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President's Message

What is new in Public Accountants Society of Colorado.

Congratulations and welcome aboard to the newest elected Board members. It will be a pleasure to work with President-Elect Earnest Kozacek, Treasurer Kirit Merchant, Secretary Bob Kuziak, and Jim Buck, our new Education Chairman.

Our Convention in June marks a change on how the Board will conduct Business meetings this year. The Board meetings will consist of business and Leadership training. At the Finance Committee meeting before the annual membership meeting, money was allocated to begin a Leadership Program developed by the National Society of Accountants and taught by Matt Lewis, our former NSA Director. The Leadership Program is open to all members of the Public Accountants society of Colorado. A small fee to cover materials may be

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 17 & 18: Corporation, Partnerships & LLC's Workshop - Denver

Sept 18-19: Corporation, Partnerships & LLC's Workshop - Colorado Springs

Nov 5-6: Individual Income Tax Update - Grand Junction

Nov 10-11: Individual Income Tax Update - Durango

Nov 11-12: Individual Income Tax Update - North Denver

Dec 2-3: Individual Income Tax Update - Southeast Denver

Dec 3-4: Individual Income Tax Update - Colorado Springs

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charged. Those members who have taken the NSA full training of several weeks feel that the experience has helped them in the areas of business

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Past Presidents: Jim Manning (1991-1992), Cyndi Trombly (1998-1999), Robert Cross (2003-2005), Sharon Varner (2000-2001), Matthew Lewis (2002-2003), Jack Dirksen, (1978-1979), Donna Myers (2005-2006), Gary Anderson (1994-1995), Andrew Morehead (1995-1996).

Meet Our New Treasurer, Kirit P. Merchant



Kirit Merchant at the 2008 National Convention.

Public Accountants Society of Colorado last month elected Kirit P. Merchant, the principal at OnTime Accounting

His vision was to offer consulting services that he was exposed to in the large corporate world to small businesses—at an affordable price. Since small businesses have a more immediate need for accounting, payroll processing, and tax preparation services as opposed to consulting, Kirit soon shifted his focus to becoming a Public Accountant as opposed to Management Consultant.

The mid-80s also was the time that personal computers were becoming more and more popular in the small business world. A small business owner could purchase a reasonably capable computer and basic software for under \$2,500. Many did, but the owners and their staff often did not know how to use what they had bought! Kirit, having a technical background, saw this conundrum as an opportunity and started offering training on software and hardware. He came to be known as Doctor Dac among his clientele.

Today, Kirit operates both the accounting/tax preparation businesses (renamed OnTime Accounting & Tax

Services effective this year) and the computer sales and training businesses from his office in Lakewood. We, at the PASC office, are particularly delighted by having an officer with IT background—Kirit already has helped us with our networking needs and QuickBooks accounting program.

Kirit and his wife, Mona, are “empty nesters” living in Lakewood. They have two children: Monisha is a Product Director for Level 3 Communications in Broomfield, CO and Kunal is a Management Consultant with Katzenbach Associates in New York City. Kirit spends any spare time he can muster

studying history, traveling, and attending theatre. We welcome Kirit Merchant as our new



Helen, Linda, Cynthia & Colleen preparing for a delicious dinner.

Treasurer and look forward to benefitting from his ideas and hard work for the next two years.

& Tax Services, as Treasurer for the two-year term starting July 1, 2008. The erstwhile treasurer, Molly Wright, provided an excellent service to the Society for the past five years and wanted to pass the baton over to another member. It took merely a gentle twisting of a finger (no need for the arm) on the part of Jack Dirksen to convince Kirit to *volunteer* for this position!

Kirit started practicing as a Public Account in the Denver area in 1986. After spending over fifteen years in large corporations, Kirit was ready to start on his own and work with small businesses. In July 1986, Kirit started Eminence Management Services to provide a range of services to small business owners.



Merlin & Ann Nimrod enjoying the Banquet at the Annual Convention in Golden.

