



Dear Chapter Officers:

Congratulations on your election to office! Local chapters are an integral part of the Georgia Society of CPAs (Society). In fact, for many of our members their only connection with the Society is the local chapter.

The mission of the Society is to help members achieve their vision of the future by providing leadership in a changing environment, offering opportunities to learn and demonstrate skills critical to success, promoting and advancing the accounting profession, and fostering high standards of integrity and objectivity. Our core purpose is to provide members with opportunities for success.

The chapter toolkit contains information to assist in chapter operation. The Society offers a variety of programs such as the leadership workshop and chapter presidents breakfasts to provide officers a forum to exchange ideas. You will find the Society has a professional staff that is willing to help you and your chapter.

As chapter president you are also a member of GSCPA Council and this is an important part of your responsibilities. The purpose of the Council is to involve a body of the leadership of the Society, identify and develop future leaders, and represent the membership in specific responsibilities as assigned by the bylaws. The Council is comprised of the board of directors, all past presidents, the committee/section chairs, the chapter presidents and one chapter representative, members of the AICPA Council and members-at-large. This total body represents approximately one percent of the membership. A full description of the duties of the Council can be found in the Society bylaws on the GSCPA web site. I hope that you will make a special effort to attend the Fall and Spring council meetings where you will have a great opportunity to network and identify best practices of other chapters.

The Council meets twice a year: once in the fall and once in at Annual Convention. The Annual Convention Council Meeting will be held on June 26-29, 2011 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Amelia Island, Florida. The Fall Council meeting will be held at Hyatt Regency on River Street Savannah, GA on November 13-14, 2011. For planning purposes the 2012 Spring Council Meeting will be on May 6-7, 2012.

I encourage you to look for opportunities to build on your chapter's previous successes by improving existing programs, developing new programs or events, and aggressively recruiting new members. If you need assistance, certainly feel free to contact me or the Society staff.

I look forward to working with you in 2011-2012. Best wishes for a successful year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colin E. Blalock".

Colin E. Blalock
GSCPA Chairman, 2011-2012