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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



I am excited to begin this letter to you by announcing that BKR International has maintained its position as sixth in the world in the 2017 *International Accounting Bulletin* rankings for global associations, with \$1.36 billion in fees, a 1% growth over last year. Download the full

association fee rankings table at <http://www.bkremea.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/20170215-IAB-Rankings-Associations.pdf>.

I would also like to introduce the three newest members of BKR International — **ACAR-TUS Czech, s.r.o.** (Ostrava, Czech Republic), **ACARTUS S.A.** (Jastrzębie-Zdrój, Poland), and **ACARTUS Slovakia, s.r.o.** (Cadca, Slovakia), all of which were approved by BKR's Worldwide Board at our meeting on January 30.

See page 3 to learn more about our new firms. I know you will all join me in extending them a warm BKR welcome at our upcoming events.

In other action at our board meeting, we agreed to develop a database of member expertise and discussed new ways to reach potential new members through videos, greater use of social media, and other informational technology.

You can help us expand the BKR name by send-

ing out our 2017 marketing brochure to your clients and referral sources, as well as our new directory, which will be distributed at our upcoming conferences. Also, be sure to post articles and other information from BKR's websites to your firm's social media platforms. These tools help to illustrate the expanded resources your firm is able to provide anywhere in the world through its membership in BKR.

As many of our members enter into their busy seasons, BKR's boards and staff are hard at work preparing for our 2017 regional and subregional conferences.

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We begin with our joint Asia-Pacific and EMEA Regional Meeting in Singapore at the Mandarin Orchard Hotel from May 6-8. Members will learn about emerging trends in cyber security, wellness in the workplace, and investing in the SaaS market, among many other timely topics.

But it won't all be hard work. Attendees will have ample opportunity to explore this fascinating city

and its diverse ethnic neighborhoods, unique "wet markets," spectacular architecture, and exotic wildlife. They may even enjoy breakfast with a family of orangutans at the Singapore Zoo!

Then, it's "off to the races" in Louisville, Kentucky, USA! Appropriately dubbed, "Derby City,"

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# 2017 REGIONAL MEETING AGENDAS

**ASIA-PACIFIC AND EMEA REGIONAL MEETING**  
Mandarin Orchard Hotel  
Singapore, Singapore  
May 6-8, 2017

## FRIDAY, MAY 5

EMEA Regional Board Meeting  
Asia-Pacific Regional Board Meeting

## SATURDAY, MAY 6

Welcome  
Economic Update – Singapore  
New Member Updates  
Presentation of Scholarship – Asia-Pac  
Presentation of Scholarship – EMEA  
BKR Asia-Pac AGM  
BKR EMEA AGM  
Roundtable Discussion – BKR International  
Roundtable Discussion – Outsourcing  
Breakout Sessions

- Digital Disruption
- Wellness in the Workplace



## MONDAY, MAY 8

International Tax Committee Update  
New Regional Website Updates  
Guest Speaker – Cyber Security  
Keynote Roundtable: Investing in Singapore in the SaaS Market  
Next Meeting – EMEA – Cyprus  
Next Meeting – Asia Pac – Manila  
Next Meeting – Worldwide – London  
Closing Remarks

**AMERICAS REGIONAL MEETING**  
The Brown Hotel  
Louisville, Kentucky, USA  
June 3-6, 2017

## SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Governmental/Not-for-Profit Accounting and Auditing Practice Group Meeting  
Americas Regional Board Meeting  
Latin American Firms' Meeting

## MONDAY, JUNE 5

Welcome to Louisville  
Report of the Americas Regional Chair  
Report of the Worldwide Chair  
Partner Accountability and Unity: Linking Firm Strategy to Compensation  
Highlights of BKR's 2017 Member Firm Analysis  
Breakout Sessions

- Drilling Down Into the 2017 Statistics
- The Pros and Cons of Outsourcing
- Partner Accountability
- The New Normal: Winning Clients with Social Selling

