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and practice management trends and issues that accounting firms and professionals

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opportunities to collaborate, plan their speaking and writing agenda for the year ahead,” said Gail Perry, CPA, editor-in-chief of *CPA Practice Advisor*. “The format is that of a think tank where concepts and models within the accounting profession are discussed, dissected, analyzed, alternatives are considered, roadblocks taken into account. This meeting allows them to ground themselves, reinforce their own mission while helping one another.”

The members are well known in their fields as consultants, educators, speakers, authors and leadership gurus, and come from across the U.S. and Australia. During the symposium, attendees also engage with leading accounting technology developers to discuss ideas, products, strategies, and concepts that are being considered for both the short-term and the years ahead. Because these thought leaders have such a significant outreach across the profession, vendors gain valuable insight, and input from this group is essential in helping these vendors shape their decisions, learn how they can improve and better serve the profession, and choose what to bring to market and how to get it there.

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