

Member News – April / May 2017

Salmon Sims, Dallas, USA

In April, the firm issued the following press release:

SUMMARY— Church Executive magazine recently released the fourth of four e-books on the financial sustainability of churches, written by Salmon Sims Thomas Accountants & Consultants partner Rebecca DaVee

DALLAS, Texas, April 7, 2017 – Salmon Sims Thomas Accountants & Consultants is pleased to announce the completion of the four-part series of e-books, “Metrics That Drive Sustainability.” The series is available for free as a download on the Church Executive Website.

Rebecca DaVee, a partner at Salmon Sims Thomas says, “We work with churches of all sizes and so many of them don’t understand how metrics (or KPIs – Key Performance Indicators) define operating, financing and investing activities. Understanding how these metrics are defined and function allow leaders the ability to properly protect current resources and strategically plan for future growth and ministry expansion.”

Each e-book focuses on a specific aspect of critical importance to church administrators. The first is, “What gets measured and managed, examining the value of church metrics.” Churches always measure things like attendance, donations and participation in ministries. Knowing how to look at the numbers is an effective strategic tool for planning. The second e-book, “Measuring ministry activities,” takes a look how the numbers always tell a story, whether looking at a historical perspective or projecting forward. Understanding trends, ministry leaders can navigate risks and opportunities by knowing and evaluating key performance indicators (KPIs). The third e-book, “Understanding metrics that quantify leveraged assets” explains four debt-related KPIs that help with evaluating the true cost of assets. Finally, the fourth e-book, “Sustaining reserves metrics – what they are, what they tell you and ‘red flags,’” provides an example to examine the use of cash for operational vs. reserve purposes.

“How successfully churches move into the future is directly related to their understanding and use of the financial data that is always available,” says Ms. DaVee.

Church executives and lay leaders may download the series at <http://www.sstcpa.com/services/accounting-consulting/>.

Moollan & Moollan, Port Louis, Mauritius

Ayoob Rawat allowed his name to stand for election to council of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. The 2017 Council Election of the ICAEW offers him an opportunity to support Swiss-based and European-based Members to get better value for their subscription, by applying the experience and knowledge gained from being a Contact Member and the Chairman of UK Chartered Accountants in Switzerland.

If elected he will be an IFMA Member on the Council.

HKPG, Aue, Germany

Markus Klein advises that the firm name is simply HKPG (not HKPG Dipl) and that it has a new address:

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Mirusdesk, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Very soon after joining Integra Mirbolat Kurmashev was asked for his input by the International Accounting Bulletin for a feature on accountancy in Kazakhstan over the past decade – what has changed and if improvements have been made.

Dutilh Abogados, Madrid, Spain

Trinidad Remezal advises that Alvaro Hernandez does not work for the firm any longer. On the other hand, Mr Javier Goujon has joined the team. His email address is javier.goujon@dutilhabogados.com, He speaks Spanish and English, and holds a Bachelor Degree in Laws from the Complutense University of Madrid, a Master's Degree in International Business Law from the same University and a Master's Degree in Taxation and Tax Consultancy by the C.E.F. in Madrid. Lawyer of the Bar Association of Madrid, he began his professional career at a first-level Insurance Group, where he was part of the Tax Area and also developed projects in the United Kingdom. He is currently a Lawyer in the Tax Area of Dutilh Abogados, S.L.P.

Prooptiki SA, Athens, Greece

George Giannopoulos advises that all e-mail addresses in the firm have changed to ...@prooptikisa.gr

Banks Group, Melbourne, Australia

On May 24 the firm held one of their Melbourne Middle Markets seminars this time about Commercial Property.

Levi & Levi, Montreal, Canada

The firm is proud to announce that after having completed the 3-year CPA Canada In-Depth Tax Course, which is the most comprehensive tax training available in Canada, partner, Jeremy Levi, was invited to act as a Group Study 1 Leader last year and will be a courses “In-Residence 1 Tutorial Leader” this July in Whistler, British Columbia.

Jeremy is also specializing in Estate and Trust Taxation services as well as cross-border tax consulting, while he manages the firm’s audit, accounting and taxation services.