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and personal development.

The Colorado Legislature

The Colorado Legislature can be a force to reckon with because of a bill that can affect many of our members. This is the Right to Practice Tax Preparation by PA's. At the national level those members who do not have a designation such as ABA, ACAT, or EA, may not be able to continue their practice without registering and then taking a competency test. A CPA Organization is pushing a bill to disallow PA'S to be Tax Preparers. We need volunteers to monitor the Colorado Legislature to fight any bills that affect the livelihood of PASC members.



Bi-Laws

Member participation at the chapter level has become an issue, especially for those chapters whose members live a great distance from any logical meeting place. Our Bi-Laws are going to be revised to allow a change in the structure of the Public Accountants Society of Colorado Board. This is a long process and will



Jim Manning and his wife, Betty, came from Las Vegas to celebrate PASC's 60th Anniversary.

need input from the membership on the future structure of the Public Accountants Society of Colorado.

Serving Aging America

NCPE

presented a new Seminar Program sponsored by PASC, Serving Aging America. The first level was well received by our membership. The schedule for Levels two and three are to be determined. There are three levels of training before becoming certified as an Elder Care Consultant.

One of the benefits used this year by members was the networking benefit. E-mails were sent requesting membership advice or possible solutions to certain tax situations. What a neat tool to have at our disposal.

Thank you to those faithful Board members and just members who stepped up to help and support many of last year's activities. We are expecting to have a busy year for the Legislative sessions and the Continuing



NSA President Andy Morehead shaking hands with Leota Jensen, Board Member at Large, Kirit Merchant, Treasurer, Ernest B. Kozacek, President Elect.

Professional Education areas. Please extend yourself to help these committees as a volunteer.

John Martinez - President



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Welcome New PASC Members

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you the newest members of the Public Accountants Society of Colorado. Please extend a big welcome to:

Tracy R. Sailer of Denver, Colorado. Tracy is an accountant with Swink & Associates, Inc.

Dixie Lee of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Dixie is an accounting student and facility manager at Wyco.

Diane Sparks of Englewood, Colorado. Diane is a tax manager at Dale Conklin and Associates.

Thomas C. Jackson of Castle Rock, Colorado. Thomas is an accountant/bookkeeper at Jackson Wealth Strategies.

Richard G. Roding of Arvada, Colorado. Richard is a full time educator in accounting at Red Rocks Community College.

I want to continue to encourage all members both old and new to share their experience and knowledge with each other as everyone has varied professional backgrounds. The networking that PASC provides is valuable in helping with information, ideas and services that may assist other members. You might have experience or insight on some things that other members don't have. Don't be afraid to step up to the plate.

I also want to invite members to join one of the many Committees, become a Board Member, help with ideas for Educational topics, Conventions, and more. All of us serving and working together make PASC a great organization.

The Public Accountants Society of Colorado just recently celebrated its

60th Anniversary. WHAT A CONVENTION!! This year PASC met in beautiful Golden, Colorado nestled against the magnificent mountains next to Clear Creek at the Golden Hotel. For three wonderful days, June 2nd, 3rd and 4th 2008 members of PASC and others spent the day learning together and having fun.

On Monday, the day started with a great buffet breakfast while everyone signed in and received their grab bags filled with goodies and materials for the day. The presenters were Al and Chris Giovetti. The Giovetti's did a great job of presenting Accounting and its Relationship to Taxes. PASC members got to participate in two drawings throughout the day for wine baskets filled with yummy treats. Evening activities included enjoying the many different restaurants within walking distance from the hotel to people watching.

Tuesday started off with a delicious breakfast followed by the important annual membership meeting and the election of new Board Members. Those elected were:

President-Elect – Ernest Kozacek
Secretary – Bob Kuziak
Treasurer – Kirit Merchant
Education Chairman – Jim Buck

Thank you for your commitment and



dedication!! We look forward to working with you.