## TUESDAY, JUNE 6

Regional Reports

- Asia-Pacific
- EMEA

BKR's Practice Group Updates

- Emerging Leaders
- Medical Practices and Health Care

That Michelangelo Moment: Sustained Excellence Amid Chaos and Uncertainty  
Using Data to Drive Growth Strategy and ROI  
Update on Technology, Cyber Security, and Gadgets: Sometimes What You Don't Know Can Hurt You  
Artificial Intelligence: The Future is Now  
Panel Discussion on Staff Retention  
Closing Remarks and iPad Raffle

# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

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Louisville will host this year's Americas Regional Meeting at the legendary Brown Hotel from June 3-6.

Topics on this jam-packed agenda range from best practices in management and marketing to exploring the uses of artificial intelligence in the workplace, and much more.

Social events include visits to the Muhammad Ali Center, bourbon-tasting, as well as hat-making – just in time for the Kentucky Derby Party at Churchill Downs, home of the world-famous equestrian event.

See this page for complete information on our upcoming regional meetings, and be sure to visit [www.bkr.com](http://www.bkr.com) for all meeting registration and hotel reservation links.

It is also never too early to begin making plans for BKR's banner event of the year, our 2017 Annual Worldwide Meeting in London from October 21-24. Look for more information to be posted to the website in the coming months.

I want to set a BKR record for the most attendees ever at what I know will be an unforgettable event! We had a total number of nearly 280 members and companions in San Francisco, and nearly 290 in Paris, so I know that we can rise to the challenge!

In the meantime, I wish all to whom it applies a successful and prosperous busy season, and I look forward to seeing you all in Singapore and Louisville.

Kind Regards,

**Jacqueline Wolfovski**

# BKR WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBER FIRMS

BKR is pleased to welcome **ACARTUS Czech, s.r.o.** (Ostrava, Czech Republic), **ACARTUS S.A.** (Jastrzębie-Zdrój, Poland), and **ACARTUS Slovakia, s.r.o.** (Cadca, Slovakia) into membership.

ACARTUS Czech, s.r.o. offers an array of accounting, audit, tax, and legal services. Its three partners and staff of 25 specialize in the automotive industry, steel, engineering, construction, and service providers. The firm has additional offices in Ostrava and Prague.

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ACARTUS S.A. provides extensive accounting and tax services. With four partners and a staff of 42, the firm specializes in trade, service providers, freight forwarding, engineering, and recycling. ACARTUS S.A. has additional offices in Cieszyn and Racibórz, Poland.

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ACARTUS Slovakia, s.r.o. offers numerous audit, accounting, tax, legal, and other professional services. The firm specializes in the automotive industry, building, wholesale, service providers, the chemical industry, food processing, and holding structures. With four partners and a staff of 37, ACARTUS Slovakia, s.r.o. has two additional locations in Bratislava and Zilina, Slovakia.

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## BKR WORLDWIDE BOARD MEETS WITH MEMBERS IN MUMBAI



**BKR International's Worldwide Board met with Indian members in Mumbai on January 29.**

## BKR LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE HELD IN HOUSTON



**Future leaders met in Houston from January 11-13 for the third session of BKR's Leadership Institute. The final session and graduation will be held in New York from May 3-5.**

# MEMBER PROFILE:

## INTERNATIONAL PROXIMITY (PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS)

**International Proximity** is a Mauritius-based management company and fund administrator providing tailored structuring, administration (incorporation, company secretarial, accounting, reporting, taxation, and back office), compliance, and business facilitation and support services to our clients so that they can concentrate on developing their businesses.

As one of the longest standing of the licensed management companies in Mauritius, we have been fully engaged since 1995 in working with investment funds, multinationals, financial institutions, family offices, and operating companies to maximise the opportunities that Mauritius offers them as the key international financial centre bridging Asia and Africa.

We operate from our own purpose-built building in the Ebene Cybercity, which is the premier business hub in Mauritius. Many of our international clients have availed themselves of this office space facility to create real substance on the ground, thereby enhancing their presence in the Mauritius international financial centre.

