



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, it is the only connection to the Society.

The mission of the Society is to help members achieve their professional 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. The Society plans to implement quarterly conference calls for chapter officers as well. Please also take advantage of the [Chapter Officers LinkedIn group](#). 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 17-20, 2012 at the Samoset Resort in Camden-Rockport-Rockland, Maine. The Fall Council meeting will be held at The Lodge and Spa at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, GA on November 4-6, 2012. For planning purposes the 2013 Spring Council Meeting will be on May 2-3, 2013.

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 Member Services Department at (404) 504-2986 or memberservices@gscpa.org.

I look forward to working with you in 2012-2013. Best wishes for a successful year.

Sincerely,

Marlan L. Nichols
GSCPA Chairman, 2012-2013