

Course Title: Professional Issues Update

Course Description: This interesting session will cover major issues affecting the accounting profession. Learn how the issues may impact you. Topics will include matters being discussed in the US Congress and NC General Assembly. What is happening on the international scene that will affect you? What are the latest actions by the NC State Board of CPA Examiners? Gain a better understanding of the dynamic nature of our professional environment as Jim Ahler, CEO of the NC Association of CPAs delivers relevant information. Bring questions. You don't want to miss this program!

Speaker bio: Jim Ahler, CAE, is the **CEO of the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants**. Jim serves as a spokesman for the profession and serves as a lobbyist. Prior to joining NCACPA in 1988, Jim served as executive director of the State Board of Accountancy in Louisville, Kentucky. While in Kentucky, Jim was active on various national committees of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). He was also a consultant to NASBA for strategic planning and committee management. Jim is an active member of the Association Executives of North Carolina (AENC). He is also active in the CPA Society Executives Association (CPA/SEA), a national association of state CPA association executives.

Outline:

- A.** The roles of the NCACPA, AICPA and NC State Board of CPA Examiners
- B.** Current and emerging issues on the state level
- C.** Current and emerging issues on the national level
- D.** Current and emerging issues on an international level
- E.** Social Media
- F.** Accountants making a difference
- G.** Questions