### OUR CLIENTS

Our client list comprises premier financial institutions, investment funds, multinational companies (including a number of Fortune 100, Fortune 500, FTSE 100, and CAC 40 companies), and family offices. We count many international banks as our clients. We act for two sovereign funds and have worked on several structures, which involve a parent entity to be listed on AIM.

We have handled some major foreign direct investment projects, including the largest single investment in India at the time. We work regularly with the leading international professional firms, including the “Magic Circle” and “Wall Street” firms.

On the private equity/venture capital side, we act for several very large US private equity firms. We run all the Mauritian companies for one of the largest private equity houses in Europe. Among our other mandates, we

administer some of the largest real estate funds investing in India and the most successful fund aimed at the luxury goods and mass affluent market in Asia, for which we also handle the bulk of its administration requirements for its Singapore-domiciled second fund as its back office in Mauritius. We are increasingly focusing on pan-African private equity funds, which view Mauritius as the ideal African domicile.

We believe that International Proximity has a very strong reputation in Mauritius for its quality of clients and quality of services. A number of major clients have moved to us recently from some of our competitors because of our good name in the industry.

### OUR SERVICES AND PROCESSES

We operate a full complement of services: advising on the company or fund structuring, seeing through the incorporation process with the authorities, confirming key operational procedures with the GP/manager, handling capital calls and acquisition transactions, reporting and accounting, compliance and governance, dealing with investors and handling disposals, redemptions, and capital outflows. We provide a range of other business support services, including management accounting for companies, employee services, and reporting.

We are known in the market place for our customised, hands-on, and pro-active service that leverages off the international and local experience of our staff. We are able to bring innovative solutions to the table based on the culmination of the years of industry knowledge that our personnel have built up.

We are systems-driven and operate pragmatic and business-friendly processes with the goal of ensuring that our clients’ experience of the Mauritius international financial centre brings them back again and again.

We recognise that our clients wish to focus on what they do best – their core business. We provide a tailored outsourcing service based on a strong technological platform,

which is flexible and scalable, and encompasses general accounting and monthly or quarterly bookkeeping services, preparation of financial statements, preparation of tax returns and tax filing, statutory reporting, payroll services, treasury management, cash-handling services, and e-accounting.

In running our clients’ back offices in Mauritius, we leverage the efficiencies, professional service levels, and cost competitiveness that the Mauritius International Financial Centre generally and International Proximity specifically can offer.

We see technology as an important component of our back office offering, and can provide Mauritius-hosted secure and scalable multi-tenanted cloud-based infrastructure as a service designed specifically for non-banking financial services businesses, which allows those businesses to leverage the latest IT solutions without incurring the capital costs usually associated with building and running such a set up.

### OUR KEY PEOPLE

**Suzanne Gujadhur Bell**, the managing director of International Proximity, is a Law graduate of Cambridge University. She practised at the London Bar for several years, and she ran the first management company to be licensed in Mauritius before setting up International Proximity in 1995.

**Ashish Jagarnath**, director of International Proximity with responsibility for business development, graduated with a Maitrise des Sciences de Gestion from the University of Paris IX Dauphine.

**Vikash Sungker**, director of International Proximity with an ongoing focus on ensuring governance and operational efficiency, sits on the boards of major investment companies and funds that invest in the emerging markets of Asia and Africa.

**Shariff Goolam Hossen**, director of International Proximity with responsibility for finance, runs the internal accounting and administration functions for the company.

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# NICHE NEWS

## Assurance Services

### Chair – Sara Kelley (San Jose)

The Assurance Services Practice Group held a telemeeting on January 25. Participants discussed computer assisted auditing technology (CAAT) and notifying clients about new lease standards. The next telemeeting is scheduled for May 1.

## Business Development

### Chair – Jeff Calderon (Louisville)

The Business Development Practice Group held a teleseminar on January 23. Guest Speaker Carrie Steffen presented a session on "Using Client Service to Create Amazing Business Developers and Unite Your Firm."

