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Howdy, Friends!



Whew! What a fantastic conference! To the 200+ of you who made the trip to Savannah for the inaugural **Audit Interactive: A Higher Education Collaborative Experience**, thank you for engaging with your colleagues as we worked to expand our knowledge and professional networks. I heard from many of you how the restructured conference better met your educational needs and exceeded your expectations. I know I enjoyed reconnecting with my ACUA family, meeting so many new people, and learning about IT, fraud, and so many other timely topics. I trust **Audit Interactive** exceeded your expectations and you have already marked your calendars for next year's conference April 5-8, 2020 in Nashville, Tennessee. If you missed this conference, I hope we see you at **AuditCon** in September!

Audit Interactive 2020: April 5-8, 2020, Nashville, Tennessee

Speaking of **AuditCon: A Higher Education Summit**, I was amazed at the response to our call for volunteers for the Program Committee. It truly was a difficult task to wade through each person's ACUA resume and find a balance between years of experience, demographics, and ACUA history. We have a fantastic group of individuals who answered our call and have poured hours upon hours into phone calls and reviewing submissions to create what we know will be an outstanding **Summit**. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the Program Committee members for their hard work. Once their work wraps up, I will be excited to publically thank them. For now, I promise they are busy reviewing your education matrix and schedule.



As of my writing, the Call for Proposals has just ended and the Program Committee is hard at work vetting the proposals and slotting speakers into the new education matrix. Similar to **Audit Interactive**, the education matrix and registration brochure will be a little later than normal as we strive to provide the membership a better conference aligning with the feedback we have received. We will also continue to employ the "Learn | Apply | Collaborate" education model that was rolled out for **Audit Interactive**. Be sure to watch your email and ACUA.org closely for the announcement and pay attention as some exciting changes to **AuditCon** are announced.

AuditCon: A Higher Education Summit
September 15-19, 2019
Baltimore, Maryland

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INTEGRITY • OPEN SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE • MUTUAL TRUST & FRIENDSHIP • RESPECT • COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE • INNOVATION

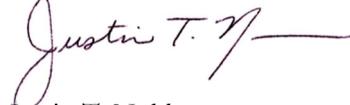
Lastly, as a bit of Association news, I am excited to report that a comprehensive update to the Association's bylaws was overwhelmingly approved by the Institutional Representatives. Thanks to each of you who participated in the important work of the Association's governance. The updated bylaws include the following:

- Revised membership language to prevent unintended access to membership communication channels normally prohibited for external partners.
- Eliminated the structured agenda items and time commitments for the annual business meeting.
- Transferred the approval of the budget and audit committee chair to the Board of Directors.
- Other edits to clarify language and provide congruence among sections.

The Board is already working on the budget, financial presentations, and a virtual business meeting. We are also working with the Program Committee to better utilize the time usually reserved for the business meeting with more educational content! We are excited to roll out the enhancements in the months ahead.

Whew....that's a lot....be we aren't resting yet. Still to come this year is a new and enhanced website, evaluation of **Audit Interactive**, and launch of **AuditCon**. This is all in addition to the regular activities and offerings that are being executed by our amazing team of Volunteers each and every day. Exciting things are happening and I hope, if you haven't already, you will find a place to jump in and volunteer your time to help your Association!

Happy Auditing!

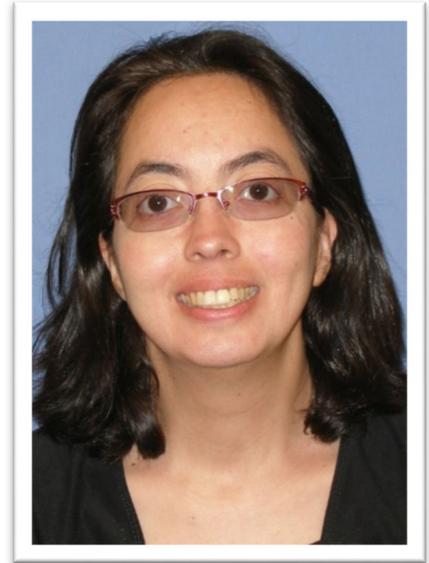


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P.S. Don't forget to check on the volunteer spotlight on the next page!

Volunteer Spotlight: Michelle Saxon

Michelle Saxon is Internal Auditor at Murray State University in Murray, KY and has been a member of ACUA since 2014. She has previously served as a proctor and track coordinator at ACUA conferences. Currently, Michelle serves as the Web Services Director. In this role, she coordinates with the various ACUA committees and the association's administrators to ensure that updates to webpages are made timely. Furthermore, she is also part of a website redesign taskforce that is responsible for designing and implementing a brand new ACUA website, which will be launched in the coming months.



ACUA: Why did you become an ACUA volunteer?

Michelle: I am a single-person audit shop, so I thought volunteering would be a great way to meet and network with other higher education auditors.

ACUA: What is your favorite ACUA memory?

Michelle: I have enjoyed meeting many of the volunteers that I have interacted with over the years. A favorite memory that sticks out for me, though, was being part of the host committee during last year's mid-year conference in Louisville, KY and hosting the Monday night dine-around at The Old Spaghetti Factory.

ACUA: What have you learned as an ACUA volunteer/member?

Michelle: I have learned how true the old saying is that "a lot of hands make the load light." ACUA's volunteers work hard and really accomplish a lot to further the association and provide valuable resources to its members. I am proud to be a part of the work being done!

ACUA: What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?

Michelle: Don't reinvent the wheel. ACUA has plenty of resources and members who are willing to share and to answer questions. And it's so true.

ACUA: What are your hobbies/interests outside of audit?

Michelle: My hobbies include camping, reading, watching This is Us and A Million Little Things, and anything that gives me quality time with my family.