

**USI Romain College of Business
Accounting Circle Meeting Minutes
4 p.m., April 20, 2021 via Zoom**

Members Present: Derek Adams, Amanda Bingemer, Jo Burke, Michael Carroll, Bridgitte Danhauer, Carolyn Dearmond, Brant Kennedy, Connie Wellmeyer Lucas, Mark Miles, Steve Mudd, Charlie Pride, Roger Orth, Ashley Schultz, Rob Wedding, Jeff Wilmes

Members Absent: Richard Campbell, Mark Freeman, Mitch Happe, Kerry Jackson, Brad Minor, Nikki Roser, Chris Wolking

Young Professionals Present:

Young Professionals- Kiersten Roberts said there are 15 members, and ten are up for renewal. Over the summer she will take nominations for new members in the fall. The Young Professionals committees have been established.

Accountants in the Classroom- Carroll explained this program for new members. There were six sessions last fall, but there were none this spring. He expects to do them again in the fall, and he encouraged members to participate.

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site is unique in that students receive course credit. It differs from an internship; while there may not be complex tax concepts, students get one-on-one professional interaction with clients. He reviewed statistics on how many clients are assisted by this program, and he showed photos of the protocols in place during the pandemic. He said the students did an outstanding job handling the protocols. He hopes that Circle members who hire these students will see they have an edge when it comes to client interaction. **Noland** thanked **Buettel** and the students.

Case Competition Teams- **Jeanette Maier-Lytle** advised two teams this semester: IMA and Alberta-Not-For-Profit. She explained the IMA timeline. **Joseph Crawley** talked about the case they worked on. He said all team meetings were via Zoom, which was a challenge, but they did their best. **David Bradley** said analyzing the case was good for him because he is planning to go to law school. He enjoyed the team format and coming up with their best solutions. He mentioned the Screegle Mentoring Program and that students appreciate it. **Maier-Lytle** said the IMA team will not be coming to the firms to practice this year, but hopefully next year they will (if they make it to the “Final Four” of the competition.)

Maier-Lytle said the ANFP was the first virtual competition she has coached. There were 16 teams globally. **Leo Ziemer** said all of the team’s practices were via Zoom. There were issues, but he learned a lot and met people from around the world. **Maier-Lytle** said there was a social event for the coaches. She thanked the students, none of whom had participated in a competition before. **Carroll** said the students from both teams are very impressive.

Financial Reports- **Brian McGuire** discussed the financials. The Accounting Circle
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Beta Alpha Psi- Thomas Busche said meetings have been difficult because students want in-person networking rather than sitting on a Zoom call. New members were initiated, but overall there is a slight decline which **Busche** expects to change once in-person meetings resume. BAP is on track to receive Superior Chapter status. **Busche** thanked those who made the Extravaganza possible virtually in the fall and said it went over well with students. He said many students commented that they enjoyed the Q & A session with panelists. He thanked **Jeanette Maier-Lytle** for providing names of potential speakers for BAP meetings. One of the advantages of having virtual meetings is guests are not limited geographically; they can speak from anywhere. BAP had speakers from the Louisville area and a USI alumni from the FBI who is in Washington, D.C. BAP held

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