## Firm Administrators

### Chair – Colin Jackson (Boston)

The Firm Administrators Practice Group Telemeeting was held on January 24. Strategic alliance partner Citrix Sharefile gave a live webinar to update members on "The New ShareFile featuring Request." The next telemeeting will be held on May 2.

## Future Leaders

### Chair – Lisa Matuszny (Cleveland)

The Future Leaders Practice Group held a teleseminar on January 18. Guest speaker Art Kuesel presented a session on "Secrets from the Rainmakers." The next telemeeting is scheduled for May 10.

## High Net Worth Families/Estate Planning

### Chair – Donna Urian (Philadelphia Region)

The High Net Worth Families/Estate Planning Practice Group held a teleseminar on February 7. Guest Speaker Daniel P. McLennon, J.D., presented "Two Hot Topics in Estate Planning: Digital Assets and New Opportunities in Special Needs Planning." The next telemeeting will be held on May 11.

## Human Resources

### Chair – Diana Busche (Omaha)

The Human Resources Practice Group held a telemeeting on January 10. Participants

discussed automated software for new hire enrollment and performance reviews for controllers. The next telemeeting will take place on April 11.

## Manufacturing

### Chair – TBD

The Manufacturing Practice Group held a telemeeting on January 31. Participants discussed the AICPA's 2016 Global Manufacturing Conference, the practice group chairmanship, manufacturing clients, and the state of the manufacturing sector.

## Real Estate and Construction

### Chair – Katie Eyre (Portland)

The Real Estate and Construction Practice Group held a telemeeting on January 26. Members provided an update on the AICPA Construction Conference in December. Topics included revenue recognition, tax credits, and the business environment under Trump. The next telemeeting is scheduled for April 27.

## Tax (Canadian)

### Chair – Don Scott (Ottawa)

The Canadian Tax Practice Group held a telemeeting on February 14. Topics discussed included the federal budget, safe income/55(2)/stock dividends, hybrid sales, and management fees.

## Tax (U.S.)

### Chair – John Beauston (Charleston)

The U.S. Tax Practice Group held a telemeeting on January 16. Topics included new filing dates resulting in more "automatic extensions," the new due diligence requirement on Form 8867, ways around the automatic log-outs on tax software, and the various outsourcing options. The group's next telemeeting will be held on April 25.

## Technology (Internal)

### Chair – Bob Daugherty (Louisville)

The Technology Practice Group held a telemeeting on February 6. Topics discussed included CRM for sales monitoring, RightSignature, log-in and password restrictions, and upcoming in-person meetings. The next telemeeting will be held on May 9.

# MEMBER NEWS AND NOTES

## Ahmedabad, India

**K. C. Mehta & Co.** has produced analysis of the 2017 Union Budget of India. Download the documents at [http://www.kcmehta.com/pdf/india\\_budget2017.pdf](http://www.kcmehta.com/pdf/india_budget2017.pdf) and [http://www.kcmehta.com/pdf/budget\\_analysis\\_2017.pdf](http://www.kcmehta.com/pdf/budget_analysis_2017.pdf). The analysis was presented to the firm's clients on February 3, with more than 300 people in attendance.



Attendees gather at the conference hosted by **K. C. Mehta & Co.**

## Amstelveen, The Netherlands

**Molade Trust Management B.V.** is proud to announce that it has been named by the Dutch Association of Corporate Service Providers as a Certified Trustworthy Company in the Netherlands.

The certificate has been handed out by "Stichting AQTO." Stichting AQTO is the independent quality mark institute for Holland Quaestor members. The CTC Quality Mark (Certified Trustworthy Company) is an important instrument in achieving these objectives and contributes to the further development of an internalised, ethical culture among Holland Quaestor members.

