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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



It is with great pleasure that I write my first official letter as worldwide chair of BKR.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing chair, **Howard Rosen** (Phoenix), for all of his hard work, dedication, and leadership on both the Worldwide and

Americas Boards. During his tenure, our membership in China and India increased significantly, as did BKR's name recognition around the world.

This truly shows the importance of BKR membership to firms in both developed and developing countries, allowing us to compete for cross-border work and serve our clients virtually anywhere in the world!

I look forward to working with BKR's Worldwide and regional boards, and most importantly, with you, our members, in continuing to strengthen BKR and ensure its success for many years to come.

As my first order of business, I would like to formally welcome **Rotz & Stonesifer, PC** (Chambersburg, Pennsylvania) and **Power Tynan** (Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia) into membership. See page 5 for more detailed information about each firm. I know you will all have an opportunity to introduce yourselves and get to know our new members at one of BKR's many upcoming meetings.

Speaking of meetings, I have just returned from BKR's banner event of the year – our 2016 Annual Worldwide Meeting, held in Santiago, Chile. This year's program proved to be a wonderful combination of business and pleasure. There were a variety of sessions covering all areas of practice, as well as the economies throughout Latin America and their growing influence on the rest of the world. Other highlights included new trends in building firm culture, how young leaders embrace change, and how the latest digital trends and IT security issues are impacting our firms and our clients' businesses.

### SPECIAL MEETING EDITION!

But, it wasn't all hard work. We had ample time to discover the rich culture and history of Santiago, and of course we visited Chile's renowned wineries and enjoyed its wonderful cuisine! Some of our members took advantage of BKR's pre- and post-tour excursions to Peru, Ecuador, and Argentina. Be sure to look at the photos on pages 2-3, as well as on [www.bkr.com](http://www.bkr.com).

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our host firm, **Ossandón Auditores Consultores**, whose offices in Viña del Mar I had the great pleasure of visiting with **Maureen Schwartz** and **Belinda Rivera** from BKR's Executive Office.

For those of you who were not able to attend the Annual Worldwide Meeting, I sincerely hope you will consider attending the upcoming meetings in your region, including the Tax Conference in EMEA, the Managing Partner Roundtables in Orlando, and certainly your 2017 regional meetings. The joint Asia-Pacific and EMEA Regional Meeting will take place at the Mandarin Orchard Hotel in Singapore from May 5-8, and the Americas Regional Meeting will be held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky, from June 3-6. The EMEA Region also holds a series of subregional meetings and "1 to 1 visits" each year, which provide a wonderful opportunity for members to visit other BKR firms to share knowledge and client experiences. See page 12 for BKR's complete meeting schedule.

It is very important that you attend either your Regional or Worldwide Meeting each year so that you can strengthen your relationships with other members in BKR, which will in turn increase your business opportunities. Members refer work to people they know and trust, and this can only happen face-to-face. All members are strongly encouraged to participate as much as possible. It is truly one of the best

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# SANTIAGO HOSTS 2016 ANNUAL WORLDWIDE MEETING

More than 160 members and companions attended BKR's 2016 Annual Worldwide Meeting, held at The Ritz-Carlton in Santiago, Chile, from November 12-15.

This year's theme was "Scaling New Heights," which keynote speaker Dr. Jerry Haar expanded upon during his Monday morning global economic update, entitled "Competitive Challenges in a Fast-Changing Economy," and subsequent panel discussion, "Creating a Business Development Culture in Your Firm."

On Monday afternoon, members attended an International Tax Workshop, as well as breakout sessions that included, "Business Opportunities in Latin America and Beyond," "Successful Succession," and "Tackling the Global Quest for Talent."

Tuesday morning began with a panel discussion with BKR's regional chairs on worldwide developments, followed by presentations on how to "Build a Happy Firm Culture for Competitive Advantage," by Javier Irarrázaval, general manager of The Walt Disney Company in Chile, and "New Trends in Digital and Social Media Marketing," by marketing expert Felipe Uribe.

Leadership and organizational change expert Juan Carlos Eichholz began the Tuesday afternoon session with "Adaptive Capacity: How Young Leaders Are Creating and Embracing Change," followed by "How Digital

Technology is Transforming Businesses and How We Work," by digital technology and e-media expert Nils Strandberg.

