



Greetings fellow members of the AAA Auditing Section:

As the days grow a little longer and the first signs of spring begin to appear, many of us are looking forward to the welcome pause that spring break provides. I hope the coming weeks offer each of you a chance to recharge and enjoy the transition into spring. I would also like to take a moment to share a few updates and highlights from the Auditing Section. Before doing so, I would like to take a moment to thank the Executive Committee: Chad Stefaniak (Past President), Helen Brown-Liburd (Vice-President Academic), James Powell (Vice-President Practice), Kerri-Ann Sanderson (Treasurer), Marcy Shepardson (Secretary), and Chad Simon (Council Representative). I am grateful for their commitment and for the many ways they contribute behind the scenes to support our section.

### **Auditing Section Midyear Meeting, Doctoral Consortium, and Audit Educator's Workshop**

The 2026 Midyear Meeting in San Antonio was a great success, with approximately 380 members in attendance. We appreciate the generous support of the CAQ and KPMG for sponsoring the meeting and are also grateful to PwC for sponsoring the Excellence in Auditing Education Workshop. Thank you to our meeting Co-Chairs, Nathan Berglund, Melissa Carlisle, and Zach Kowaleski and Vice-Chairs, Anne Albrecht, Stephani Mason, and Xinning Xiao for the tremendous effort they put into organizing such an excellent conference.

The section also hosted several preconference events. I am grateful to Tamara Lambert (Chair) and Lauren Cunningham (Vice Chair) for their leadership in organizing the Doctoral Consortium this year. I also want to thank Eric Rapley (Chair), Vaness Teitelbaum from The CAQ (Practice Chair) and Danielle Booker (Vice Chair) for organizing the Excellence in Auditing Workshop. This year's workshop focused on artificial intelligence, featuring discussions on how auditors use AI in practice and ways to incorporate AI into auditing classrooms to enhance learning.

I am also excited to announce the continuation of PIPEline (Pathway into PhD Experience) and thank you to Erin Hawkins (Chair) and Marcus Doxey (Vice Chair) for organizing a successful program this year. This initiative encourages individuals to pursue a PhD and academic career by providing selected participants with the opportunity to attend the Audit Midyear Meeting and connect with faculty, learn about audit research, and gain insight into careers in auditing education.

The section gave out annual awards during the Friday and Saturday luncheons. I want to thank the numerous volunteer committees for their work in selecting the winners and congratulations to all the award recipients. You can find the award winners and pictures of all the winners on our [Auditing Section LinkedIn Page](#)! Keep an eye out for the upcoming announcement to submit nominations for the 2027 awards.

### **Section Journals**

Tamara Lambert has been appointed as the incoming AJPT Senior Editor and will succeed Mike Wilkins in the role. As you plan your research agenda, I also encourage you to review the current calls for papers at AJPT. Click [here](#) for more

information. Finally, AJPT, starting February 1, 2026, will begin offering Hybrid Gold Open Access publishing under a Creative Commons Attribution (CC-BY) license. Click [here](#) for more information.

Colleen Boland has been appointed as the incoming CIIA Senior Academic Editor and will succeed Nicole Wright in the role. Joining Colleen will be Halie Creps (KPMG) who has been appointed the incoming CIIA Practice Editor and will succeed Steven Davis (Ernst & Young).

### **Committee Activities**

Our section committees work diligently to support and advance the mission of the Section. Please visit our [webpage](#) to see a list of committee members and their responsibilities. I encourage all members to consider volunteering and getting involved in the Section, as serving on a committee is a great way to contribute to our community, support the Section's mission, and connect with colleagues. Please contact Helen Brown-Liburd if you are interested in serving on a committee in the upcoming year. Committee assignments will begin soon for September 1<sup>st</sup> start date.

### **2026 Audit Educators' Bootcamp**

The 2026 Audit Educators' Bootcamp will be hosted by Grant Thornton at their Chicago, Illinois, office. The Bootcamp will begin on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. and conclude on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Thank you to Christine Earley and Jason Smith for coordinating the Bootcamp and for their dedication in serving as instructors. The program features discussions of current auditing practices and practical teaching strategies, with audit firm professionals participating to share insights that can help faculty prepare the next generation of auditors. I highly recommend this bootcamp for faculty who currently teach auditing but have been away from practice for some time, as well as for recent doctoral graduates who have limited experience teaching auditing courses. The Bootcamp will transition to an every-other-year format beginning after this year (2028 will be the next time this bootcamp will be held). This change is intended to allow additional time to refresh and enhance the program's content, ensuring that each offering reflects the latest developments in auditing practice and pedagogy while continuing to provide a high-quality and valuable experience for participants. Click [here](#) for more information about the 2026 Bootcamp. Registration will open soon, so please be on the lookout for more information.

### **2026 AAA Global Connect (formerly Annual Meeting)**

Preparations for the meeting are already in full swing. The meeting will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada from August 1-5, 2026. I would like to thank the Auditing Section planning committee led by Co-Chairs, Eric Rapley, Andrew Imdieke, and Erin Hamilton and assisted by Vice-Chairs, Dereck Barr-Pulliam, Amanda Convery, and Veena Brown. If you have not done so yet, please consider volunteering as a moderator or discussant to ensure that all presenters receive valuable, high-quality feedback on their papers.

In lieu of a business lunch and award ceremony, the Section will again host an Auditing Section Networking Reception and Business Meeting, similar to last year. This format, which worked well and will be free for Auditing Section members, helps reduce costs while still providing an opportunity to connect with colleagues. Further details will be announced soon.

In closing, I want to thank you all for your ongoing support of the Auditing Section. I have truly enjoyed working with many of you to advance the mission of the Section and appreciate the time, effort, and engagement that make our community so strong. I look forward to continuing our work together in the months ahead. I hope to see you in Las Vegas this August!

Warm regards,

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