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(AICPA) council and the New York Chapter of the National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP), and currently is serving as a board member and on its Education Committee.

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Edward L. Arcara, CPA, owner of Edward L. Arcara, CPA PC, which has three offices in Western New York, began his one-year term as president of the New York State Society of CPAs ([NYSSCPA](#)) on June 1, making him the 101<sup>st</sup> president of the NYSSCPA, which was founded in 1897, and 3<sup>rd</sup> president of the NYSSCPA from the Western New York area.

During his term, Arcara plans to strengthen relationships with New York state legislators and regulators, to further position the NYSSCPA as a thought leader in the state, and to diversify the membership to ensure that the NYSSCPA membership base reflects the Society, as a whole.

Arcara states, "We are taking a local focus to ensure that incoming members reflect the makeup of our great state. We will be working with colleges and universities to do this work and help to create an equal playing field and an inclusive profession."

Arcara will also continue the Society's work to help firms provide comprehensive resources to their clients, in light of the pandemic that has disrupted the state and the nation, while continuing to move the profession forward.

"We have all experienced challenges due to COVID-19, and we're working through these uncharted territories. I am bound and determined that our State Society Board and myself do not skip a beat and make sure that we accomplish the goals that we have set for this year and years to come," says Arcara.

Prior to his presidency, Arcara served on the NYSSCPA's Board as a director-at-

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Education Committee.

Arcara joined the NYSSCPA in 1986 and is a member of the Buffalo Chapter, which he served as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. He received his B.S. in Accounting from Canisius College.

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