The day concluded with BKR's Business Development Cocktail Reception, organized by BKR host firm **Ossandón Auditores Consultores LTDA.**

Outside of the business sessions, there was still plenty of time to enjoy everything that Santiago has to offer. Members and companions enjoyed a trip to the Casablanca Valley and its world-renowned wineries; tours of Santiago and the historic Bellavista and Lastarria neighborhoods; as well as a visit to Los Dominicos

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**Incoming Worldwide Chair Jacqueline Wolfovski (Paris) with hosts Glenda Jofré, Miguel Ossandón, and Juan Sobarzo at their offices in Viña del Mar**



**Outgoing Worldwide Chair Howard Rosen (Phoenix) (center) congratulates Jim McConery, Kristi Dean, and Bryan and Michelle Haralovich (Ottawa) for 20 years of membership in BKR.**



**BKR Scholarship Award winner Oscar Riquelme Palma (center), with parents Edia González Palma and Oscar Riquelme Guzman (Valparaíso, Chile).**



**Howard Rosen recognizes Bryan Haralovich (on behalf of his partner, Stephan May) and Jason Croston (Brisbane) for their service to BKR's committees.**

# SANTIAGO HOSTS 2016 ANNUAL WORLDWIDE MEETING

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**Howard Rosen is honored for his dedicated service to BKR as worldwide chair...**



**...and "passes the gavel" to Jacqueline Wolfovski (Paris).**

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Artisan Village, to name only a few.

BKR would like to thank everyone who attended, particularly our wonderful hosts at Ossandón Auditores Consultores LTDA for their warmth and hospitality, ensuring that a good time was had by all!



**Monday night's Gala Dinner Dance was held at the world-famous Santa Carolina Winery.**



**Ray and Kathy Nisivoccia (Mt. Arlington) celebrate 50 years of wedded bliss at the dinner!**



**Members experience the many sights of historic Santiago...**



**...and blended their own wines at Veramonte Winery.**

# MEMBER PROFILE:

## POWER TYNAN

### (TOOWOOMBA, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA)

At **Power Tynan**, we provide personalised financial advice, building on a trusted relationship with our clients.

We deliver proactive, innovative, and sustainable solutions to support our clients in achieving their financial goals.

Our services include:

- Taxation and Business Advisory
- Investment Advice
- Leasing and Finance
- Superannuation Advice
- Consulting and Facilitation, including Bookkeeping and Board Positions
- Property Investment Opportunities (Residential & Commercial)

Regardless of what area you may need assistance with, we have the people and the skills to find the right answers. Our specialist teams work together to develop solutions for individuals, as well as local, national, and international businesses.

Like so many businesses we help today, Power Tynan began as an individual with a vision. Peter Power opened a small office in the granite belt town of Stanthorpe in the late 1960s. He was soon joined by Peter Tynan and, with skill and perspiration, they grew and expanded their practice.

Today, Power Tynan is one of the largest and most dynamic financial advisory firms in regional southeast Queensland. Our Toowoomba headquarters opened as a branch office with a single staff member in 1992. Now, across all offices, more than 50 people come to work here every day.

Today, our capabilities and our reach have expanded so that, from our offices in Toowoomba, Stanthorpe, and Roma, we are able to support you no matter where you are in the world.

Here at Power Tynan, we feel it is our duty to give back to the community, not only from a professional viewpoint but also on a charitable basis. To achieve this, Power Tynan implemented both the Power Tynan Scholarship Program (2007) and the Power Tynan Charitable Trust (2010).

Each year, the Power Tynan Scholarship Program provides an opportunity for Year 12 school-leavers to study part time at the University of Southern Queensland while working full-time with Power Tynan. We pay the successful individual's university fees for all successfully completed subjects, and the scholarship recipients are in the enviable position to be able to apply their knowledge practically and receive valuable on-the-job mentoring and

training.

Since its inception, we have employed more than 20 staff via the Power Tynan Scholarship Program, and it is now the largest dollar value scholarship offered through University of Southern Queensland (USQ). Our staff retention and age ratio is a testament to the program's success, with our average length of employment being nine years, and 50% of our staff are under the age of 30.

Since its inception in July 2010, the Power Tynan Charitable Trust has donated more than \$147,000 to charities within our region, and gives us the ability to support causes close to our hearts, as well as organisations who may not otherwise receive funding to assist with the implementation of programs within our region.