## Arnhem, The Netherlands

On September 1, 2016, **Bas Hidding** began serving as a chairman of the board for **Flynth** in the Netherlands. Bas formerly served as an auditor and has worked for two big four firms. Later on in his career, he became a



**Bas Hidding**

professional manager for audit firms. Together with **Ronald Houtveen**, the board of directors of Flynth is now at full strength again and ready to face the interesting challenges of the profession.

Flynth has announced that **Erik Koetje** has been appointed as managing director of Flynth Audit starting February 1. Erik has more than 20 years of professional experience in



**Erik Koetje**

auditing and accounting. He worked for a big audit firm as a chartered account-

ant for SME companies and non-profit organizations.

## Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, USA

**Rotz & Stonesifer, PC** is pleased to announce that **Danielle Hartz** has joined the firm's auditing group as an associate. Her responsibilities include the areas of non-profit auditing, governmental auditing, financial statement preparation, and non-profit tax preparation.



**Danielle Hartz**

**Hannah Hammond** has joined the firm as an associate. Her responsibilities include the areas of accounting, financial statement preparation, and personal and business income tax preparation.



**Hannah Hammond**

**Lisa Gearhart** (formerly Lisa Wenger) has also joined the firm. Lisa earned her

license in 2009 and has more than 10 years of experience in public accounting. Lisa's areas of practice with Rotz & Stonesifer, PC include accounting, financial statement preparation, and personal and business income tax preparation.



**Lisa Gearhart**

## Dallas, Texas, USA

**Cornwell Jackson** and Scott Allen, CPA, LLC announced a merger in January. The partnership will continue to operate under Cornwell Jackson. As the partner in charge of the Tax Practice at Cornwell Jackson, **Scott Allen** brings his extensive experience in accounting and multiple industries, including oil and gas, and construction, to the firm, where he will lead the tax practice, and provide proactive tax planning and tax compliance to all Cornwell Jackson tax clients.

## Houston, Texas, USA

**Briggs & Veselka Co.** was named as one of the Best Places to Work by both the *Houston Business Journal* and the *Houston Chronicle*. For more information, visit <http://www.topworkplaces.com/frontend.php/regional-list/company/chron/briggs-veselka-co#!prettyPhoto>.

Briggs & Veselka Co. announced the addition of **Richard Agee** as area director for the firm's new San Antonio office. Richard will work primarily with clients served by the firm's banking and Outsourced Accounting Services groups.

The firm welcomes **Jason Liu**, a seasoned US and international audit professional, as a partner in the firm's Audit Department. Jason brings extensive experience in the biotech, manufacturing, and energy industries, for both private and



**Jason Liu**

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public companies based in the US, EMEA, and Asia-Pacific.

## Johannesburg, South Africa

Each year at the beginning of January, **Boake Incorporated** assists in the running of the annual half marathon by providing manpower for refreshment tables outside their offices when more than 6,000 runners flock to the streets of Bedfordview to take part in the race, which is a seeding race for the world famous 90 km Comrades Marathon run at the end of May each year. The partners are also able to run marathons and other races all over the world whilst attending BKR worldwide and regional conferences.



**The Boake Incorporated staff**

## Kolkata, India

**Doshi, Chatterjee, Bagri & Co.** has produced analysis of the 2017 Union Budget of India. Download the document at <http://bkr.com/cmsAdmin/uploads/union-budget-2017-18.pdf>.

## Long Island, New York, USA

**Albrecht, Viggiano, Zureck & Co., P.C.** has released its *2017 Long Island Economic Survey and Opinion Poll*. Download the publication in its entirety at <http://bkr.com/cmsAdmin/uploads/2017-long-island-economic-survey-and-opinion-poll.pdf>.

The firm also announced that, on January 31, **John Knox** retired after 37 years of loyal service to its clients. For many years, John led the firm's Tax Department, guiding AVZ through the maze of constantly changing tax regulations and the stresses of each tax season. John has always been dedicated to delivering the highest level of client service, and his enduring relationships are a testament to this commitment.



**John Knox**

## Manchester, United Kingdom

Just in time for the new year, **Cassons business advisers LLP** released a video on "changes." Watch it at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gexB\\_Adt9Qk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gexB_Adt9Qk).

