

It is with great enthusiasm that I announce a significant milestone for our Section. Following a vote of our members, the AAA Board of Directors has officially approved the renaming of our Section to the **Public Interest, Ethics, and Sustainability Section**. This change reflects the evolving and progressive broadening of our scope over the years and marks an exciting new chapter for our community.



The results of the vote of members are as follows:

- **Yes, I approve:** 98
- **No, I do not approve:** 9
- **I abstain from this vote:** 1
- **Total votes:** 108

This was a multiple-year effort, and I would like to thank Section Past Chair Pat Kelly, other Section Leaders, and other Section members for their efforts in advocating for this change. This includes Dana Wallace, Lawrence Chui, Mike Ruff, Michele Frank, Amy Hageman, Steve Mintz, Bill Miller, Charlie Cullinan, Joan Lee, Dawn Massey, Tara Shawver, Marty Stuebs, Andy Felo, Cassandra Rohland, Richard Baker, Christine Earley, and Sue Cooper. We also appreciate the support of the Board of Directors, particularly the Directors of Segments Tim Rupert and Jay Thibodeau, and the assistance of Yvonne Hinson and Shauna Blackburn of the AAA.

This overwhelming support demonstrates our collective commitment to expanding our focus and embracing the diverse research and practice areas that intersect with public interest, ethics, and sustainability in accounting.

As we move forward under our new name, we are eager to welcome more members from the accounting ethics and sustainability research communities. We believe this broader coalition will create new opportunities for collaboration, enrich our discussions, and strengthen the impact of our work.

I encourage you to share this exciting news and invite colleagues with interests in public interest, ethics, and sustainability to join our Section. By working together, we can build a vibrant and inclusive community that advances knowledge and promotes meaningful change.

Details on how to join the **Public Interest, Ethics, and Sustainability Section** are provided below. Please spread the word and encourage active participation in the life of our Section.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our shared mission.

Sincerely,

Vaughan S. Radcliffe  
Chair, Public Interest, Ethics, and Sustainability Section  
American Accounting Association

***Spread the word to your colleagues!***

To add the Public Interest, Ethics, and Sustainability Section to your AAA membership, please [click HERE](#) to complete the form and then email to [AR@aaahq.org](mailto:AR@aaahq.org).