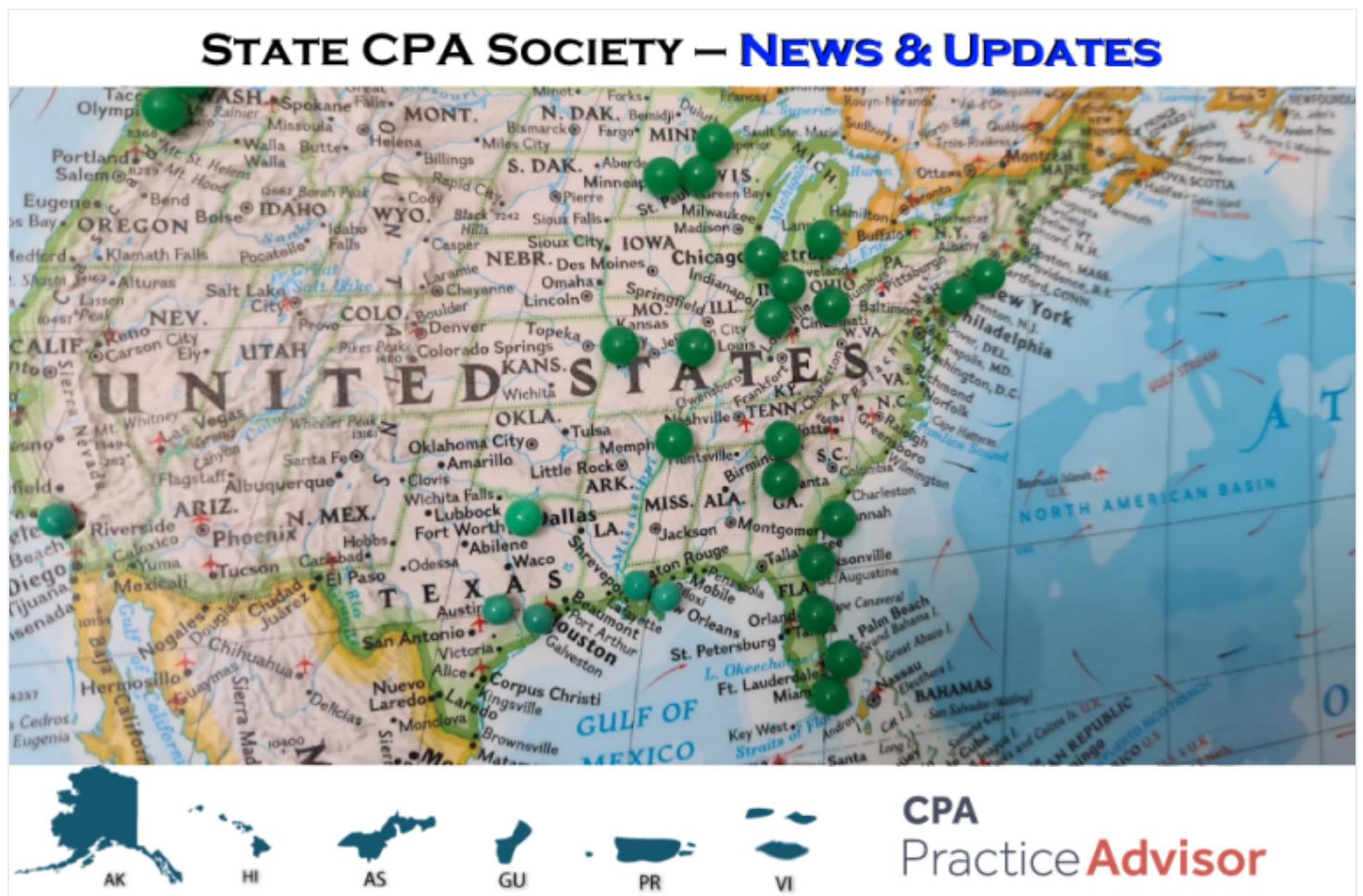


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State CPA Society News & Updates is a round-up of recent announcements and initiatives by CPA associations in the United States and its territories.

The [Massachusetts Society of CPAs](#) (MassCPAs) recently launched a scholarship to honor the legacy of current Society President and CEO Amy A. Pitter.

The [Amy A. Pitter Presidential Scholarship](#) will to honor the legacy of Pitter, who is set to retire on December 31, 2023. Pitter joined MassCPAs in 2015 and was previously

the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. On May 1, 2023, the

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accounting-related community service; and intend to pursue a CPA career in Massachusetts.

MassCPAs' Scholarship Program is funded by contributions to the Society's [Educational Foundation](#). The Foundation supports and inspires a diverse pipeline of future CPAs through a series of initiatives.

The Society also recently announced the appointment of 19 members to the Board of Directors, effective May 1. Appointees include

Board officers:

- **Board Chair:** Laura O'Brien, CPA, MST, LGA, LLP
- **Chair-Elect:** Laura Felice, CPA, CGMA, BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc.
- **Board Vice-Chair, Finance Committee Chair:** Declan Lee, CPA, KPMG LLP
- **Board Vice-Chair, Audit Committee Chair:** Carol Ruiz, CPA, PwC LLP
- **Board Vice-Chair:** Dr. Sandra Richtermeyer, CPA, PhD, CMA, University of Massachusetts Lowell
- **Immediate Past-Chair:** Karen McElroy, CPA, Deloitte LLP
- **President and CEO:** Amy Pitter, MassCPAs

Directors:

- **Mark Audi, CPA, Baker Newman Noyes (BNN)**
- **Charlotte Cathro, CPA, TAC CPAs LLC**
- **Marquis Cooper, Boston Scientific**
- **Matthew Dymant, J.D., LL.M, BDO USA, LLP**
- **Molly Griffiths, RSM US LLP**
- **Rose Jardim, CPA, Jardim & Marotta LLC**
- **Adnani Johari, CPA, CGMA, MBA, Brighthouse Financial, Inc.**

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The Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) announced their support for the profession coming together to address the talent shortage and all of the possible solutions currently under discussion.

The following key items need to be considered when framing out a solution to the workforce challenges:

1. Trust matters most – both rigor and capacity impact trust
2. Explore Pathways to expand access to the profession that preserve mobility:
 1. Increase diversity and access to the profession
 1. Do not threaten mobility
 1. Ensure the profession maintains its position of trust and authority
 1. Better prepare candidates for a career as a CPA
3. Work in partnership as a profession: The profession must collaborate to effectively solve these challenges
4. Capture and share more data to inform the discussion

The PICPA is also partnering with stakeholders on **work-and-learn models** that will give students pursuing their CPA better support for receiving college credit, working with accounting firms on meaningful projects, and taking the CPA exam without impacting the education requirement.

The Delaware Society of Certified Public Accountants (DSCPA) is offering the **Delaware Ethics for CPAs course**. Eligible for 4 Delaware Ethics credits, the course, which is offered online on June 15 from 1:00 to 4:30PM Eastern Time, covers the core principles of professional conduct, including recent updates.

The course is designed for Delaware professional accountants and is \$149 for DSCPA members and \$209 for non-member. Check out DSCPA.org for more information or to [register online](#).

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