## New York, New York, USA

An article by **Anchin, Block & Anchin LLP** Tax Partner **Yair Holtzman** (R&D tax credits practice leader) and International Tax Manager **Ronald Kalungi** was published in the *Bloomberg BNA Daily Tax Report*. The article analyzed the US and UK tax provisions incentivizing R&D and technological innovation. The authors thanked their colleagues at BKR member firm **Blick Rothenberg** (London), Tax Partner **Tim Shaw**, and Tax Manager **Robert Harness**, who assisted by reviewing a draft of the article. Read the article at [http://www.anchin.com/whitepapers/2016\\_RD\\_DailyTax\\_UK](http://www.anchin.com/whitepapers/2016_RD_DailyTax_UK).

## Omaha, Nebraska, USA

**Bland & Associates, P.C.** is pleased to announce that **Justin Frauendorfer**, CPA, CFE, **Amanda Pontow**, CPA, **Michael Seelhoff**, CPA, and **Natalya Walls**, CPA, CIA, have been named shareholders of the firm.

Justin joined the firm in 2005. Since then he has been a valuable member of the firm, directing the audit and attest services, and

working with closely held businesses, governmental entities, and not-for-profit organizations.

Amanda joined the firm in 2003. She currently manages the engagements and contracts for the firm's Government Consulting Department and has experience performing governmental, not-for-profit, and tribal entity audits.

Michael joined Bland & Associates in 2008. He works to remain current on all tax laws and credits, taking the time to help clients and peers understand how each impact their specific situations.

Natalya is a director of Health Care and Government Auditing. She supervises large teams and coordinates the communication processes between Bland, governmental agencies, and teaming partners. She joined the firm in 2012 as a manager and was promoted to director in 2015.



**Justin Frauendorfer**



**Amanda Pontow**



**Michael Seelhoff**



**Natalya Walls**

## Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

On January 11, **Welch LLP** had the privilege of presenting Linda Eagen, president and CEO of the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation, and John Ouellette, VP of Philanthropy at the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation, with a cheque for \$30,000. The money was raised at the firm's inaugural Grand Casino and will benefit the foundation's Back to Work Program.

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**Welch LLP Director of Marketing and Communication Kyle Turk, John Ouellette, Welch LLP Managing Partner Micheal Burch, and Linda Eagen**

## Paris, France

**Exponens Conseil & Expertise** is excited to announce that, **Jacqueline Wolfovski** was the subject of two interviews in the French media, *La Profession Comptable* and *Le Monde du Chiffre*.



**Jacqueline Wolfovski**

Read the interview in *La Profession Comptable* at [http://www.profession-comptable.com/images/stories/Interviews/lpc\\_406\\_itw\\_j\\_wolfovski.pdf](http://www.profession-comptable.com/images/stories/Interviews/lpc_406_itw_j_wolfovski.pdf). Read the interview in *Le Monde du Chiffre* <http://lemondeduchiffre.fr/le-magazine-de-la-profession-comptable/interviews/279883-jacqueline-wolfovski-qje-veux-garantir-la-perennite-de-bkr-internationalq.html>. See more about Jacqueline at <http://www.exponens.com/en/about-us/our-partners/jacqueline-wolfovski>.

Jacqueline was also featured in *CPA Practice Advisor* at <http://www.cpapracticeadvisor.com/news/12288435/professionals-on-the-move-december-19-2016> regarding her election as Worldwide Chair of BKR.

On December 15, 2016, **Nathalie Lutz**, partner and auditor of Exponens Conseil & Expertise, was elected vice-chair of the Regional Company of Auditors (CRCC) in Paris for the next two years. For more information

about Nathalie, feel free to visit <http://www.exponens.com/en/about-us/our-partners/nathalie-lutz>. See more about CRCC of Paris at <http://www.crcc-paris.fr>.

