



Dear ACUA Friends and Colleagues,

I hope that you were able to enjoy some time away from the office over the holiday season! As we close out 2017, I want to highlight a few items:

- The **NCAA Audit Guides** for Divisions I and II have been updated and can be found within the “Audit Tools” section under the “Resources” tab on the ACUA website. Check out the new information included in these for 2017-18!
- **Connect ACUA Quick Tip** - Did you know that Connect ACUA allows you to post new messages directly from your email without logging in to the Connect ACUA website? Check out this and other tips from Jennifer McPherson on [Connect ACUA](#) to ensure you are able to utilize this valuable resource!
- The ACUA Faculty “**Training for Travel**” program was developed to assist member institutions with arranging for training to be provided by an ACUA Faculty member in exchange for payment of the Faculty member’s travel expenses.
- Do you know a colleague that is committed to service and dedicated to positively impacting internal auditing in higher education? Recognize exemplary ACUA colleagues with a **nomination** to the ACUA Board! The 2018 ACUA Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for three ACUA Board of Director positions. You have until February 1, 2018 but don’t delay as we need your nominations!
- Don’t forget to register for the upcoming **Midyear Conference**, March 18-21, 2018 in Louisville, Kentucky. There will be five tracks to choose from including topics on higher education compliance, IT, fraud, NCAA compliance, and audit leadership. Of course, there will also be plenty of time for networking and enjoying Louisville!
- Be on the lookout for the debut release of a new resource providing overviews of higher education specific topics that may be of interest to members. This new tool will include background information, key risks and controls, sample audit steps, common audit issues, and other information to **kick start** your next audit on these topics.

ACUA’s Volunteer Appreciation sub-committee provides a **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT** each month to recognize the efforts and great work of our member volunteers. This month’s volunteer spotlight highlights Amy Hughes from Michigan Technological University and the work she is doing as ACUA Faculty Director and will soon be doing as the Distance Learning Director.

If you would like to join ACUA’s fantastic group of volunteers, available opportunities are continuously posted on the front page of the website. There are some additional needs beyond what we currently have posted so please reach out if you are interested in getting involved!

May 2018 be our best year yet! Happy New Year!

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Volunteer Spotlight: Amy Hughes

Amy Hughes is Internal Audit Director at Michigan Technological University and has been a member of ACUA since 1993. Over the years, Amy has served ACUA in many capacities including as a proctor, working on the Risk Dictionary, Editor for the ACUA Journal, Track Coordinator, and working on the Distance Learning Committee. She currently volunteers as the ACUA Faculty Director and will soon become the Distance Learning Director.

ACUA: Why did you become an ACUA volunteer?

Amy: I cannot recall exactly how I got started. From the very start, people in ACUA were so generous to me with their time, expertise, and friendship. The first thing I did was to proctor a session at an ACUA annual conference - likely because someone asked me to. I also thought that it was a great way to get to know fellow ACUA members better and to contribute in a small way.

ACUA: What is your favorite ACUA memory?

Amy: Well, I have many fond memories of being an ACUA member and with volunteering. I remember my first ACUA mid-year conference when I had just started at Michigan Tech. Bob Wenner, then director of Internal Audit at Michigan State (my alma mater), took me under his wing. I was attending Bob's session on auditing auxiliaries. One of the most memorable conferences was in Florida on September, 11, 2001 -- ACUA president Marsha Murphy announced what was happening at the close of our morning general session -- I drove back to Michigan with the auditors from Central Michigan. I've always enjoyed seeing what costumes Mike Roethlisberger from Central Michigan and Randy Ross from UNC Charlotte wore to the dinner dance. I liked hanging out with the crew from Georgia Tech, discussing technology and learning about the latest frauds they were investigating.



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

Amy: I've learned that it takes a tremendous amount of volunteer time and energy to keep the ACUA machine running smoothly. As a member and volunteer I've learned that there is always someone willing to help you out or provide you with new insights.

ACUA: What's the best piece of advice you've ever received?

Amy: Truly there have been many people who have provided me with good advice which has been helpful. I tend to spend more time reading about the way to do things better, then actually doing the things, so the best for me is Ecclesiastes 12: 12-13 "Of making many books there is no end, and much study wearies the body. Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind." Also, Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God".

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

Amy: I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, yoga, cross country skiing, cycling, hiking, reading, stamping (card making), and watching episodes of M*A*S*H and The Big Bang Theory. I'm in a book club, and enjoy our lively discussions which frequently go off topic. I volunteer at cross-country ski races, Habitat for Humanity, and the Friends of the Michigan Tech Library.

Please contact Toni Stephens (tmesser@utdallas.edu) or Terri Tarbett-Wallace (Frances.Tarbett@usm.edu) if you would like to nominate a current volunteer for the next ACUA Volunteer Spotlight.