



# ASCPM News & Views

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## A Message from Our President

*Cynthia Nixon*



Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president in 2011. I am very proud to be a part of this organization. We have many members working hard for the benefit of state, city and county governments.

The Board and Society members have worked hard the last several years and we are reaping the benefits of all of our hard work. The ASCPM Society will be sponsoring and hosting two events this year. The first event is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> and will be a two hour ethics workshop. ASCPM will again be sponsoring a leadership seminar. This event will be held September 20, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Airport Conference Center. The Conference Committee is in the process of planning an outstanding event.

Along with sponsoring and hosting events, your society Board is working towards establishing Standard Operating Procedures. The SOP will serve as a resource to all society members. The Procedures will also be a great benefit to new members of the board.

I personally invite each of you to participate in our quarterly meetings and the events the Society sponsors. We will be a stronger society with your attendance and participation.

Feel free to contact me at [cnixon@banking.state.ar.us](mailto:cnixon@banking.state.ar.us). Contact information for the other board members is included later in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you at our next event.

"Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it."

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

Mark: "Email is dead."

Josh: "Sorry, I was reading my email and missed your tweet on that."

-Utterance at the Networking Department at the University of Pennsylvania as reported by [huque.com](http://huque.com)



## LEADERSHIP ELEVATED

### Management for PEAK PERFORMANCE

This is the theme for the 23rd annual American Academy of Certified Public Managers® Professional Development Conference October 10-13 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Save the date on your calendar! It promises to be an excellent conference. Details will be available soon at: [Utah Society of Certified Public Managers - Utah Society of Certified Public Managers](http://Utah Society of Certified Public Managers - Utah Society of Certified Public Managers)



### Timely Topic and Lunch Too

"Social Media and Government" was the topic of the presentation by **Dr. Dianne Wigand** (pictured left) at the March 3, 2011 quarterly meeting of the Society. Dr. Wigand is an Assistant Professor in Institute of Government and the Graduate Program Coordinator for the Master of Public Administration program at UALR. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Arkansas Public Administration Consortium.

The quarterly business meeting was held immediately following Dr. Wigand's presentation. In addition to Committee reports and other business, President Nixon recognized two new members in attendance: **Deborah Randolph** and **Jolie Busby**.



*Jeff Rea and Jolie Busby review agenda at March 3 meeting*

## Member Achievements

### Joyce Hill Certified as a Career Development Facilitator

Society member Joyce Hill received a "Certificate of Recognition" for completing a 20-week online course with Kuder Training. She is now recognized as a Career Development Facilitator and waiting for her national certification. Joyce was honored for her accomplishment on February 25, 2011 at a luncheon at the Holiday Inn on I-30 in Little Rock.

**"Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."**

**-Aristotle**



### Angela Clark Named One of "20 to Watch" in Three Rivers Area

In January of this year, Batesville Society member Angela Clark was named by the Arkansas Democrat Gazette as one of the Three Rivers' area "20 to Watch." Angela was recognized for her community service and received her award at a luncheon at Harding University.

Angela is County Administrator for the Division of County Operations with the Department of Human Services. "It's just rewarding to know that you can help people and give them some guidance on what they need to do," she said. Additionally, Angela serves on the board for the Independence County Youth Athletic Association, where she also coaches soccer. This year she serves as president of the Batesville Help & Hope, a non profit food and clothing distribution center. She helps with the North Central Volunteer Network to assist volunteer agencies in retaining and recruiting volunteers.

**"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."**  
**-Thomas A. Edison**

**Julie Farris**, Past President (2010) of the Society from Calico Rock, was recently recognized for her 15 years of service to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Pictured with her from the left is AGFC Director Loren Hitchcock and on the right Mike Wilson, Division Chief of Operations.



[Arkansas Ethics Commission](#)

[Dorcas House](#)

[Heifer International](#)

## Ethics Workshop Scheduled – *No charge for members*

The Society is hosting an Ethics Workshop Tuesday, **May 10, 2011** from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Arkansas Workforce Center, 5401 S. University, Little Rock, Arkansas. There is **no charge for Society members** and invited guests, but you must RSVP no later than May 5, 2011 to Julie Farris at: 1-877-297-4331 or [jlfarris@agfc.state.ar.us](mailto:jlfarris@agfc.state.ar.us).

The workshop will feature two speakers. First will be **Rita S. Looney**, Chief Counsel for the Arkansas Ethics Commission. Ms. Looney will be addressing the Ethics Commission's Rules on Gifts and Conflicts of Interest. The second speaker will be the Society's own **Julie Farris** who will be discussing how to create and maintain an ethical culture.

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## Bring a Dollar for the Brag Jar

When making plans for the next luncheon meeting on June 2, remember to bring a dollar for the brag jar! Like last year, the proceeds will go to the Society's two designated charities: the Dorcas House and Heifer International. These are both special causes, so feel free to donate an extra dollar for a friend.

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## Logo Shirts Still Available

Polo-style shirts in red or black with the ASCPM logo are still available for order. The cost is \$15.50. The 2-inch logo is embroidered. These are a great item for casual day at the office. It is also a great item to pack for the national conference in Salt Lake City. If you are interested, please contact Becky Bryant at [becky.bryant@arkansas.gov](mailto:becky.bryant@arkansas.gov)

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## Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming meeting dates are:

**Thursday June 2, 2011** at 11:30 a.m. at the Arkansas Real Estate Commission, 612 South Summit Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. **APAC students are invited guests to this meeting. Members, please make a point to invite any APAC student at your agency or elsewhere. Just be sure they RSVP.**

**Thursday, September 1, 2011**, same time, same location.

**Thursday, December 1, 2011** at Capitol Hill Building, business meeting at 11:00 a.m. and reception at 11:30 a.m.

Board meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. at the Arkansas State Bank Department. All members are welcome to attend. Board meetings will be held on the following dates:

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Thursday, August 4, 2011

Thursday, November 3, 2011

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## Contact Your Board

If you want to get involved; if you have questions or concerns; if you have good news to share; or a good idea, contact a board member and let us know.

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*Members Selena Ellis and Melissa Sweeney at the March Quarterly meeting*