

Many Thanks for a Successful and Exciting Year



As the year draws to a close, I find it hard to believe my term has come to an end. I have been asked by friends and colleagues to describe my reign as president, and the best analogy I can give is that it was an incredible roller coaster ride with many ups and downs, twists and turns. The mobility bill was an exciting ride all by itself. Highlights of the year include: passing mobility legislation with 25 minutes to spare; traveling the state and developing new and deeper friendships; sharing financial literacy ideas with congressional staffers; interacting with high school and college students, and young CPAs who have an unbelievable enthusiasm and passion for our profession; participating in the Leadership Academy; participating in the Summit on Financial Literacy; serving on the AICPA council; and working with incredibly intelligent and talented members.

During a recent weekend with minimal sleep, many emails and numerous calls to legislators, I emailed Gary Julian, GSCPA executive director, and made the comment that I now understand why U.S. presidents look so ragged after four years of service. The many hours and over 30,000 miles driven this past year may have caused some wear and tear on my body and my vehicle, but I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the Society. So much has been accomplished, but there is still much to be done. I often get credit for the GSCPA programs and events, but it is the tireless work of the volunteers and the staff that make these successes possible. One person could not do it all! I would like to take the opportunity in my last message to thank everyone for the hard work and support during my tenure.

First and foremost, I would like to thank God for granting me the time, talent, health, wisdom and even at times, perseverance, to serve in this capacity. I am grateful to the board of directors for their time and talent, and for enduring so many "20 minute consent agendas." I appreciate Gary Julian and the GSCPA staff for their dedication to this organization and our profession. The staff puts in many long hours, which often include nights and weekends away from their families. I thank the members in leadership roles: chapter officers, section, committee and task force chairs and members of Council. I cherish the wisdom I received from past presidents and other seasoned veterans of our profession when I sought advice.

To the members who stay active in the profession, volunteer their time and support the many Society initiatives, such as chapter activities, high school and college outreach, continuing education and financial literacy, I thank you. I am amazed at the overwhelming number of programs we offer that promote and support CPAs. I thank my clients and colleagues for being patient and flexible of the frequent schedule changes and other requests. Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank my family for the many sacrifices made this year to allow me to serve as president. I know I missed too many school and sporting events, family meals, taxi routes and simple daily routines. I appreciate more than you know your willingness to step in and help carry the load.

The year has flown by, and much has been accomplished during these short 12 months. There is still much to be done, and I am confident Stewart Carlin will do an excellent job as your next president. I hope more people will continue to volunteer next year, and I know that you will be as supportive of Stewart as you have been of me. Buckle up, Stewart; you are in for the ride of a lifetime!

Thank you again for this incredible opportunity. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your president.

Paula Y. Mooney
President, 2007-2008

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