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ACFE Conference

The 20th Annual ACFE Conference and Exhibition took place July 12-17 was the biggest ever at the Bellagio in Las Vegas. For highlights of the conference, see the following link and also information later in the newsletter.

<http://www.fraudconference.com/20th-recap.asp>

August 12, 2009 Meeting Cancelled

Unfortunately, our efforts to find a speaker for August were not successful. However, we were able to secure several speakers for coming months. Please see the list of upcoming events for details.

Chapter Election Results

The June meeting included the annual election of officers for the coming year. Returning as Chapter President is James Fellin, CPA, CFE. Jim was recognized at the June meeting for 10 years of service to the Chapter with a beautiful clock. Diane Matthews, CPA, CFE was elected again as

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Upcoming Chapter Events

September 9, 2009

Charles Bobinis, Esq
Electronic Discovery In Fraud Investigation Matters
Bernstien Law Group

October 14, 2009

William Penrod
CSI
Private Investigators in Fraud Investigations

Upcoming ACFE Events

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Vice President. Former Director John Elliott, CPA, CFE was elected as Secretary, and Kelvin Pier, CFE, CPA was re-elected as Treasurer. Directors include Georgene Fink, CFE, and Craig Workman, CFE. Also newcomer to the Chapter Officers, Richard Hilliard, CPA/CFF, CFE. Richard is a Senior Manager at Parente Randolph, and a graduate of Duquesne University. Rich spends his time focusing on fraud and forensic accounting investigations for clientele such as attorneys, public and privately held companies, and non-profit organizations. Welcome Richard.

Membership Renewal Time

In this challenging economy, success depends on staying up-to-date, being relevant and providing value. Your ACFE Pittsburgh Chapter membership enables you to remain a vital resource to your company. Chapter membership also enables you to maintain your CFE designation and provides networking opportunities through our monthly meetings.

Renew your membership now to continue the benefit of membership. To renew, bring your invoice with payment to the August meeting or return it via postal mail as indicated in the invoice. Not a member, complete the attached membership form today.

Please contact Kelvin Pier at kpier@acfe-pgh.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of the Pittsburgh Chapter.



Recap of Conference Keynote Speakers

The 20th Annual ACFE Conference included speakers such as Michael Chertoff, Harry Markopolis, Robert Rudloff, James Fries, Pamela Davis, and Aaron Beam. For a summary of each speaker including video excerpts, please go to the following link.

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2009 ACFE Award Winners



James Freis Jr. delivers his acceptance speech

Cressey Award

James Freis Jr., J.D.

The Cressey Award is named after the late Dr. Donald R. Cressey, one of the country's foremost experts on fraud and a founding father of the ACFE. It is the ACFE's highest honor, and is bestowed annually for a lifetime of achievement in the detection and deterrence of fraud.

This year's Cressey Award winner is James Freis Jr., Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) and administrator of the Bank Secrecy Act. The agency helps control fraud by overseeing policies to detect and prevent money laundering and terrorist financing. FinCEN also supports the law enforcement, regulatory and intelligence communities through sharing and analysis of financial intelligence.



Presented by ACFE President James Ratley, CFE

CFE of the Year

Harry Markopolos, CFE, CFA

The CFE of the Year award is presented to a CFE who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the field of fraud examination. This year's award winner is Harry Markopolos, who rose to prominence recently as the "Madoff whistleblower" for his persistence in shedding light on Bernard Madoff's multi-billion-dollar Ponzi scheme. Beginning in May 2000, he regularly submitted detailed documentation to the Securities & Exchange Commission regarding the scheme. He was ignored and the fraud was allowed to reach epic proportions. During the fallout that occurred after this stunning crime finally came to light, he testified to committees in both the Senate and the House about his efforts to sound the alarm, and he was interviewed by 60 Minutes and profiled by numerous publications including The Wall Street Journal.



Presented by ACFE Education Manager Allan Bachman, CFE

Sentinel Award

Pamela Davis

The Cliff Robertson Sentinel Award is named after the Academy-Award-winning actor who, in the late '70s, discovered a Hollywood producer who was creating phony royalty checks, forging the signatures of those for whom the checks were intended and pocketing the cash. Robertson exposed the mogul and, as a result, was blacklisted in Hollywood for several years. Today, whistleblowers like Cliff Robertson continue to face threats and retaliation from their superiors and colleagues, yet they choose to speak out regardless. The inscription on the award reads, "For choosing truth over self."

