

To ATA Members and Visitors,

The American Taxation Association (ATA) is home to a broad group of members with interests in tax research, policy, practice, and education. We are in a time of transition that includes the ongoing pandemic; both AAA's and ATA's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives; and the CPA Evolution. I thank our members Kirsten Cook, Diana Falsetta, and Annette Nellen for their service in these endeavors. I also thank Tim Rupert for his service as AAA Director focusing on Segments.



Our last mid-year meeting was virtual and could not have happened without our excellent ATA leadership. Thank you to Jeri Seidman, Mollie Adams, Bridget Stromberg, and their respective committees for their flexibility and tenacity in organizing their portions of the conference. In August, we persevered through another virtual Annual Meeting. The ATA had a great set of sessions thanks to the efforts of Program Chair Katherine Drake and Vice-Chair Steven Savoy. These virtual experiences supported the Long-Range Planning committee's (chair Anne Christensen) generation of additional virtual meeting concepts.

On behalf of the ATA members, many thanks to George Plesko who led and managed last year's successes as we continued to adapt to uncertainties. I want to personally thank George for his institutional knowledge and guidance as I begin my Presidency.

I look forward to the coming year and an informative Mid-Year Meeting that is scheduled to be in St. Louis on February 11-12, 2022. Thank you to ATA Vice-President Brad Lindsey and the entire Mid-Year Meeting committee as they plan something for everyone. February 10th is the Teaching & Curriculum Conference (committee chair Troy Lewis) and the ATA/KPMG Doctoral Consortium (committee chair Michelle Hutchens). Please continue to monitor your email and the ATA webpage for more details and updates on the conferences.

A heartfelt thank you to this year's retiring members: Susan Anderson (Elon University), Anne Christensen (Montana State University), and Amy Dunbar (University of Connecticut). Each has served ATA and AAA in various capacities, produced quality research, and mentored us. We wish you all the best in your new adventures.

It is a distinct privilege and pleasure to serve our membership. We are an exceptional group of people who support each other in various ways. I look forward to seeing everyone, *in person*, in St. Louis. Until then, be well.

Best wishes and much success this year,

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