At Power Tynan, our team and culture is everything, where colleagues are more like family than co-workers. Our culture is second to none, and there is a real willingness to support, encourage, and have a laugh together. This is supported by initiatives, such as our health and well-being program, flexible work hours, working from home policy, and social club.

We are a young, active, vibrant team that can respond to our clients' needs, and we are not afraid to try something new. We as a firm

encourage our team to embrace technology and share ideas, constantly looking for ways to improve what we do and how we do it. Of the six executive directors, four are under the age of 40 (the youngest being 30 years old), with a collective experience of 94 years working within Power Tynan.



**Executive Directors Amanda Kenafake, Brad Hancock, Gilda Brisotto, Dan Beck, Sharon Baldwin, and CEO Paul Hilton**

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BKR welcomes news and articles from member firms, committees, and task forces, which can be submitted via e-mail, fax, or mail to BKR's Executive Office.

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

BKR International is pleased to announce the acceptance of **Rotz & Stonesifer, PC** (Chambersburg, Pennsylvania) and **Power Tynan** (Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia) into membership, effective October 1.

Established in 1986, Rotz & Stonesifer, PC offers an array of services in accounting, audit, M&A, management advisory, and tax, specializing in construction, manufacturing, real estate, and professional/medical industries. With four partners and a staff of 36, Rotz & Stonesifer, PC is the second largest firm in Chambersburg, and has additional offices in Greencastle and East Berlin, Pennsylvania.

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Power Tynan was formed in 1969, and provides extensive accounting, consulting, practice management, and tax services. Ranked second in the city of Toowoomba, the firm specializes in agriculture, medical and allied health, professional consulting, and superannuation. With six partners and a staff of 41, Power Tynan has additional offices in Roma and Stanthorpe, Queensland, Australia.

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# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

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ways to leverage your membership in BKR.

Please note that we will be printing our 2017 Marketing Brochure and Directory of Members in January, so be sure you have entered your firm's updated information by December 31 at <http://bkr.com/bkr-member-information.php>. We want to insure we have the most updated information on your firm.

As 2016 comes to an end, I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season, as well as a successful busy season. I welcome your comments and suggestions as to how BKR can help you and your firm be more successful. Feel free to email me at [\[line.wolfovski@exponens.com\]\(mailto:line.wolfovski@exponens.com\).](mailto:jacque-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

I look forward to working with all of you over the next two years, and I am confident that, with your help and support, we will continue to learn from each other and better serve our clients.

Regards,



Jacqueline Wolfovski

# BKR IN THE PRESS

BKR was featured in the article, "Top 3 Practice Management Concerns for CPA Firms to Tackle," on *AccountingWEB*. Read the full piece at <http://www.accountingweb.com/practice/practice-excellence/top-3-practice-management-concerns-for-cpa-firms-to-tackle>.

BKR Executive Director **Maureen Schwartz**, Worldwide Chairman **Howard Rosen** (Phoenix), and **Jennifer Hughes** (Louisville) were quoted in the *Accounting Today* slideshow, "10 Ways to Turn Accountants into Consultants." Watch the slideshow at <http://www.accountingtoday.com/gallery/photo/10-ways-to-turn-accountants-into-consultants-79260-1.html>.

BKR's "3 Ways to Help New CPAs Develop a Consulting Mindset," was published in *AccountingWEB*. Read the full piece at <http://www.accountingweb.com/practice/practice-excellence/3-ways-to-help-new-cpas-develop-a-consulting-mindset>.

BKR is pleased to announce that **Bland & Associates, P.C.** (Omaha) was listed among *INSIDE Public Accounting's* (IPA) list of the Fastest-Growing Firms Over \$5 million for 2016, as well as the list of the Fastest-Growing Firms for 2016 in the Great Plains

region. **Anchin, Block & Anchin LLP** (New York) and **Nisivoccia LLP** (Mt. Arlington) placed among the IPA's Largest Accounting Firms list for the Northeast region; **Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates, P.A.** (Baltimore) and **The LBA Group** (Jacksonville) for the Southeast; **Briggs & Veselka Co.** (Houston) and **Mize Houser & Company P.A.** (Topeka) for the Great Plains; and **Gumbiner Savett Inc.** (Los Angeles) for the West. The complete lists appear in IPA's October 2016 issue. For more information, visit <http://insidepublicaccounting.com>.

