



NACVA's 2008 Fifteenth Annual Consultants' Conference

"Rising to the Top of Your Game in Valuation and Financial Forensics"
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NACVA kicked off its 2008 continuing education season with an outstanding conference held at the Wynn Las Vegas Resort. Nearly 800 attendees and exhibitors participated in the four-day conference and three-day post conference event. The conference featured presentations by industry mavericks including Mel Abraham, Bruce Bingham, Enrique Brito, Joe Buckley, Tom Burrage, Peter Butler, Harry Cendrowski, Richard Claywell, Bob Cimasi, Darrell Dorrell, Robert Dunn, Ron Durkin, Nancy Fannon, David Fein, Don Glenn, Roger Grabowski, Lance Hall, Jim Hitchner, Michael Kaplan, Karen Kaseno, Bill Kennedy, Mark Kucik, Sharyn Maggio, Susan Mangiero, John Marcus, Mike Mard, Michele Miles, Warren Miller, Bill Morrison, Nancy Pasternack, Pat Perzel, Keith Pinkerton, Greg Reardon, and Ron Seigneur among others.

The following quotes are from conference attendees.

"The access to some leaders in the industry and getting information from them and the ability to discuss topics with peers made the conference valuable. The Current Update in Valuations course was interactive and allowed us to cover topics chosen by us and important to us. The industry standards and M&A sessions were good. Overall valuable experience."

- Justin A. Moore, CPA/ABV, CVA
Stanfield & O'Dell, P.C. – Tulsa, OK

"The conference was very informative. It is a wonderful opportunity to exchange thoughts and ideas as well as your particular expertise that may be useful to a colleague."

- Odalys Lara, CPA, CVA, CFFA, CFD
Perzel and Lara Forensic CPAs – Clearwater, FL



"Thanks to everyone at NACVA for all you do for the members and our careers. You all have no equals."

- Ed Bortnick, CPA, CVA, CFD, CFFA
SKMB – Rockville, MD



"NACVA events provide more of the information I really rely on to grow my practice. This conference delivered great info on emerging issues and methods. So much good information ... from so many talented and brilliant people ... almost overwhelming."

- Hugh Christensen, CPA/ABV, CVA, CrFA
Forensic & Valuation CPAs – Encinitas, CA

"I am the only licensed valuation practitioner in the CPA firm that I work for. It is invaluable to have personal contact with other valuation professionals to ask questions and bounce ideas off of. The quality of education, presenters, and materials all exceeded my expectations. I appreciated the Current Update in Valuations because the resources and tools that were provided have already enabled me to be a better business valuator. The resources are practical. I've already begun to use several of the tools provided. The Opportunities and Conflict Resulting from the Pension Protection Act session presented by Bob Cimasi, Lance Hall, Mel Abraham, Hugh Drake and William Forsberg provided great insight in to IRS perspective and our responsibility to be independent."

- Gail L. Smith, CPA, CVA
Gervais McCannon Tyler & Associates, P.C. – Durango, CO

"The conference and material lived up to my expectations. Less paper is good."

- Gary Dix, CPA/ABV, CVA
Mallah Furman CPAs – Miami, FL





“NACVA staff was available, friendly, and all knowledgeable. The meeting rooms and conference facilities were extremely nice. I have new people that I can bounce ideas off of as issues come up for a second opinion. Roger Grabowski’s session (Update on the Cost of Capital) was appreciated because he gave the pros and cons of both his and Ibbotson’s so we have a better basis for comparison rather than just how great his is. The material for the Current Update in Valuations class was way beyond my expectations. It is the most useful resource I have ever taken away from any professional conference and I have already put it to use. It was one of the best conferences NACVA has put on.”

- Charles T. Lundquist, CPA, CVA
Duggan & Massey, P.C. – Atlanta, GA

“It is good to talk to other CPAs that are in the same range of valuation work as us. We utilize the conference to keep up to date. We do less than 10 valuations per year and the mainstream education is important to us. The keynote presentations by Robert Kriegel (If It Ain’t Broken...BREAK IT!) and Mel Abraham (Case Law Update) were outstanding. I appreciated the session The Valuation of Subchapter S Corporations–The Next Frontier by Nancy Fannon. It is such an important issue as we have mainly S Corp clients. Tremendous facilities and service. The content of the conference lived up to our expectations.”

- Gregg A. Nemtuda, CPA, CVA
EG Conley, P.C. Certified Public Accountants & Business Development Advisors – Pittsburgh, PA

“Thank you for the great conference in Las Vegas.”

- Andreas Creutzmann, CVA
IVA Valuation & Advisory AG and CEO of IACVA Germany – Landau, Germany



"I thought the conference was first-rate in nearly every respect. The NACVA audience was terrific! Parnell Black is truly a visionary. Absolutely, positively, a true visionary. All of us working in this field owe him big-time for what he's done to enhance our ability to make a living. He took the risk, he made it happen, and he continues to innovate. Bravo!!"

