



New Location, Same Dedication to Member Service

As members already know, the AICPA is in the midst of a relocation of most of its divisions. Recently, the areas that I oversee—including the AICPA's PCPS and Firm Practice Management operations as well as our PFP, BVFLS and Information Technology member sections—were among the first Institute divisions to relocate to new offices in Durham, North Carolina, from their former offices in New Jersey. As a result of this relocation, which will eventually include all of our New Jersey and some New York operations, the Institute expects an annuity savings of approximately \$10 million to \$15 million a year over the next 15 years. Those savings offer us an excellent chance to enhance and expand our member programs, services and benefits.

In the meantime, we at the Institute are doing our best to ensure a smooth transition period for our members, staff and volunteer committee members. I'm very excited about the bright and energetic team of professionals who are taking over the reins in Durham, and in this column I'd like to introduce you to them. They all have an insider's understanding of the many challenges facing small firms.

- Stephen Winters, CPA, Director, Specialized Communities and Practice Management, is in charge of the development, ongoing improvement and delivery of services to members in Firm Practice Management and the PFP, IT and BVFLS interest areas. He has over 20 years of experience in public accounting, including serving as the managing shareholder of a CPA and consulting firm. He was the Chief Operating Officer of a software development company and has experience as a licensed investment advisor. He has spent the last five years as the Senior Director in charge of CPA Channel Development for CPA2Biz.
- Mark J. Koziel, CPA, Senior Technical Manager—Firm Practice Management/PCPS, is responsible for strategic initiatives and programs of PCPS and practice development for small/medium size general practice issues and advocacy. He has extensive public accounting experience and most recently was Director of Public Affairs clients and the Media Planning department for a political media firm.
- Jeannette Team, CPA, Senior Project Manager—Firm Practice Management, will coordinate projects across BVFLS, PFP, IT and PCPS interest groups. She has previous experience in public accounting and as an internal auditor.
- Heidi Brundage, CPA, Project Manager—Firm Practice Management, will be the staff liaison for specific PCPS task forces and projects. Her areas of expertise include recruiting, orientation and project management.
- Elaine Leggett, CPA, Project Manager—Firm Practice Management, will be the staff liaison for specific PCPS task forces. She has 10 years' experience in public accounting, including serving as a controller and firm administrator.
- Alex Mancuso, Project Manager—Firm Practice Management, is continuing with the Institute as the staff liaison in Durham for specific PCPS task forces and projects. He has been with the AICPA in New Jersey for nine years and with Firm Practice Management for three years.

In addition, Marisa DeCongelio, Project Manager—Firm Practice Management, a long-time Institute employee, will be helping us with the transition until early January. She will be working diligently on the 2006 PCPS/TSCPA National Management of an Accounting Practice Survey and ancillary deliverables.

Even if you don't get the chance to meet them personally, I am sure that all of your practices will be touched in some way by the work of these dedicated individuals. I can assure you that they will continue to provide great programs and services for members, and to build on the many benefits we already strive to offer members.



Let Me Know Your Thoughts

I would like to hear your comments and suggestions on how the AICPA can help enhance your professional life. Don't hesitate to contact me to share your ideas and opinions at jmetzler@aicpa.org.



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Did You Know?

"Fraud and Tone at the Top" is a new free video on the AICPA site presented by the AICPA and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Small businesses are extremely vulnerable to fraud, so the presentation can provide valuable insights for the CPAs who advise them. To find it, go to <http://antifraud.aicpa.org/Resources/Fraud+and+the+Tone+at+the+Top.htm>.

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