## NICHE NEWS

### Business Valuation

#### Chair – Baria Jaroudi (Houston)

The Business Valuation Practice Group Teleseminar was held on September 26. Chair **Baria Jaroudi** gave a presentation on IRS Proposed Regulation 2704. Participants also discussed family limited partnerships/discounts and received one hour of CPE credit. The next teleseminar will be held on December 7.

### Firm Administrators

#### Chair – Colin Jackson (Boston)

The Firm Administrators Practice Group Telemeeting was held on October 25. Strategic Alliance Partner Richard Slusz from Becker CPA gave an update on current BKR member discounts and information on course enrollment. The next telemeeting will be held on January 24.

### Human Resources

#### Chair – Diana Busche (Omaha)

The Human Resources Practice Group held a telemeeting on September 27. Participants discussed new hire processes, Department of Labor 2016 changes, and performance reviews. The next telemeeting will

take place on January 10.

### Marketing

#### Chair – Delene Taylor (Louisville)

The Marketing Practice Group held a teleseminar on October 12. Guest speaker Art Kuesel gave a presentation on "Boosting Growth: Developing a Culture of Marketing and Business Development at your Firm."

### Tax (Canadian)

#### Chair – Don Scott (Ottawa)

The Canadian Tax Practice Group held a meeting at the offices of **Lohn Caulder LLP** (Vancouver) on September 23. The group conducted a series of roundtable discussions, and guest speakers presented on Cross-Border Issues, and Trends in CRA Audits

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**BKR's Canadian Tax Practice Group held a meeting at the offices of Lohn Caulder LLP on September 23.**

# BKR AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO CYPRIOT ACCOUNTING STUDENT

BKR's 2016 EMEA scholarship award recipient is European University Accounting Student Elisavet Georgiou, who is being recognized for her academic achievements and dedication to her studies. Elisavet received the award from BKR's EMEA Board member and BKR International's Tax Committee chair, **Angelos Theodorou**. Elisavet advised that the award will allow her to achieve her professional qualification and provide some much-needed financial relief.

The BKR scholarship was set up to recognize the academic and career achievements of young accountants. Many bright students face

challenges, both academic and financial, in attaining a professional accounting qualification. BKR hopes that the scholarship will alleviate some of these challenges for deserving students. Awards are made annually, throughout the year, in each of BKR's three regions — EMEA, Americas, and Asia-Pacific.



**Angelos Theodorou (Lefkosia) presents European University Accounting Student Elisavet Georgiou with BKR's Scholarship Award.**

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and Taxpayer Tax Disputes.

### Tax (State and Local) Chair – Jason Goloboy (Boston)

Multi-state Tax Consultant Inez Mello gave a presentation on “The Changing Face of Nexus” on October 24, which qualified for one hour of CPE. Check out What’s New or the SALT Practice Group page on [www.bkr.com](http://www.bkr.com) to download the presentation and an updated Nexus

citation listing by state.

### Tax (U.S.) Chair – John Beauston (Charleston)

More than 30 members attended BKR's U.S. Tax Management Workshop in Chicago on October 28. Glen Keenan, president of XCM Solutions, led the morning session on how to best streamline the various processes and procedures in the tax department. The after-

noon was devoted to roundtable discussions on staffing and training, billing and collections, and hardware and software, among other trending topics. More than anything, the group enjoyed being together the evening before in a fun and relaxed atmosphere at Gibsons Steakhouse!



**BKR's U.S. Tax Management Workshop was held in Chicago on October 28.**



**Valerie Colin (Los Angeles) and U.S. Tax Chair John Beauston enjoy a slice of Gibsons' famous carrot cake.**

# MEMBER NEWS AND NOTES

## Bogota, Colombia

**BKF Internacional S.A. Auditores y Consultores** has announced that **Humberto Fernandez** was a panelist at the IV Summit of the Instituto Nacional de Contadores Públicos de Colombia (INCP), held from August 25-26 in Cartagena, Colombia, where he continued to promote BKR International. As vice president of INCP, Humberto also had the honor of providing a summation at the closing of the program.



**Humberto Fernandez was a panelist at the IV Summit of the Instituto Nacional de Contadores Públicos de Colombia.**

## Boston, Massachusetts, USA

**Kevin P. Martin & Associates, P.C.** (KPM) has announced that **Christopher Pulick**, CPA, has been promoted to senior tax director. Chris' expertise in the technical aspects of low-income housing tax credits, historic and rehabilitation tax credits, and new market tax credits make him an invaluable resource to the firm.