Other important business included selection of a location for the 2009 Convention in June. The meeting concluded with the drawing of a wonderful wine basket. PASC members had the remainder of the day to spend shopping, enjoying the many outdoor activities and getting ready for the evening festivities.

Tuesday evening began with an open bar and mingling with each other catching up on events and exchanging ideas. As it was the 60th Anniversary of PASC, it was a special pleasure to honor the Past Presidents of PASC. The attending Past Presidents included:

Gary Anderson
Jack Dirksen
Robert Cross
Andrew Morehead
Matthew Lewis
Sharon Varner
Donna Myers
James Manning
Cyndi Trombley

Thank you all for what you have done for the Public Accountants Society of Colorado. The evening concluded with a fantastic magic show and a silent auction for the Borelli Fund.

Wednesday, the final day of the annual convention, again started with

a delicious breakfast followed by Bob Cross' captivating presentation on Ethics. As always, we appreciate the knowledge and expertise that Bob is willing to share. After a short break which included a drawing for the final wine basket, Dylon McEachran with ADP Small Business Services presented an informative program on Payroll Accounting. As the convention drew to a close, friends exchanged good byes and ideas for future seminars and activities.

PASC Directory Update

I am pleased to announce that the 2009 Convention will be in Gunnison, Colorado on June 22nd thru 24th, 2009 with the tentative site on the Western State College campus. Gunnison, located just on the other side of Monarch Pass, offers a wide variety of outdoor activities such as hiking, boating and fishing, quaint shops, delicious food of all kinds and a friendly atmosphere. Close by is Crested Butte and Taylor Reservoir for further adventures. Come prepared to enjoy our seminars and our great state of Colorado.

Please note, it has been suggested that the Summer Convention be kept as an Accounting Program. The Education Committee would appreciate suggestions regarding the variety of accounting subjects or any other subjects you would like covered. The Education portion of the convention is driven by what you, as PASC members need and want. Please be sure to contact Jim Buck.

Lastly, a great deal of thanks to Leota Jensen, Helen Gerlick, Cyndi Trombly and Linda Marie Evans for all the work they put into the 2008 Convention.

Connie Martinez
Membership Chairman

We are preparing our next update for the **PASC Directory**. I will be downloading your personal information from our PASC website, which will be put into our **PASC Membership Directory**. This information is only available to members. It includes your name, address, phone numbers, and email address. We would like you to PLEASE check this information and update it as needed.

Are YOU getting the most out of your PASC Member Benefits?

Many of you do not have a **website** listed with your name. If you have a website for your company and add your link, people searching for an accountant will be able to learn more about you by clicking on your website. When a name is chosen in our website search feature, potential clients can see your name, address, phone number and email address. They can also click on your website if it is listed, and read your specialties.

To view an example, go to www.coloradoaccountant.org and click **Find an Accountant**, and **Search Membership** (no need to log in). In the **Last Name** spot, put "Dale" and hit enter. You will see Jean Dale's information and the link to her website, which will open in a new explorer window.

For another example, click **Search Again** at the top right hand corner, and in the **Last Name** box, put "Kind" and enter. This will bring you to Ricky Kind's information, and if you click on his website link, <http://www.thetaxshopadvantage.com/> you can view his website. This is a one page site designed by Scott

Hendrickson with SOS4Net. If you would like to get a site created for YOU, at a PASC Member exclusive rate, just go to <https://www.coloradoaccountant.org/BestOffer/> and view all the details and samples, or call Scott at 303-796-3000.

You can increase your Member Benefits by putting some information in the Specialties Section of your Member Record.

To see the benefit, try this. Click **Search Again**, and scroll down to the Specialties box and type "truck" and hit enter. Next, you will see the two individuals who have expertise working with Interstate TRUCK licensing. Click on their names, and you will see their **Specialties Section**, filled with key phrases that can spark interest. Clients love to find accountants who have experience working in their specific area. Please take a moment to think about what you could add to your Specialties section on the website. Also, try typing in "Day Care", "Payroll", or "Farm".

