

May 2015

My 2015 President's term began with an exciting March meeting at Second Harvest where the fire alarm went off at least 5 times during our speaker's, Patsy Writesman, presentation. All in attendance got extra exercise that day – walking down to the parking lot and back. No worries, there wasn't a fire, just a faulty alarm. Needless to say I hope that the remainder of my term is just as exciting and energetic!

If you haven't heard yet, our chapter won 3rd place in the Chapter of the Year contest! I know that Lisa Wachter, Melinda Wiley, Angie Sowers and I were filled with so much pride when we received this award at the APA Congress in Las Vegas. Our TN Statewide Payroll Conference received an honorable mention for last year's conference. In addition, Sherry Dwyer, CPP and Kathy Pack, CPP were both honored on stage with the Meritorious Service award.

The 2016 Payroll Congress will be held in Nashville next year; and, our chapter will be the official host. We are calling all volunteers to welcome participants from every corner of our country, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and South Africa. If you have never been to a Congress, I encourage you to create your business case now so that your employer will support your attendance.

Get your Cowgirl or Cowgirl on! Just around the corner is our Tennessee Statewide Conference, which will be held in Cool Springs, August 5th- 7th. The TSWB Board encourages all to register and pay by May 30th for a chance to win an Apple watch. Also, would you mindfully considering volunteering at this event?

Please register at <http://www.tswb-apa.net> now while it's fresh on your mind?

I am thrilled to welcome Charla Dailey, FPC as our new Director of Education! In this role, she will seek knowledgeable speakers to enhance our continuing education. Charla is so passionate about sharing the knowledge and encouraging our payroll professionals to seek APA certification. She spearheaded the initiative for the formation of the Cool Springs CPP Study Group, which is hosted by BenefitMall. This location's registrations were through the roof within 4 days. We currently have room for 10 more participants at the Donelson location. Click [here](#) for more details.

My journey to today has been one where I felt fully supported by the GNC Board of Directors and members who reached out to offer help, guidance, and encouragement. I am truly humbled by your generosity. However, this is your Chapter; and, it is my sincere hope that our Board's service and vision meets your needs. We are all in this together and we need your input and feedback... how we're doing overall, what we're doing right, what's wrong, what could be improved, and most importantly, if we bring value to your professional life. Click [here](#) to share your thoughts. We promise that we will thoughtfully act on what you share.

Best wishes,
Michelle Bacher, CPP