The firm has also promoted **Christine Lydon**, CPA, to supervisor and **Brian Johnson**, CPA, to senior audit associate. Christine started at KPM six years ago and has recently earned her CPA certification. She is a valued resource to the audit team and has demonstrated dedication to client service. Her areas of concentration include affordable housing, not-for-profit, commercial, and film and entertainment.

**Julie Mead**, CPA, has joined the firm as a tax director in the Real Estate Practice Group. Julie brings to KPM more than 30 years of extensive experience in tax compliance and advisory services. She specializes in affordable housing, low income housing tax credit properties, mixed-use projects, and commercial real estate limited partnership and limited liability

companies.

**Suchitra Pandey** has joined the consulting arm of the firm and works with clients on IT compliance projects. **Matthew DiNatale** has also recently joined the firm as an audit associate. Matthew recently graduated from University of Massachusetts Dartmouth with a BS in accounting.

## Canton, Ohio, USA

**Hall, Kistler & Company LLP** was recently honored in Cleveland at the inaugural Smart Business Longevity Awards luncheon. More information can be found at <http://www.sbnonline.com/article/129493>.

## Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

**Rudler, PSC** is pleased to announce that Shareholder **Lori Warden**, CPA, CGMA, was elected president of the Kentucky State Board of Accountancy effective July 1. Lori was appointed to the Kentucky State Board of Accountancy by Governor Steve Beshear in 2014 to serve for a term expiring June 30, 2018. She also serves as a Compliance Assurance Committee member of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy.



**Lori Warden**

Dedicated to consistent professionalism and standards in the industry, Lori is the Accounting and Auditing Quality Control shareholder for Rudler, PSC. She is especially skilled in the public accounting areas of captive insurance and peer reviews. Lori can be reached by email at [lwarden@rudler.com](mailto:lwarden@rudler.com) or by calling 1-859-331-1717.

## Houston, Texas, USA

**Briggs & Veselka Co.** has named **Jason Sanders** as the chairman of its Tax Department. Jason started with the firm in 2004 and will assume the chairman position from **Steve Awalt**, who will continue his client work and service on the firm's Executive Committee.

Jason's practice focuses on corporate tax

clients; the firm serves a variety of middle market, closely held businesses in a variety of industries with a spectrum of services, including corporate tax, tax provision, international tax, and personal tax compliance and planning.



**Jason Sanders**

## London, United Kingdom

**Blick Rothenberg LLP** is pleased to announce that it has agreed to terms for HgCapital, a private equity investor, to acquire the firm.

The investment by Hg will allow Blick Rothenberg to further build on its philosophy for consistently developing its people, as well as allowing it to continue to grow together with all of its clients, both big and small, by meeting their ever-increasing financial, tax, specialist, and regulatory needs. These are exciting times for all at Blick Rothenberg with opportunities for individual development.

Blick Rothenberg's relationship with fellow BKR International members is highly valued and will not change. If you have any questions about this exciting news, please feel free to get in touch with your usual Blick Rothenberg contact at any time.

Blick Rothenberg is also delighted to announce that it has passed its target and has now raised £127,981 for Pancreatic Cancer UK in memory of **Colin Lehmann**, one of the firm's partners who sadly died in February this year. The firm would like to offer many thanks to all those who contributed, including the runners and walkers who took part in the Macabbi Community Fun Run and the JP Morgan run. The money raised will build a substantial fund to support the work undertaken by Pancreatic Cancer UK. The just giving page is still open and can be found at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Blick-Rothenberg>.

## Long Island, New York, USA

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**P.C.** (AVZ) would like to congratulate **John Manley**. The *Long Island Business News* (LIBN) Millennial Awards honor bright and dynamic young professionals who are part of the millennial generation, contribute to the Long Island community through public service, and have made significant strides in business.



**John Manley**

John began his career in public accounting at AVZ in January 2007 as an intern. He was promoted to supervisor in 2013 and became a manager this year. He has professional experience in various accounting, auditing, and taxation services for a variety of industries, including financial institutions, construction contractors, wholesale distribution, manufacturing, non-profit organizations, and local governmental municipalities. He is also a member of the firm's Quality Control Committee.