One last thing... do you have a **picture of you** that shows when someone clicks your name? Try clicking **Search Again**, and put "Koz" in the **Last Name** box. You will see Ernest B. Kozacek, our new President Elect of PASC. Aren't you glad you can see his picture? And after clicking **Search Again**, enter "Kuz" in the **Last Name** spot. Then you will see Bob Kuziak, our new PASC Secretary.

If you were searching for an accountant, don't you think a picture would help bring you to the top of the list of accountants to call?

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I would like to use my IT Lifeline: The Basics of Why Your Association Could Be At Risk

By Debi Bush - dbush@cmitdenver.com

I am the non-technical person at my firm yet I talk technology every day with clients, prospects, friends and family. My default question always is: "So, what is your backup solution for your 'I would be in big trouble if I lost this' data?" At that point, I often notice that heads bow down and there is some hemming and hawing. WHY is this my default and probing question?

The data stored on a network, servers, individual computers and more is the lifeline of any business. No business – regardless of size - is NOT exempt from answering this question: HOW IMPORTANT is your data, client information, emails and more? What would happen if the data disappeared permanently through a system crashing or even being unavailable for use for a couple days? How would that affect the productivity of you and your staff, the revenue generation for your firm and taking care of your clients?

Not trying to scare you, but even our friends at Microsoft recently wrote that "you have more to fear from bad data back-up habits" than from hackers. "Without regular data back-ups, hardware failures, accidental deletions, and floods and fires can permanently wipe out all your sales records, customer contact information and order history — the data that is the core of your business."

As an IT support firm, CMIT Solutions recommends an annual review of data protection and disaster recovery plans coupled with implementation (if one is not yet in place) of a stable and dependable back-up solution (maybe even 2 types of backups) AND a disaster recovery plan. Often I hear from

businesses that they have daily, weekly and even monthly back-ups happening and that is fantastic. Yet, when I ask them WHEN was the last time they restored some or all of the data to a test location and confirmed that it worked, the hemming and hawing response happens. Just because your business has a back-up solution in place and it is being adhered to, doesn't mean it is working properly and that a restoration of that critical data will be successful.

Another issue to review with your IT support people (internal IT staff



and/or outsourced IT support firm) is "what method is being used for data back-up and how is it being implemented and monitored." Is your firm using tape backups, external hard drives, remote/online backup or even jump/flash/thumb drives? Microsoft has drilled into us that 1 form of data back-up = ZERO data back-ups, 2 forms of data back-up = 1 data back-up and so forth. This means that your data protection plan has to have **Redundancy**:

- Do your servers have multiple hard drives (e.g. RAID 5 array)?
- Do you have external hard drives with an off-site rotation schedule?
- Do you have a full image of your network (that means data **and**

settings) so, in case of a system crashing or lost data, your IT support people can retrieve the most recent data and get you set up within hours on another computer instead of days?

- Do the Math: if your accounting firm had a hard drive or server crash and you couldn't do business for three (3) business days, what is that in billable time?

We have learned that tape back-ups and tape drives, although convenient, are much less reliable and more expensive than the external hard drive solutions we recommend. External hard drives are fast, large and inexpensive. If a system fails, the hard drive can quickly be connected to an alternative system to see the files. When a system fails with a tape drive, it is more difficult to either move the tape drive to another system or to find a new tape drive. The new smaller external hard drives are very portable and can be easily swapped off-site as needed.

Coming full circle, I know as a non-technical professional that the moral of the story is: Do what you should do TODAY to protect your data, and it will protect your firm's livelihood.

If your business is not quite sure what you have for data protection or if it is the best scenario for how your business works, contact your internal or outsourced IT professionals to have a review of this critical aspect of your business.