- Warren Miller, CFA, ASA, CMA, CPA
Beckmill Research – Lexington, VA

"Lots of very practical guidance. I learned a great deal. This event was far superior to other industry events in that it provided information that could be utilized immediately, versus learning things that might some day be used. The keynote presentations by Robert Kriegel, Mel Abraham, and Roger Grabowski were top notch. Please, please bring them back. I especially enjoyed the approach presented by Warren Miller in his session Beyond the What: Using Strategy People Architecture Routines Culture (SPARC) to Determine the Why and Add Value for Clients. This was relatively new to me and was excellent."

- Michael J. Carter, CPA
Reese Henry and Company – Aspen, CO



"The session Opportunities and Conflict Resulting from the Pension Protection Act presented by Bob Cimasi, Lance Hall, Mel Abraham, Hugh Drake and William Forsberg was a great topic with great presenters."

- Don Calder, CPA, CVA, CM&AA
Donald S Calder PA – Ft. Lauderdale, FL

"Mark Ashlock and Greg Reardon were the best instructors I had this week. Their session Healthcare Valuation—A Dynamic Opportunity was very good at conveying a large amount of info in a short period of time."

- Karen Chase, CPA, CVA
Chase & Chase CPAs – San Antonio, TX

"Joe Buckley's session, Behavior Symptom Analysis: Assessing Witness Demeanor was very engaging and he was willing to share knowledge with us. The session was well set-up to promote specific and relevant discussion."

- Simone Velasquez-Hoover, CPA, CVA, Certified Mediator
Simone Velasquez-Hoover CPA PA and Executive Director, NACVA's State Chapter Foundation
Royal Palm Beach, FL



“The ABCs of Litigation Support for Family Law presented by Tom Burrage and Sharyn Maggio was an excellent practical presentation based on real world experiences.”

- Dick Thorsen, CPA/ABV, CVA, CMEA
Minneapolis, MN

“Robert Comment’s session Evidence on How Much Private Companies Pay to Acquire a Shareholder Base in the Academic Research Track was a very good start comparing private and public companies and quantifying discounts for private firms.”

- Nancy Riella, MBA, CPA, CSEP, CVA
Colchester, CT



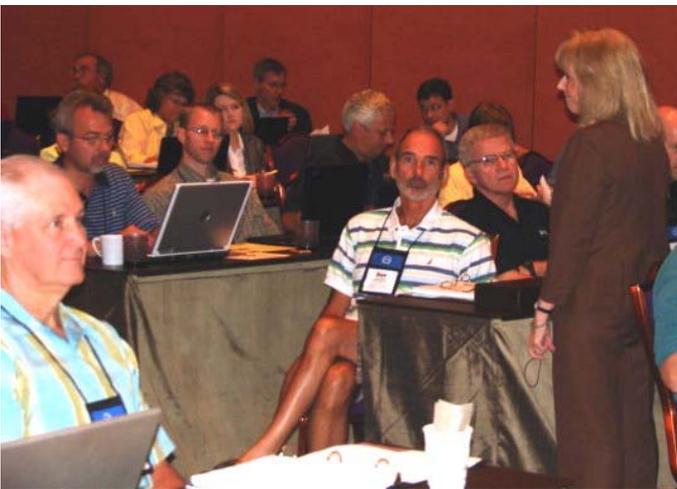
“The Introduction to Mergers & Acquisitions session presented by Enrique Brito was a great introductory class prepared from a practical stand point rather than academic view point. Before this course I had no idea how complex the M & A field is!”

- Radka Hromadova, AVA
Burr Pilger & Mayer LLP – San Francisco, CA



"I benefitted from the networking opportunities by finding valuation specialists in my area and vendors who provide good services. The exhibitors BIZCOMPS, ValuSource Software, Morningstar, BVR, AICPA, BV Backoffice and Wiley all have tools to make my job easier. I appreciated the sessions by Mike Mard (Valuation for Financial Reporting: Case Study Overview) and Jim Hitchner (Equity Risk Premium Mania: What Should You Use?). They provided solid information on their topics."

- John Misuraca, CPA
John M. Misuraca CPA – Laguna Hills, CA



"Ron Seigneur brought good practical ideas and experiences to the discussion on Practical Tips for Building a Business Valuation, Forensic, and Litigation Support Practice - good!"

- Thomas E. Copley, CVA
Galusha Higgins & Galusha PC – Missoula, MT



“Jack Sanders provided an excellent and basic explanation and presentation on the use and base data origins of the BIZCOMP database. The presentation will be useful for client explanation and report documentation.”

- Jeff Harwell, AVA, ARM
Rylander Clay & Opitz LLP – Ft. Worth, TX

“I have some new gurus to email my questions to. The Current Update in Valuations course taught by David Smith and Susan Saidens was memorable. They are excellent, top notch instructors.”

- James Sausmer, MBA, CPA/ABV, CVA
Weiser LLP – Edison, NJ



“The presentation True Confessions: Tales from the Trenches by Seasoned Experts by Rebekah Smith and Michael Kaplan was a very helpful panel discussion format offering useful information.”

- Steven Wenzlick, CPA, CVA
Value Defined LLC – Maumee, OH



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