**Andrea Mattera**, senior manager with AVZ, has been elected chair of the SUNY Old Westbury School of Business Advisory Board. Andrea, an alumna of the college's accounting program, will lead the board in its role as a liaison between the school and the local business community.



**Andrea Mattera**

Andrea delivers accounting, auditing, and taxation services to a diversified client base in a variety of industries, including wholesale distribution, manufacturing, construction, professional services, and not-for-profit entities.

## Louisville, Kentucky, USA

**Deming, Malone, Livesay & Ostroff, PSC** (DMLO) president **Chris Ward** accepted an award recently at the Business First Corporate Philanthropy luncheon, recognizing the firm as one of the 10 most generous companies in Louisville in the

mid-size category. See photos from the event at <http://www.bizjournals.com/louisville/news/2016/08/31/heres-who-we-snapped-at-our-partners-in.html>.

Volunteerism is a core value at DMLO. The firm lives out its "More than the Numbers" tag line through its annual DMLO Day of Service, where it sends teams out to specific organizations to serve for a day. DMLO also coordinates internal campaigns, has "Denim Days" for charity, assembles teams to participate in nonprofit events, sponsors fundraisers and provides in-kind donations, and encourages employees to serve on nonprofit boards. They serve a large nonprofit client base.



**Chris Ward**

Read the original article at <http://dmlo.com/dmlo-cpas-recognized-top-10-partner-philanthropy>.

DMLO is pleased to announce that **Rebecca Hughes** and **Michael Cook** have been named directors effective October 1.

Becky joined DMLO in 2004 and is a leader in the firm's real estate niche. With more than 12 years in public accounting, she has extensive experience in the areas of partnership and individual tax compliance, as well as compilation and review services.

Mike joined DMLO in 2001 and heads up the firm's construction niche.



**Becky Hughes**



**Mike Cook**

He specializes in employee benefit plans, construction contractors, manufacturing companies, and credit unions. Mike provides financial statement opinion audits, reviews, and compilations; credit union supervisory committee audits; agreed upon procedure engagements, and other tax and assurance services.

## Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

**DS&B, Ltd.** has been named as one of Inavero's 2016 Best of Accounting™ Winners. Read more at <https://www.bestofaccounting.com/best-accounting-firms/2016>.

## Monterrey, Mexico

**QGA Contadores Públicos, S.C.'s Francisco Quintanilla** recently met with the Comité Consultivo (Advisory Committee) of the Instituto de Contadores Públicos de Nuevo León (ICPNL). The committee, of which Francisco is a member, comprises ex-presidents of the ICPNL and serves as a group of advisors to the ICPNL's board of directors. The group meets each month and gathers for a photo once per year. Francisco served as president of the ICPNL for the 1996-1997 year.



**Francisco Quintanilla (front row, far right) with the Comité Consultivo of the ICPNL.**

## Mt. Arlington, New Jersey, USA

On July 8, **Nisivoccia LLP** employees who dressed in jeans donated to the not-for-profit client, Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children.

Nisivoccia LLP is pleased to announce the following promotions effective July 2016.

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**Amanda Dickson** has been promoted to senior accountant, Commercial Group. **Jason Lutz**, CPA, and **Dan Shaw**, CPA, have been promoted to semi-senior accountant, Commercial Group. **Griffin Brys** and **Nate Evans** have been promoted to semi-senior accountant, Governmental Entities Group.

On August 17, **Stephen Van Houten**, director of human resources at Nisivoccia LLP, assisted Centenary College with mock interviews. Steve has been helping with these mock interviews for the past five summers.

*INSIDE Public Accounting* (IPA) released its annual ranking of the nation's 300 largest accounting firms on August 3. Nisivoccia LLP was ranked the 202nd Largest Accounting Firm in the nation.

Nisivoccia LLP was the presenting sponsor for its client, Arc of Warren's 21st Annual Golf Outing.

On September 23, Nisivoccia LLP employees who dressed in jeans donated to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) in honor of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Every month, a different Jefferson Township Chamber of Commerce member sponsors the Chamber's monthly networking luncheon and provides the group with informative, expertise information. Nisivoccia LLP was the September sponsor, and Tax Partner **Marcia Geltman**, CPA, presented to the group about "The Top 10 Ways to Avoid an Audit." The luncheon was held on September 22 at the Windlass in Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey.

