

Dear ATA Section Members,

As I look back I cannot believe how fast this year has gone. I hope each of you had a good Spring semester and are able to catch your breath this summer. We have had a very good year at the ATA. Our mid-year meeting in Washington, DC was a rousing success. I must congratulate Sandy Callaghan and her committee once again on the outstanding job they did. I also must say thank you to LeAnn Luna and Raquel Alexander for the great job did on the Doctoral Consortium.

As we move forward I hope you are looking forward to the Annual meeting in Denver as much as I am. I want to remind you not to forget to register for the AAA meeting in Denver. **The early bird registration deadline is tomorrow Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.** You can register by clicking here: [register soon](#). The Section appreciates your continued support, so don't forget to renew your ATA Section membership for 2011-12 when registering for the meeting.

Charlene Henderson and her committee have been busy putting together some excellent sessions this year. There will be 12 paper sessions with 36 papers. The papers cover a variety of tax topics and should be of interest to all of our members. In addition to the paper sessions we will have a panel discussion led by Robert Hodgkinson that looks at Tax, Financial Reporting and Management Accounting using an Integrated Approach. You can view the details of these sessions by going to the [Annual Meeting Program](#). At the top of the web page is a drop down list that will let you filter the sessions by section. We will be again putting all the papers on SSRN as we did for the mid-year meeting. Charlene plans to put the papers on SSRN on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

As was announced earlier, all of the amendments to the AAA By-laws were approved. That will mean that the ATA will have one representative on the AAA Council. In the future the term will be three years. However, this year we drew slips at the Spring Council meeting. Our first representative will serve a two year term. I have asked Beth Kern and her Strategic Planning committee to make a suggestion as to how we will choose our representative. They will report to the Trustees in August and we will discuss this matter at the Business meeting.

I also want to remind you to look at the [ATA website](#). Garth Novack has put the [list of nominations](#) for the new officers and trustees that we will vote for at the Business Meeting.

Richard Sansing wanted me to let you know about an issue that has arisen at a AAA journal (not JATA). Jean Bedard has asked us to act upon this matter. First, you should know that if a ATA member publishes a paper in a conference issue (e.g., National Tax Association annual meeting or the IRS Research Conference proceedings) that means that the paper cannot be submitted or published in a AAA journal. Richard will give us some more information about this matter at the Business meeting in Denver.

As I finish my year as President, I want to say thank you for all the work you do for the ATA and wish Tim Rupert success next year. I know that Tim will do a great job. I look forward to seeing all of you in Denver.

Sincerely,

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