The 2009 Sentinel Award winner is Pamela Davis, CEO of Edward Hospital in Naperville, Ill. (near Chicago). Davis helped expose a corruption scandal in Illinois that would eventually lead to a related case in which former Gov. Rod Blagojevich is charged with racketeering and fraud.



Presented by ACFE Program Director Bruce Dorris, J.D., CFE, CPA, CVA

The Baker Award

Gerard Zack, CFE, CPA, ACFE Fellow

The James R. Baker Speaker of the Year award is named after the late ACFE faculty member who taught hundreds of classes, bringing his experience, vast knowledge, dedication and humor to every occasion. This year's award is given to Gerry Zack, an ACFE faculty member and one of only nine ACFE Fellows, for his dedication, commitment and knowledge - and for imparting practical tips from his own experience.



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Chapter of the Year Tampa Bay Chapter

The Chapter of the Year award is presented to the ACFE Chapter that has distinguished itself within its local area professional community. The Tampa Bay Chapter received the 2009 Chapter of the Year award. Chapter members and leaders have been active in their community in several significant ways. Not only have they endeavored to provide the highest quality training, they have also reached out to local universities to provide \$6,000 in scholarships and worked closely with numerous colleges and universities throughout the Tampa Bay area to provide speakers for accounting, fraud, ethics, and law enforcement classes. Pictured accepting the award on behalf of the Tampa Bay Chapter is Chapter Vice President Christine Dever, CFE, CPA.



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CFE, CPA, CVA

Chapter Newsletter of the Year Vancouver Chapter

The Chapter Newsletter of the Year award is presented to the ACFE Chapter that produces the highest quality newsletter. The Vancouver Chapter is the winner of this year's Chapter Newsletter of the Year award. The Vancouver Chapter newsletter is always timely and keeps members updated on activities at the chapter level, the ACFE, and any important new laws, legislation, and scams that affect ACFE members in Canada. The newsletter provides a recap of the previous month's meeting and has served as a model for several other chapter newsletters. Pictured accepting the Newsletter of the Year Award for the Vancouver Chapter is Chapter President Colin Parcher.



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Hubbard Award

Dr. Peter Hughes, Dr. Mary Kaidonis, Dr. Urton
Anderson

The Hubbard Award is named after the late ACFE Regent Emeritus and professor of accountancy at the University of Nebraska, Dr. Thomas Hubbard. It is given to the author of an outstanding work published in *Fraud Magazine* during the past year. This year, the ACFE announces three winners: Dr. Peter Hughes, Dr. Mary Kaidonis, and Dr. Urton Anderson, co-authors of the article, "Ethics Programs: Ethics Pays in So Many Ways." Their insightful piece was published in the July/August 2008 edition of *Fraud Magazine*, and it explores how fraud examiners can show management that ethics promotion influences the decisions of consumers, prospective employees and investors. Pictured accepting the award is Dr. Peter Hughes.



Presented by ACFE Board of
Regents Chairman Peter
Callaway, CFE, CAMS

Outstanding Achievement in Outreach/Community Service

Stacey Carr

The Outstanding Achievement in Outreach/Community Service award is given to an individual who has been an active volunteer in projects that have resulted in a recognized improvement of their community. This can be demonstrated by the commitment of time or donations to a charitable cause. This year's recipient is Stacey Carr, the Spokane Chapter's Community Outreach Chair, who volunteers for several local organizations and has coordinated important events and outreach efforts in her community.



Presented by ACFE Board of Regents Chairman Peter Callaway, CFE, CAMS

Educator of the Year

Mary-Jo Kranacher, CFE, CPA

The ACFE Educator of the Year award goes to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution in developing anti-fraud education at the university level. This year's recipient, Mary-Jo Kranacher, Associate Professor for Accounting and Business at York College, demonstrates tremendous effort, tireless energy and passion. She inspires her students to expand their horizons beyond the accounting profession and fosters an interest in the fraud profession. Many of her students, due to her encouragement, make a decision to pursue the CFE credential.