



Random Thoughts

At the holiday social event we discussed what the environment would look like in the next five years. Many of us have millennial aged children and we noted how differently they learn and process information. While most of the group was from the financial and technology side of the work world, there were spouses and guests who are in other fields. We all agreed that the environment would be dramatically different in five years from what it is currently today. We all had examples of events we have experienced or read about that indicate the changes are well underway. I recently attended a brief presentation on Blockchain technology that was fascinating as well as informative. In addition to that the news around the Chinese firm Huawei Technologies highlighted the focus on the new faster 5G and Wi Fi technology that will soon be available.

The question becomes “How do these and other new technologies affect our work environment and how do we respond?”. The answers to these questions are not necessarily very clear, but I think that as we progress through this year it may benefit us to stay aware of these developments and think about how we can take advantage of what they offer us. I hope that we spend some time at our meetings during this year discussing some of these matters. Additionally, we discussed having a segment or two during the 2020 MSARC address this area. A potential conference theme was speculating about the profession in 2025!

On another note, I would like to take some time to thank Tim McGuirk and Jay Williams for their past (and continuing) service to our Chapter. Both were Chapter Presidents. They have contributed much to the Chapter with their solid leadership. They will continue to do so with their involvement with MSARC 2020.

As you are aware the planning for the MSARC 2020 is underway. We are looking to change the date to a Wednesday to Friday session (February 19-21, 2020); thus, providing the opportunity for a long weekend if you chose. We are looking forward to making this Conference a memorable experience for the educational and networking opportunities that will be offered. Our hope is to start looking at what our professional environment will be like in 2025. We encourage you to reach out to our Board and join one of the committees working on the Conference.

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MSARC 2020 Chair, Myra Bumgarner

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As you ponder the thoughts in this letter, please reach out with some ideas for topics for the Chapter to deliver presentations on or content for the MSARC conference. It is my hope that our HFTP Charlotte/Blue Ridge Chapter offers you sound information and insight to help you achieve much success this year.

Best regards,

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President

Please take note of the March 15 meeting at Charlotte Country Club

Please make sure to follow the Chapter on Twitter @CBRHFTP



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Meeting Schedule

For the Fiscal Year 2019

December Controller Lunches Charlotte/Blue Ridge

January 26 Holiday Social Asheville

February 14-16 MSARC Williamsburg, VA

March 15 Charlotte. Priscilla Sales & Use Tax

April 19 Blue Ridge Myra Club Trends

May 17 Blue Ridge Kyle. Excel/Outlook/Microsoft 365

June 22/29 Summer Social (Top Golf Greenville)

July 19. Charlotte. Stephen. Cyber Security

August 16/23. Blue Ridge. Angela. Wage & Hour

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| September 20. | Charlotte. | Chris/Donna | Accounting - Changes in Skill Requirements Leases/Revenue Recognition |
| October | Blue Ridge/Charlotte | | Controller Lunches |
| November | Board Retreat | Clay | |