Colorado HB 1355 was signed into law, May 2007, which prohibits small group insurers from setting premiums based on health status of employee's in a particular company. This bill was passed to prohibit the practice of rate banding

This bill ends the HB1364 that was initiated on Sept 1, 2003 that allowed discounts on filed rates for healthy groups up to 25%. It also allowed for an increase on filed rates up to 10% on the unhealthy groups.

Prior to January 1, 2008 rates could be adjusted downward 25% or increased 10% from the base filed rates the carriers offered.

What does that mean in January 2008?

As of January 1, 2008, or the date of your group renewal in the year 2008. The unhealthy group or groups with high utilization, realized up to 10% decrease on the base rate of the premium. That decrease may have been swallowed up in the overall increase of base rates. So if overall rates increased 20% your company would of realized a 10% overall increase. Not bad, but what does that mean in 2009?

As of January 1, 2008 rates may be adjusted due to standard industrial codes (SIC).

An increase of up to 10% over filed base rates is permitted for the groups SIC.

No increase over the carriers filed rate is permitted for the new groups previous claims experience or for the health status of its employees.

What does that mean in January 2009?

As of January 1, 2009 or the date of your group renewal in the year 2009. All healthy groups that receive a discount off the base filed rates of your carrier, will lose the discount from 1% to 25%, that increase, along with the normal yearly renewal

increase, will increase rates for the



healthiest of groups approximately 40% for 2009, for the current plan you are on.

As of January 1, 2009, claims experience and health status are not allowable as separate rating factors; therefore, there is no “removal of a discount” there is only a rate calculated in compliance with Colorado law. However, any upward adjustment to the group’s renewal rate based on the groups SIC must be capped at 15%.

As of January 1, 2009, for new and renewing groups, a carrier may discount a group’s rate up to 25% from the filed rate or increase the groups rate up to 10% from the filed rate for the SIC.

Overview

We are half way through 2008, we did see smaller than normal increases with renewals during Q1, Q2 renewals have been higher, due to some SIC adjustments.

Carriers are just starting to implement the SIC adjustments.

Some industries being effected Educators, Attorneys, Electricians and Medical Offices.

Carriers were also allowed to

increase rates on smokers that have not come into play, to date.

Carriers are coming out with new plan designs offering flexibility, choices and different options for employees.

HSA’s and HRA’s are gaining in popularity for both employers and individuals.



The TaxBook

The Taxbook order form for the upcoming tax season is attached to this newsletter. We receive \$5.00 for every copy of *The Taxbook* and/or the WebCD purchased using discount code #372. This number is printed on the order form for the Public Accountants Society of Colorado. If you order anything on another form you must put the discount code 372 on the order for PASC to receive the \$5.00. We received \$240.00 from this program last year. This money was put into the Chester J. Borelli Memorial Scholarship Fund. Thank you for supporting this program.

The Taxbook offers a free service for keeping you books current. Visit *The TaxAuthority Updates Page* www.thetaxbook.com/updates.asp for coverage of new tax law legislation, *The Taxbook* updates, and industry news. Simply “click and print” to update your book.

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If a potential client searched by city, would they choose YOU out of the list of accountants that came up?

So now, click **Search Again**, and put in YOUR information. How do you measure up? Do you want

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Your Member Record and view your profile. You can update your designations, address and phone number information, email address, add your website address and type in some of your specialties. Group

Click **Save**, and then click on **Find an Accountant** again, and see what everyone else will see when they search for an accountant! If you would like to **add your picture**, send it to me via email, and



I will work with Scott, the PASC Website Designer, to get it on our site. From your Member Profile, you can also choose to view or download and print the **Membership Directory**. The one that is currently there will be updated this

month, after all of you get all your changes finalized!