On September 14, Nisivoccia LLP attended Fairleigh Dickinson University's 4th Annual Accounting and Finance Networking & Recruiting Event. On September 15, the firm attended the Montclair State University Annual Accounting Career Fair. On September 20, Nisivoccia LLP was also at William Paterson University's Annual Meet the Firms Networking Night Event. Stephen Van Houten attended all three events, along with different accountants throughout the firm.

On September 27, Nisivoccia LLP supported NORWESCAP and The Arc of Warren County at the 2016 Grand Harvest Wine & Music Festival.

On September 25, Nisivoccia LLP sponsored the Mayors 5K Run to BREAK the Silence on Ovarian Cancer. The firm supported Linda Hope Schumer's Team, which raised more than \$5,500 for the cause and for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC). Nisivoccia LLP had a team as well.

In support of its medical segment, Nisivoccia LLP exhibited at the New York Metro ACS Symposium on September 14 and at the Surgery Center Coalition "A Day of ASC Compliance" on September 22.

On September 8, Nisivoccia LLP's Quality of Life Committee planned an evening cruise for employees to attend on Lake Hopatcong's Miss Lotta. Miss Lotta is a boat cruise serving food and drinks to guests while setting sail around Lake Hopatcong.

Nisivoccia LLP held its Annual Golf Outing at Farmstead Golf & Country Club on September 23.

Nisivoccia Wealth Advisors held a Family Meeting event at the Somerset Patriot's minor league baseball game on September 10. Clients and their families attended while enjoying a night of baseball and fireworks.

Marcia Geltman, **Kathi Mantell**, and **Bud Jones**, all partners at Nisivoccia LLP, presented to the Morris County Association of School Business Administrators. The presented topic was "Management and Oversight of Student Activities Funds."

The Governmental Entity partners attended the Fall 2016 Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of New Jersey Conference in Atlantic City.

## New York, New York, USA

**Anchin, Block & Anchin LLP** has made *Inside Public Accounting's* Best of the Best list. For the full report, visit <http://insidepublicaccounting.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2016-Best-of-the-Best-Firms.pdf>.

The firm was also once again named the Best North American Accounting Firm in the annual *Hedgework* awards.

This award comes on top of Anchin's winning *Acquisition International Magazine's* award for best overall accounting firm for the fourth consecutive year and *Hedgework's* global award for the sixth consecutive year.

The honor of being named the Best North American Accounting Firm follows numerous others Anchin has received, including multi-year honors as a Best Place to Work in New York City (*Crain's New York Business*), a Best Place to Work in New York State (Society of Human Resources Management), as well as a Best Accounting Firm to Work For in the United States (*Accounting Today*).

Anchin, Block & Anchin LLP made *Crain's* 100 Best Places to Work in New York City in 2016. Read the story in full at <http://www.crainsnewyork.com/article/20160928/SMALLBIZ/160929892/crains-unveils-the-100-best-places-to-work-in-new-york-city-in-2016>.

Anchin, Block & Anchin LLP also has announced new partners.

**Michael Halpert**, CPA, is a partner in Anchin's Technical Review Department. He has more than 20 years of public accounting experience in both audit and quality control positions. His practice at Anchin focuses on quality control, financial reporting, and work paper reviews.



**Michael Halpert**

**David Horton**, CPA, CGMA, is a partner at Anchin with more than 15 years of experience in accounting and auditing. He provides audit and tax services for a variety of investment company structures, including mutual funds, domestic and offshore funds, master-feeder structures, private equity, venture capital, general part-



**David Horton**

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nerships and management companies.

**Ling Ou**, CPA, is a partner in Anchin's Technical Review Department. She has 15 years of public accounting experience in both audit and quality control positions. Ling's practice at Anchin focuses on quality control, financial reporting, and work paper reviews.



Ling Ou

**Margaret Kolb**, CPA/CFE, CFE, has been named a director in the Litigation, Forensic & Valuation Services Group at Anchin. She provides litigation consulting, and forensic accounting services for civil and criminal cases dealing directly with law firms, in-house counsel, and government agencies.



Margaret Kolb

## Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

**Welch LLP** hosted "The Grand Casino: Betting Against Cancer for the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation" on November 9 at the Canadian War Museum as part of its commitment to giving back to its community. The evening boasted a social atmosphere with gambling, mingling, and live entertainment! Event information may be found at <http://www.thegrandcasino.ca>.

