

FLORIDA CAREER PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION CONNECTION

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SPRING 2003

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that the spring is already upon us! I hope the spring semester has been a productive one for you as we begin to transition into the summer. There are two things you can count on in the summer in the state of Florida: the first is lots of sun and heat, and the second is an extremely insightful and entertaining FCPA Annual Conference! That's right it is time to register for our annual conference that will be held in Jacksonville at the sensational Adam's Mark by the river on June 18th-20th. This year for the first time you will be able to find out about all the important conference details and register directly on-line with our new website at www.fl-cpa.org. We hope this will make the process easier and more efficient for our membership as we continue to "add value" with this useful tool.

I want to thank Gail Akin for hosting the Spring Board Meeting on January 16th and 17th in "the heart of horse country" at Central Florida Community College. The issues discussed covered a wide variety of subjects including reviewing association goals, a Conference 2003 update, improvements to the website and listserv, association awards, and much more. An update of the Boards' projects and accomplishments will be presented at the business meeting during the Annual Conference, please try to attend this important meeting.

Finally, I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Association President this past year. It has been an honor to work with this outstanding Board and I have thoroughly enjoyed representing the best state association in the land! I leave this position knowing the future of FCPA is in great hands with the current Board as they continue on their quest to "Keep Florida First!!"

Jonathan Thornburg (JT)
FCPA President



2003 CONFERENCE UPDATE

June 18 – 20, 2003
Adam's Mark Hotel – Jacksonville, FL

Get ready...get set...GO! Our 2003 Conference "Keeping Florida First" is only 3 months away! Mark your calendars now...and plan on coming for a GREAT conference!

All registration info and forms are now located on the FCPA website www.fl-cpa.org. Check it out! Click "2003 Conference Information" on the homepage, and you will be taken directly to the conference page...fewer keystrokes than before. Click on "Register Now" and you can download the Registration Form in MS Excel. Complete the form and mail to Lucas Wall at the address on the bottom of the form. This form can be used to pay both conference registration and FCPA membership dues. Online registration is coming soon!

PLEASE NOTE: If you are submitting payment for an *institutional membership* with conference registration (\$250), the person whose information is filled out on the form will also be registered for the conference and that institution's FCPA membership dues will be paid for the year. However, each additional listed institutional member, who wants to attend the conference, must register and pay for the conference on a separate registration form (\$160).

To make hotel accommodations, call the Adam's Mark directly (800-444-2326) and ask for the FCPA rate: \$99 single/double, \$109 triple, and \$119 quad. This rate can also be applied for three days before and after the conference dates...so feel free to come early and stay late!

Deadlines for registration and room reservations are also listed on the bottom of the form. We are trying to allow for the most people to come to the conference, even at the last minute. But, the earlier you can register the better...lock it in as soon as you can.

We're looking forward to another productive and energizing conference...be a part of it!

Shannon Cash
Shannon H. Cash
Conference Chair

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS



Three student leadership awards are presented annually by FCPA.

Co-Op Student of the Year

The student must have completed at least two semesters or quarters of paid cooperative education experience (may be in second term currently) at a four-year college or university.

Four Year College Experiential Student of the Year

The student must have completed at least one term or semester of experiential learning (paid or unpaid) at a four-year institution.

Two Year College/Technical Center Experiential Student of the Year

The student must have completed at least one term or semester of experiential learning (paid or unpaid) at a two-year college/technical school.

To be eligible, all students must either attend a school or worked for an employer that is a current member of FCPA.

These awards are based on experiential learning relative to a student's major, impact of the experiential learning on career development and career goals, overall grade point average, community service, extracurricular activities and the student's resume.

The winning student in each category receives a \$300 scholarship and a recognition plaque. **The deadline to apply for these awards is April 18, 2003.**

To apply for any of these three awards, the following documents must be submitted for evaluation.

- ◆ Completed application form
- ◆ Essay by student describing learning experience relative to career
- ◆ Resume
- ◆ Letter of nomination from experiential learning coordinator or faculty advisor
- ◆ Letter of recommendation from employer

For more information on these awards and to download an application form, visit the [Member Resources](#) section of the FCPA web site, www.fl-cpa.org.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

JOHN T. BROWNLEE LEADERSHIP AWARD

It is time once again to submit your nominations for the John T. Brownlee Leadership Award. This award is presented annually at our conference in June. The award, established in 1987, serves as an ongoing memorial in recognition of John Brownlee and his dedication and commitment. In John's 10-year involvement with FCPA, he served as a board member and President. He brought tremendous energy and enthusiasm to our organization. Those who knew John knew of the high standards he practiced in both his personal and professional life. He found time to be active professionally, socially, and in the community, but always kept family as his number one priority. He was honest and truthful. He was a leader and an achiever.

Please nominate those members of FCPA who you feel exemplify these qualities.

The nominee must be an FCPA member of at least 3 years. Current officers and board members are not eligible. A nominee must be nominated by a colleague. Two letters of support are required. Members of the selection committee are not eligible to nominate. **The deadline to nominate a colleague for the Brownlee Leadership is April 11, 2003.**

Emphasis for selection will be placed either on contribution to a specific program, project or activity within FCPA or professional contribution to the career/recruiting field.

Please submit your nominations by April 11, 2003 to:

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & NEW MEMBER DRIVE UPDATE

The FCPA Membership Renewal Campaign has been ongoing since November 2002. An initial notice and two reminders have been sent via email. If you have not yet processed your membership renewal, please be sure to do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions concerning your membership status, please contact:

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To date, FCPA has an active membership of 236 of which 156 have paid their membership fees. Forty of the paid memberships represent new individuals to the organization although many of them come from organizations that have a long history with FCPA. There are 11 new members from community colleges, 9 new members from private colleges, 7 new members from public universities, and 13 new members from business and industry.

FCPA extends a warm welcome to the following schools and businesses which either are joining FCPA for the first time or which are reengaging with FCPA after an absence from the organization.

- ♦ Florida Community College at Jacksonville
- ♦ Florida Metropolitan University
- ♦ DeVry University
- ♦ Health First, Inc.
- ♦ Universal Orlando

Contact information for these and all current FCPA members may be accessed through the on-line FCPA membership directory, listed under the **Member Resources** section of the FCPA web site, www.fl-cpa.org.

Please remember it is the responsibility of each member to recruit new individuals and organizations into FCPA. If you would like copies of the new marketing brochure, please send your request to Christy King. As always, new members may join any time online at www.fl-cpa.org.