

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTARY

A call for nominations for the AICPA Council

In January 2014, the NYSSCPA Board of Directors will submit the names of three individuals to the AICPA's Nominations Committee, which nominates members for election to AICPA Council. Those nominees, once duly elected, will each serve three-year terms, beginning October 2014, on the 265-person governing council. In addition, one person will be designated by the Society to serve a one-year term as its representative to the council, also beginning October 2014.

While day-to-day governance of the AICPA is handled by its 23-person board of directors, the AICPA Council is the final sounding board for AICPA initiatives. The council meets twice a year in various locations around the country. Each council meeting lasts for two-and-a-half days. In addition, it holds one-day regional meetings in the spring of each year, one typically being in New York City.

In addition to attending these AICPA Council meetings, being an AICPA Council member involves about a day per meeting for preparation time, and anywhere from a half day to a day per month to keep abreast of professional issues, participate in electronic conferences and meetings, and attend one or more dinners with the NYSSCPA Board

of Directors to discuss the profession's important issues and the council's activities. It is fun, professionally fulfilling and work that can be very satisfying.

Eligibility requirements

Pursuant to the NYSSCPA Board's Standing Rules, one of the NYSSCPA-nominated council positions is reserved each year for the Society's president-elect. Otherwise, to be considered by the NYSSCPA Board of Directors, candidates must—

- be a member of the NYSSCPA;
- be a member of the AICPA;
- submit to the Board selections subcommittee a résumé and a written statement of what the candidate intends to bring to council;
- currently live or work in New York, New Jersey or Connecticut;
- have been active in the NYSSCPA, either at the chapter level or with a statewide committee or both; and

• not be a current member of the NYSSCPA Board of Directors, unless the candidate is in his or her final year of board service.

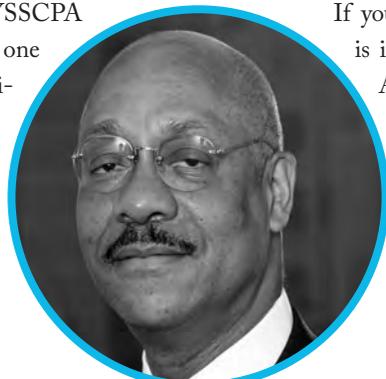
Express your interest by Nov. 8

If you or a colleague you know is interested in serving on the AICPA Council, please email the following information to **Scott M. Adair**, the Society's president-elect and chair of the Board's Selections Subcommittee, at president@nysscpa.org on or before Nov. 8:

- A résumé that meets the above eligibility requirements; and
- An answer to the question: What is it that I would bring to the council?

You can find the NYSSCPA Board's standing rules that govern the AICPA Council nomination process online at <http://www.nysscpa.org/page/nysscpa-board-directors-standing-rules>.

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J. Michael Kirkland

An opportunity to serve at the statewide level

I am writing to all NYSSCPA voting members to encourage any of you who are interested in serving as a member or officer of the Society's Board of Directors to file a submission expressing your interest. Additionally, if you know of another member who would be interested in serving as a member or officer of the Society's Board of Directors, you can nominate him or her as well.

This year, the Nominating Committee will be nominating—

- a president-elect (who serves three years on the Board: one year as president-elect, one year as president and one year as immediate past president);
- four vice presidents (who each serve one year);
- a secretary/treasurer (who may serve two consecutive one-year terms);
- five at-large directors (who serve three-year terms); and
- directors from the Adirondack, Nassau, Rochester, Staten Island and Suffolk chapters (who serve three-year terms).

Please contact the respective chapter president to express interest in these Board positions. Their contact information is available at the Chapters portion of the Society's

website, located at <http://www.nysscpa.org/page/about-us/chapters>.

The time commitment to serve on the Board normally includes attendance at three face-to-face, day-long meetings annually, plus participation in a one-hour conference call. The face-to-face meetings are typically held in Manhattan, though one takes place in Albany.

Of course, if you agree to participate on a subcommittee of the Board, additional time is required, and, on rare occasions, issues to be decided by the Board can necessitate additional meetings.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting on Jan. 9, 2014. We need your expressions of interest as soon as possible, but in any event no later than Jan. 2, so that the committee has the time to vet and compare the candidates.

If you want to learn more about what service on the Board or as an officer entails, feel free to contact one of the current Board members or officers, or contact me at secretarytreasurer@nysscpa.org.

A list of the current Board members is available at: <http://www.nysscpa.org/epass/Committees/BoardofDirectors.aspx>.



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