

February 2008

From the Desk of the President

Winston A. Macon, EA



I hope you had an enjoyable holiday and are now ready to start another tax season. It seems as if I am not starting another season, but continuing with my tax profession. Some of us are thankful for the holidays so that we could get away from the office.

Your officers and directors are very busy conducting Society business. We thank them for the fine job they are doing. A great deal has been completed during the past year and I want to thank all of you who have contributed.

We have developed an excellent education program for 2008. Please review our education calendar and reserve the dates now. We hope to see you at all of our programs. In order to increase attendance to our education programs, please tell a few people about our education programs and invite them to attend. We could have a record attendance if everyone shares the education information with others.

As you know, we will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary on August 30 – September 4, 2008, on a Cruise to Bermuda. I am very excited about the cruise and our anniversary. There are a few cabins available. If you need information on the cruise, please contact our Administrative office at 804-340-5225. Let us work together to fill the ship and have a grand celebration.

I must remind you that as we approach the tax preparation season to never forget our Circular 230 responsibilities. Have a Great Tax Season!

Sincerely,

Winston A. Macon, EA

Welcome New Members and Associates!

Congratulations to the following new members and associates of the Society!

Ernest Adams
Fort Washington, MD

David Thomas Agro, CPA
Takoma Park, MD

Robert J. Bennie, CPA
Oak Hill, VA

Phaedra Dunko
Dumfries, VA

Louis W. Heacock
Alexandria, VA

Karen H. Johnson, CPA
Fairfax, VA

Pratibha V. Kirpalani-Baluch
Reston, VA

Bob Mislán
Norfolk, VA

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VASEA Calendar of Events

The events listed below are tentatively scheduled. Although unlikely, locations and dates may change. For the most current version of the Society calendar, please visit VASEA's website at www.vasea.org or contact the VASEA Administrative Office at (804) 340-5225 or 1-800-344-8732 toll-free.

June 12-14, 2008

VASEA Twentieth Annual Spring Seminar (22 hours CPE)

Fredericksburg Hospitality House (formerly Holiday Inn Select), Fredericksburg, Virginia

June 20-22, 2008

VASEA Special Enrollment Exam (SEE) Review Course

Holiday Inn Patriot, Williamsburg, Virginia

July 10-11, 2008

VASEA IRS/VA Department of Taxation Current Tax Issues Seminar (10 hours CPE)

Fredericksburg Hospitality House (formerly Holiday Inn Select), Fredericksburg, Virginia

August 5-6, 2008

NCPE Corporation (C&S) and Partnerships (LLCs) Workshop (16 hours CPE)

Holiday Inn Tanglewood*, Roanoke, Virginia

August 7-8, 2008

NCPE Corporation (C&S) and Partnerships (LLCs) Workshop (16 hours CPE)

Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport, Herndon, Virginia

August 30-Sept 4, 2008

VASEA 25th Anniversary Cruise from Norfolk to Bermuda (8 hours CPE)

September 23-24, 2008

NCPE Fiduciary (Form 1041) and Federal Estate (Forms 706 and 709) (16 hours CPE)

Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport, Herndon, Virginia

October 24-26, 2008

VASEA Special Enrollment Exam (SEE) Review Course

Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport, Herndon, Virginia

November 5-6, 2008

NCPE 1040 Individual Income Tax Workshop (16 hours CPE)

Holiday Inn Select Norfolk Airport, Norfolk, Virginia

November 12-13, 2008

NCPE 1040 Individual Income Tax Workshop (16 hours CPE)

Holiday Inn Roanoke**, Roanoke, Virginia

November 19-20, 2008

NCPE 1040 Individual Income Tax Workshop (16 hours CPE)

Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport, Herndon, Virginia

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Enrolled Agent of the Year Award

The Virginia Society of Enrolled Agents (VASEA) has always had members that contribute to the enhancement or improvement of the status of Enrolled Agents (EA). The following two EA's were recognized at our 2007 Annual Meeting and received the Enrolled Agent of the year Award:

1. Elizabeth F. Geiger, EA has been very active and served as VASEA Membership Chair, VASEA Board of Director, Northern Virginia Chapter (NVC) Board of Director, NVC Vice- President, NVC President, VASEA Secretary and Public Relations Chair. She also served on VASEA 20th Anniversary Committee, Coordinated VPI Seminar presence and helped with the NVC Tri-State Seminar.
2. Nancy L. Taylor, EA has also been very active and served as VASEA Membership Chair, Hampton Roads Chapter (HRC) Director, President Elect, Vice President, and Membership Chair. She was personally responsible for expanding the Society's presence at the VPI Seminars. Nancy devised a very successful membership program for our 20th Anniversary and continued after the Anniversary.

These two EA's continue to volunteer their services to VASEA and Chapters and we thank them for everything they have done and are continuing to do.

Eligibility

Any Society Member in good standing is eligible to receive the Enrolled Agent of the Year Award.

The award will be presented to the Enrolled Agent who has contributed to the enhancement or improvement of the status of Enrolled Agents, a local Chapter or the Virginia Society.

How to Make a Nomination

Each member may nominate one person. In addition, each Chapter of VASEA may nominate one person. The nomination of the Chapter must be accompanied by a letter signed by the Chapter President, indicating it is the official nomination of the Chapter.

Additionally, each Officer of the Society and each VASEA Director may nominate one person. The person submitting the nomination should be clearly identified.

Nominations must be legibly written. The heading of the information should clearly state it is a nomination for Enrolled Agent of the Year.

There is no limitation on length, and specific efforts and achievements shall be cited. Generalities should be avoided, so that the actual merits of the contribution may be accurately weighed.

All nominations must be submitted no later than April 30, 2008, to be eligible for consideration. Mail to VASEA Administrator, 2415 Westwood Avenue, Richmond, VA 23230.



Winston Macon, EA presents the EA of the Year Award to Elizabeth Geiger, EA at the Annual Meeting during the 2007 Spring Seminar. Nancy Taylor, EA was also presented with a plaque during the meeting.

VASEA Education Scholarship Program

The VASEA Education Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that Monyetta Crouell won the \$100 scholarship for the November 2007 SEE Program. The scholarship was made in memory and honor of Mary A. Russo, EA, former VASEA member who was very active in VASEA and in the education of preparers and Enrolled Agents.

Donations Requested – VASEA wishes to continue to provide Education Scholarships in the future. Your tax-deductible donation would be appreciated and will help support this program. Please send donations made payable to the Virginia Society of Enrolled Agents with a notation in the memo section “Education Scholarship Program” to: Virginia Society of Enrolled Agents, Attn: VASEA Education Scholarship, 2415 Westwood Avenue Richmond, VA 23230.

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please call the Education Scholarship Committee Chair, Becky Donehew, EA at (540) 342-1120.

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