Welch LLP and Shopify were both given the title of "Ottawa's Best Place to Work" by a local magazine! With such diversity between the two companies, they decided to team up to explore what fuels the culture behind each workplace. Download the full webinar to learn how you can build the foundation for a strong culture in your own workplace at <http://marketing.welchllp.com/acton/media/6357/the-cultures-behind-ottawas-best-places-to-work>.

## Paris, France

On September 11, a joyful and colorful team of 19 **Exponens Conseil & Expertise** employees, including Partners

**Anne Mouhssine** and **Patricia Pierre**, ran the 6.6 km that make up the race, La Parisienne. In its 20th year, the race, which benefits breast cancer research, focused on the theme of Carnival. It was an event filled with camaraderie and sharing. The firm would like to wish the team all the best for next year's race.



Exponens employees ran La Parisienne on September 11.

As of August 31, the firm's annual turnover is approximately 24M€, a growth of more than 6% compared to the previous fiscal year. Audit, business advisory, accounting, and tax activities all have contributed to this growth, despite the fact that there has been even more substantial development in its specialized activities, such as real estate, overseas subsidiaries, social and solidarity economy efforts, and key accounts.

## Paris, France

IXTELCOM CEO Philippe Gaziot explains in this new EntrePreunarial Success episode, how, led by its entrepreneurial passion, he took over IXTELCOM, an optimization and management company for public and industrial lighting, making it one of the market leaders in terms of wireless LED systems controlled remotely. Innovation, high-tech, expertise – he mentions its successes, the difficulties encountered, and how **Pascal Bejon**, chartered accountant at **SFC Group**, coached him dur-



Pascal Bejon and Philippe Gaziot

ing his project and to what extent he helps him, even today, to success. The video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1T4ZcxkAosY>.

In partnership with *Chef d'Entreprise Magazine*, SFC Group brings short information videos (2-3 minutes) on business management issues for entrepreneurs. Three episodes are already online. The video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJun8T84AIU>.



SFC Group has produced short information videos in partnership with *Chef d'Entreprise Magazine*.

## Philadelphia Region, Pennsylvania, USA

**St. Clair CPA Solutions** was recognized as a "2016 Best Places to Work" by the *Philadelphia Business Journal*, which received a record number of applications for its annual ranking of small, medium, large, and extra-large companies in the greater Philadelphia region.

Despite the large number of applicants, only 75 companies overall met the demanding statistical benchmarking criteria required to earn a "Best Places to Work" award in 2016. St. Clair CPA Solutions was one of only 14 businesses honored in the Medium-Size category. The results were announced in a special edition on August 26.

## San Francisco, California, USA

**Lindquist, von Husen & Joyce LLP** has launched a new website. Check it out at <http://lvhj.com>.

## REMINDER!

Submissions for the January/February 2017 issue of the BKR International Worldwide Bulletin are due by December 5, 2016.

# BKR MEETING/TELEMEETING SCHEDULE

## 2016

November 28	Forensic Accounting/Litigation Support Practice Group Teleseminar*
November 28	EMEA Region Tax Meeting Amsterdam, The Netherlands
November 29	EMEA Region Future Leaders Meeting Amsterdam, The Netherlands
December 5	Managing Partner Roundtable Meetings Hyatt Regency Orlando Airport Orlando, Florida, USA
December 7	Business Valuation Practice Group Teleseminar*
December 8	Real Estate and Construction Practice Group Dinner Las Vegas, Nevada, USA
December 12	International Tax (Americas) Committee Telemeeting*

## 2017

January 10	Human Resources Practice Group Telemeeting*
January 11	Marketing Practice Group Telemeeting*
January 11-13	Leadership Institute - Session 3 Embassy Suites Houston, Texas, USA
January 18	Future Leaders Practice Group Telemeeting*
January 23	Business Development/Marketing Practice Group Telemeeting*
January 24	Firm Administrators Practice Group Telemeeting*
January 25	Assurance Services Practice Group Telemeeting*
May 3-5	Leadership Institute - Session 4 Hilton Metropolitan New York, New York, USA
May 5-8	<b>JOINT ASIA-PACIFIC/EMEA REGIONAL MEETING</b> Mandarin Orchard Hotel Singapore, Singapore
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
October 21-24	<b>ANNUAL WORLDWIDE MEETING</b> InterContinental London Park Lane London, United Kingdom

\* All telemeetings are held at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time except where noted.