunities in this area of tax which is such a growing part of tax practice. For the first time, the New Faculty Concerns Committee is arranging a breakfast for the new faculty at the Midyear meeting so that they can begin to get to know each other. Fran Ayres, the ATA vice president, has done a magnificent job of planning and coordinating this entire meeting. ATA owes her a tremendous thank you.

Dan Murphy, the ATA’s vice president-elect has already started planning the 1999 Midyear Meeting. Based on the ATA members’ preferences, the 1999 Midyear meeting will take place in San Francisco at the Hyatt on Fisherman’s Wharf February 19-20, 1999. Other ATA committees are also making real strides. You have received a copy of the survey prepared by the Strategic Planning Committee to find out what you, the ATA members, want this organization to be doing as we emerge into the next millennium. That committee is compiling the survey results and will use those results to suggest changes and new initiatives for our organization.

The Teaching Resources Committee has a first draft of a proposal for an ATA monograph on the subject of teaching tax. Many of you have submitted ideas for chapters in the monograph and progress is being made toward bringing that proposal to the trustees. Ellen Cook and the regional ATA planning committees have put a great deal of effort into the ATA sessions at regional meetings. Two programs developed with the assistance of the ATA promise to be especially interesting. The ATA is coordinating a CPE session for the Southwest Region—“Millennium Magic: Leverage your Research Productivity and Teaching Effectiveness with Technology,” and a panel for the Northeast Region on education subsidies in the Internal Revenue Code. Our policy subcommittees have stayed busy this year commenting on legislation and regulations.

Plans for our annual meeting are now well underway. The annual program committee reports that 46 tax papers were submitted for consideration to be part of the AAA program.

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The annual form requesting information on your interest in ATA committees is included on pages 5-6 of this newsletter. Committees are the backbone of the ATA. They are where the work of the organization gets done. Your participation in these committees is important, so please think through where you would be most interested in serving. If you have not already filled out another version of this form, please fill this one out immediately. I will get the committee assignments out as soon as possible.

Dick Weber
ATA president-elect
NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The deadlines for submitting information to the ATA Newsletter are as follows: Summer 1998 Issue—April 15, 1998 and Fall 1998 Issue—August 24, 1998. Please send information to:
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Faculty announcements submitted to the ATA Newsletter are published in the Fall, Spring and Summer issues. The announcements are selected on a PIFO and space available basis. Please send both a hard copy of your announcement as well as your announcement on a disk to the above address. Alternatively, submissions may be emailed to greensbr@shu.edu.

CALL FOR PAPERS

1999 Journal of the American Taxation Association Conference

The fifth Journal of the American Taxation Association Conference will be held in conjunction with the Association’s Midyear Meeting in February 1999. Unlike the prior four conferences, the fifth conference is not restricted to a particular tax topic. However, tax has to be a major focus of the paper. Examination of past issues of JATA will provide information about the types of tax topics JATA publishes. Additionally, see the Editorial Policy statement that can be found at the back of any recent issue of JATA. All research methodologies will be considered (including analytical, archival, behavioral and experimental).

Papers selected for presentation at the Conference will be published in a supplemental issue of the Journal of the American Taxation Association. Papers not accepted for the conference will be considered for publication in the Journal through the normal review process at the option of the author(s).

Papers should be sent to:
Professor Terry Shevin
Editor, JATA
Department of Accounting
University of Washington
Box 353200
Seattle, WA 98195-3200

Four copies conforming to JATA’s published preparation and style guidelines should be submitted along with the submission fee of $25. Please indicate in the submission letter that the paper is submitted for the Conference. To be considered, papers must be received no later than October 1, 1998.

Please share this announcement with any of your colleagues who may be interested.
GET CONNECTED

Visit the ATA Teaching Consultants Program on the web at:
http://omer.actg.uic.edu:8001/tcp/atatcp.html#BasicAM

The ATA Teaching Consultants Program provides a variety of assistance
to tax accounting educators. Volunteers to this program offer to:

- Share syllabi, exams, case studies and other pedagogical materials
- Answer technical questions
- Consult on text and supplements
- Help with electronic tax research

Course assistance includes:

- Undergraduate Tax—First Course
- Undergraduate Tax—Advanced Course
- Basic Undergraduate Introductory Tax—Accounting Majors
- Basic Undergraduate Tax—Non-Accounting Majors
- Scholes & Wolfson
- Corporate Tax
- Estate and Gift Taxation
- Family Tax Planning
- International Tax
- Partnerships and S Corporations
- Personal Financial Planning
- Taxation for Business Entities
- Tax Research

ARTHUR ANDERSEN SETS THE STAGE
FOR SEVENTH ANNUAL
TAX CHALLENGE™ COMPETITION

Nine colleges and universities from across the country will play host to the
Seventh Annual Arthur Andersen Tax Challenge™ Regional Competition on
Oct. 23-24. Tax Challenge™ is the country’s only annual, nationwide collegiate
tax competition, offering the opportunity of a lifetime to tax, accounting and
business students.

Designed to stimulate interest in the field of taxation, Tax Challenge™ fea-
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These finalist teams will compete for scholarship awards provided by the
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The top ten regional competition teams in each division who do not qualify
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For more information on the Arthur Andersen Tax Challenge™, visit the
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SCHEDULE
1998 AAA ANNUAL
AND REGIONAL MEETINGS

Annual Meeting
August 16-19
New Orleans, Louisiana

Executive Committee Meeting
March 20 and 22
Atlanta, Georgia

Council Meeting
March 21
Atlanta, Georgia

1998 Regional Meetings

Mid-Atlantic
March 26-28
Parsippany, New Jersey

Midwest
April 2-4,
St. Louis, Missouri

Northeast
April 23-25
Manchester, New Hampshire

Ohio
March 13-14
Columbus, Ohio

Southeast
April 16-18
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Southwest
March 4-7
Dallas, Texas

Western
April 30-May 2
Seattle, Washington

President’s Message
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With that many papers to choose from, the tax sessions for that meet-
ing should be great.

The ATA continues to make ef-
forts to grow by serving the needs of
all its members. Please fill out the
1998-1999 Committee Appointment
Request form included in this news-
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with your organization. If you
haven’t visited our web page re-
cently, you will enjoy seeing the
new features. The working paper ex-
change is now part of our web site.
You can find our page at http://
omer.actg.uic.edu:8001/ata.html.

If you have suggestions about
our organization, please share them
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1998-99 Committee Appointment Request

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1. Do you expect to attend AAA Annual Meeting in New Orleans? Yes ___ No ___

I hope that most committee members can attend the national meeting and a committee meeting there; attendance is not, however, a prerequisite for appointment to a committee.

2. Do you expect to attend ATA Midyear Meeting in San Francisco? Yes ___ No ___

3. Please list any ATA committees on which you have served in the last five years.

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4. What AAA Region are you in?

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5. Which AAA regional meetings do you expect to attend in 1999?

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6. Your suggestions for ATA activities, committees and/or priorities:

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Committee Appointment Request form
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7. For each of the committees listed below, indicate your degree of interest in serving by using the key. Leave a blank space for those committees on which you have no interest in serving.


   Also, for those committees that you indicated a "1" (strongly interested) or a "2" (interested), please rank your preferences ("1" equal highest) in the blank provided.

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