



# Association News

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## Outstanding Member

We wish to thank and recognize

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Over the years, I have belonged to many organizations but never one I believe in as much as NACVA. And for that reason, to be honored as an outstanding member truly means a lot to me. Especially by an organization I consider to be so outstanding.

I have practiced in the litigation support, valuation, and forensic accounting profession for the last 14 years and NACVA has been my primary support organization – providing education, mentors, and numerous opportunities. Someone once described NACVA to me as a “member driven organization” and that uniqueness is precisely why I have invested my time so heavily in NACVA. Over the years I have belonged to the Standards Committee, the National Conference Planning Committee, the State Chapters Committee, the Grading Committee, and now the Litigation Forensics Board and am an Instructor. What I find so exciting is that as long as you have an idea and passion, you as a member can impact the organization and really, our profession!

NACVA’s members and staff believed in me and have provided me with amazing opportunities to grow and give back professionally. I have met so many mentors and friends who have all added richly to my professional and personal life and for that I am very grateful.

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When you told me that I was going to be the “outstanding member” for Q1 2010 I responded “you are kidding?” While my involvement in the organization has grown, it hardly rises to the level of outstanding. Really, I did not do that much, I just kept trying new things and acted on my belief that I need to be the “change” I want to see in the world. I have always wanted to be a different kind of CPA and in NACVA I have that opportunity. There is no question; I got more than I gave. Still I am honored by the nomination as I know it comes from people I respect and admire.

I started the journey of becoming a valuation professional before NACVA was offering courses, but quickly “plugged in” due to the dearth of material that was geared to a CPA. NACVA was always a clear and focused advocate for our involvement in this field of practice. As the discipline grew so did the organization and me with it. Over the years, my practice has changed emphasis and the courses offered allowed me to remain “relevant”. Even now I am in the process of getting the CFFA credential, in my spare time.

My time on the Ethics Oversight Board and prior to that on the Quality Review and Course Review Committees has been a real treasure. I learned something with each position and, as with all my involvement, I met the best people whose paths I might not cross otherwise. Still, some of my fondest memories are of the Florida state chapter meetings when we were barely 40 people who met once a year. This is where I first found the encouragement and networking support to explore this field as a solo practitioner, having just received my CVA.

So, it was no big stretch to take on the State Chapter Foundation position a few years ago. The members and developing the “local” support for our members remains so important. We have so many great people! I have seen this organization from many perspectives and the more involved I am the more I know that it has been a wise decision. While I remain a member of many other professional organizations, each of which has things to offer, this one stands apart for me. It has been part of the support network that has allowed me to prosper as a solo while meeting the many other obligations I have. For that and the many friends and colleagues I have met in these years, I am so very grateful.

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