## Philadelphia Region, Pennsylvania, USA

In November 2016, **St. Clair CPA Solutions** hosted educational events to help "baby boomers" understand their Medicare options. Lunch 'n Learn events held in each of the firm's New Jersey and Pennsylvania offices featured Medicare specialist Kristen Druger.

Every fall, employees of St. Clair CPA Solutions participate in regional food drives to support families and individuals suffering with food insecurity. In Pennsylvania, the firm's employees help stock the Food Bank run by the Colonial Neighborhood Council.

This year, a team of the firm's employees also worked with students from Saint Philip Neri School to unload nearly 10,000 pounds of food and stock the Food Bank's shelves.

In the firm's Merchantville, New Jersey, office, employees annually collect food from early November through Christmas for Joe's Place, which regularly serves full dinners to hundreds of hungry Camden residents.

**Brian DiMatta**, CPA, was made principal of the firm effective January 1. Brian completed BKR's leadership training program in 2016. A licensed certified public accountant in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, he also excels in

business consulting and helping management teams develop efficient operational processes to maximize their bottom line.

In fall 2016, the firm welcomed several new employees, including **Angela Ducker**, CPA; Accounting Associates **Owen Hoxie**, **Tammy Han**, **Steve Cox**, and **Kevin Kubicek**; and Administrative Assistants **Jeannette Cloud** and **Michele DeSilva**.



**Brian DiMatta**

## Topeka, Kansas, USA

**Mize Houser & Company P.A.** is pleased to announce that **Abram Chrislip**, CPA, and **Sean Dawson**, CPA, have been admitted as shareholders in the firm.

Abram joined Mize Houser in 2003 as a manager in Mize Houser's Lawrence, Kansas office. His practice focuses on providing audit services to governmental entities, as well as tax planning and preparation for individuals.

Sean has more than 20 years of experience in public and private accounting, having worked in the consulting, tax, and audit areas of public accounting firms, and serving as a controller and CFO for private companies. His practice focuses accounting, payroll, and consulting services for a variety of industries.



**Abram Chrislip**



**St. Clair CPA Solutions and students from Saint Philip Neri School help stock the Food Bank.**



**Sean Dawson**

# 2017 MEETING/TELEMEETING SCHEDULE

March 6	BIC Subregional Meeting Offices of Blick Rothenberg London, United Kingdom
March 6	Forensic Accounting/Litigation Support Practice Group Telemeeting*
March 22	Business Valuation Practice Group Teleseminar*
March 28	Marketing Practice Group Teleseminar*
April 11	Human Resources Practice Group Telemeeting*
April 24	Business Development Practice Group Telemeeting*
April 25	U.S. Tax Practice Group Telemeeting*
April 27	Real Estate and Construction Practice Group Telemeeting*
May 1	Assurance Services Practice Group Telemeeting*
May 2	Firm Administrators Practice Group Telemeeting*
May 3-5	Leadership Institute - Session 4 Hilton Metropolitan New York, New York, USA
May 6-8	<b>JOINT ASIA-PACIFIC/EMEA REGIONAL MEETING</b> Mandarin Orchard Hotel Singapore, Singapore
May 8	International Tax (Americas) Committee Telemeeting*
May 9	Technology Practice Group Telemeeting*
May 10	Future Leaders Practice Group Telemeeting*
May 11	High Net Worth Families/Estate Planning Practice Group Telemeeting*
June 3 June 3-6	Governmental/Not-for-Profit Accounting and Auditing Practice Group Meeting <b>AMERICAS REGIONAL MEETING</b> The Brown Hotel Louisville, Kentucky, USA
June 12	Marketing Practice Group Meeting and Dinner MGM Grand Las Vegas, Nevada, USA
July 27	Real Estate and Construction Practice Group Telemeeting*
October 21-24	<b>ANNUAL WORLDWIDE MEETING</b> InterContinental London Park Lane London, United Kingdom
November 16	Real Estate and Construction Practice Group Telemeeting*
December 4	Managing Partner Roundtable Meetings Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

\* Held at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time except where noted.