In the **Edit Your Member Record** page, you can also view your choices for the **Newsletter** and for the **IRS Information Group**. You can change your preference to receive a hard copy of the **PASC Bimonthly Newsletter, The Professional Public Accountant**, or to receive an email copy only. You can view your choice of Yes or No to be included on the **IRS Group**. This is a group of people who have chosen to receive **IRS Emails**, which are forwarded to your email address when Jack, our Executive Director, receives them. These contain **IRS News Releases**. Please let us know if your personal preference has changed. If you try this for any period of time and then decide you would rather not participate, just send an email and we will update your record.



There are many other features available from your **Members Only Panel**... you can view the **CPE Rules** if you have questions about this year's reporting cycle, or download the **PASC Bylaws** or **Policies and Procedures**. You can also **Renew Online**, if you haven't already for the current fiscal year. (If you do not have a **View Your Picture** button below the **Edit your Member Record** button, it is because we do not have picture on file for you.) There's plenty more, so take an extra minute to explore all your options! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office, and I will help!

Now... I look forward to getting all the little email notices that say each of you just updated your Member Record! Not only will this help potential clients find you, it will make the information in our PASC

Membership Directory accurate and complete. Thank you for taking the time to read this and **Maximize your**



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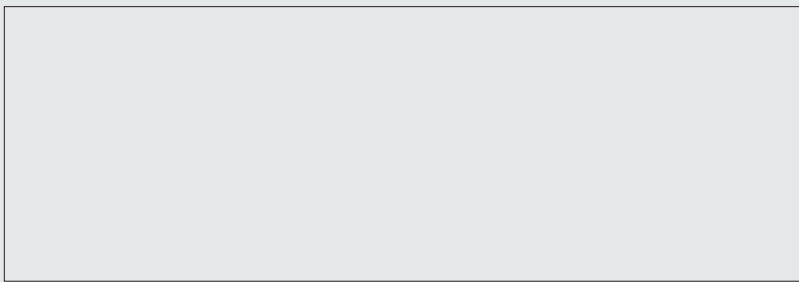
Date	Workshop Information	Location
Sept. 17 & 18, 2008 Wednesday & Thursday	Corporation, Partnerships & LLC's Workshop 16 CPE Credit Hours Members \$315, Non-Members \$345 ** Early Bird Registration Members \$290, Non-Members \$320	Denver Ramada Plaza 10 E. 120 th Ave. Northglenn, CO 80233 Phone: 303-452-4100 Fax: 303-457-1741 \$77 room rate
Sept. 18 & 19, 2008 Thursday & Friday	Corporation, Partnerships & LLC's Workshop Prices and Credits same as above.	Colorado Springs Clarion Hotel 314 W. Bijou Colorado Springs, CO 80905 Phone: 719-471-8680 Fax: 719-471-0894 \$79 room rate
Nov. 5 & 6, 2008 Wednesday & Thursday	Individual Income Tax Update 16 CPE Credit Hours Members \$315, Non-Members \$345 ** Early Bird Registration Members \$290, Non-Members \$320	Grand Junction Doubletree Hotel Grand Junction 743 Horizon Dr. Grand Junction, CO 81506 Phone: 970-241-8888 Fax: 970-245-8198 \$89 room rate
Nov. 10 & 11, 2008 Monday & Tuesday	Individual Income Tax Update Prices and Credits same as above.	Durango Doubletree Hotel Durango 501 Camino Del Rio Durango, CO 81301 Phone: 970-259-6580 Fax: 970-259-4398 \$104, \$124 room rate
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Ben Sandoval

It is with sadness we inform you that PASC Member Ben Sandoval, EA, PA, ABA, passed away in December of 2007. He had cancer, and it took him quickly. Ben's wife, Mala, who also attended our seminars regularly, said he died with dignity, and she is thankful he didn't suffer much. Ben had a successful accounting practice in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, called Expert Income Tax Services, Inc. He was a member of the Public Accountants Society of Colorado for nearly 20 years, and he will be deeply missed.

Those wishing to send cards of condolence may send them to Mala at 7000 West 35th Avenue Wheat Ridge, CO 80033-6369.

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