



## Message from the President of the Albany Area Chapter of Certified Fraud Examiners

The Officers, Board Members and I would like to thank all the members for your continued support of the Albany Area Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

We achieved our 2011 goal of providing our members with high quality Continuing Professional Education (CPE) training to meet your Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) requirements, while maintaining reasonably priced training conferences, sessions and workshops. At the Annual National Conferences, several Chapter Presidents, have asked me what our Chapter's formula is for providing expert speakers, CPE's, networking opportunities, and an excellent meal at such competitive prices. The answer is easy. It is the willingness of our members to become part of the process of attending, listening, and learning what the Board has offered in the way of providing continuing education at affordable prices.

The Officers and Board Members worked endlessly to bring in top experts to provide training in forensic accounting/auditing, investigations and ethics.

Throughout the previous year, the Chapter has hosted several luncheons and a very informative and well received one day Internet Intelligence Training conference with Cynthia Hetherington as guest presenter. We also co-hosted the Annual Fall Fraud Conference in 2011 with our co-sponsors, The Association of Government Accounts and The Institute of Internal Auditors. We were able to provide the conference attendees with two days of very instructive and engaging presentations by a qualified group of anti-fraud professionals.

The Chapter has subsidized the cost of training for our members for several years. However, with the ever increasing cost of hosting luncheons, we find we need to raise the price \$5 for members and non-members to help defray these costs. At the new price of \$20 for members, the Chapter is still subsidizing the cost of the luncheon while continuing to provide valuable CPE's and networking opportunities to our attendees.

The Board's mission for 2012 is to continue to provide our members with expert speakers to present topics on the latest techniques in Forensic Accounting/Auditing and Investigations our experienced Officers and Board Members have already been hard at work fulfilling their mission.

On February 9, National Speaker Christopher Rosetti from BST, presented on Testifying and Deposition Tips. In March, we will provide two hours of mandatory Ethics training for our members, and in April, we will host a ½ day conference on Contracts and Construction Fraud, D/M/WBE Fraud, Check Cashing investigations and promoting interagency cooperation in investigations.

We would also like to recognize our very own Board Member, Dr. Richard Hurley for receiving the 2011 ACFE Educator of the Year award at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual ACFE Fraud Conference.

Just a reminder that if you want to pursue the CFE certification, feel free to contact me or any of the Board Members regarding any questions you may have. Also, the Chapter will be extending our scholarship program in 2012 for our members that want to become a CFE.

In addition, make sure you visit our website at: **albanyacfe.com** to check out our exciting training schedule for 2012, along with additional training opportunities, requirements to become a CFE, scholarship program, etc.

On behalf of the Officers, Board Members and me, thank you for your continued support in making our Chapter so successful.

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