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# AICPA Honors William Balhoff with Gold Medal of Distinction

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“Bill has had an incredible career and a tremendous impact on the profession and the AICPA,” said Finning. “His AICPA volunteer experience has spanned 28 years, and in that time, he has worked tirelessly to enhance technical areas of the profession including peer review and private company work. His contributions to the profession, as well as his involvement in numerous civic pursuits, are admirable and worth celebrating.”

Balhoff's volunteer positions with the profession and AICPA include AICPA board of directors chair and AICPA Council member. He is a former member of the Private Companies Practice Section (PCPS), Peer Review Committee and former chairman of the PCPS Executive Committee. At the state society level for the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants (LCPA), Balhoff served as chairman and Leadership Team member and has been a member of the board of directors and past president of LCPA's Baton Rouge Chapter.

“Bill has a true passion for the accounting profession and an unwavering commitment to quality. He strives to create an environment for all to succeed,” said Lisa Simpson, VP – Firm Services at AICPA. “His willingness to devote his energy to sponsoring and mentoring others truly embodies the characteristics of the Gold Medal Award.”

Currently, Balhoff is a director at Postlethwaite & Netterville, APAC (P&N) in Baton Rouge and has been instrumental in helping P&N grow into the largest Louisiana-based accounting firm. He has been named among the “Top 100 Most Influential People” in the accounting profession by both Accounting Today and CPA Magazine and served as a member of the Financial Accounting Standards Advisory Council. Balhoff is an international speaker on numerous topics, including professional standards updates and managing practices.

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