



Dear GNP Colleagues,

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president this year. I look forward to working with all of you and to seeing many of you at the semi-annual meetings. This section consists of members who are not only GNP scholars and educators but also some of the nicest people I know. I fondly remember presenting a paper at my first midyear meeting at Harvard University in 2005. Even though I was new to the group and only a doctoral student at the time, I was warmly welcomed by all. If you are new to the section, I hope that you attend our 2022 midyear meeting and enjoy the same experiences as me and many of our GNP colleagues when first attending our midyear meetings.

I would like to first recognize Robert Eger for his many years of service to our section and especially for serving as president this past year. The pandemic year and virtual meetings have been challenging, but the past year was a successful one for our section thanks to his leadership and dedication. I hope that I can follow well in his footsteps and of those members who held the position before him.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped Robert keep our section an exceptional one: from reviewers and discussants to those on the executive committee. I also appreciate those who agreed to serve as officers, committee chairs, and regional coordinators in the coming year. A current list of the executive committee members is available on our section website and in the Fall newsletter. If you have an interest in serving in a leadership role in the 2022-2023 academic year, please let me know.

As you are aware, the CPA exam and licensing requirements are changing. Our section has been -- and continues to be -- concerned that coverage of government and nonprofit accounting will be diminished. In July, our section provided a response to the AICPA related to the new model curriculum. Thank you to the members of this section for creating that response and for doing so in a very short turn-around time: Renee Flasher, who helped coordinate the effort, Rebecca Bloch, Dara Marshall, Suzanne Lowensohn, Brian McAllister, and Tammy Waymire. This will be a continuing issue, and I hope that others in our section who are passionate about it will also get involved to make sure GNP topics are fully included in the exam coverage and model curriculum. The response letter to the AICPA will be included in our Fall newsletter.

On another note, our section offers a preconference workshop at each annual meeting. Nancy Feng, who coordinated the paper sessions at the annual meeting, hosted a pre-conference workshop that featured a panel discussion of journal editors on GNP research outlets. It was

greatly informative, and I have asked her to prepare a summary of what was discussed during the workshop to be included in our newsletter. For the next annual meeting, please let me or Erica Harris -- who will be coordinating the 2022 annual meeting -- know if you have an idea or interest in hosting a workshop.

The 2022 midyear meeting will be held in person in Washington DC at the Grand Hyatt on March 11 and 12. There will be a virtual option for those members who do not have the travel budget or otherwise are unable to attend in person. I hope that you will plan to attend. It would be great to see old friends again.

Thank you again for your confidence in me. We are truly a welcoming community – a family. I wish to welcome our new members to our family, and I want to thank all of you for helping me for so many years.

Karen Kitching