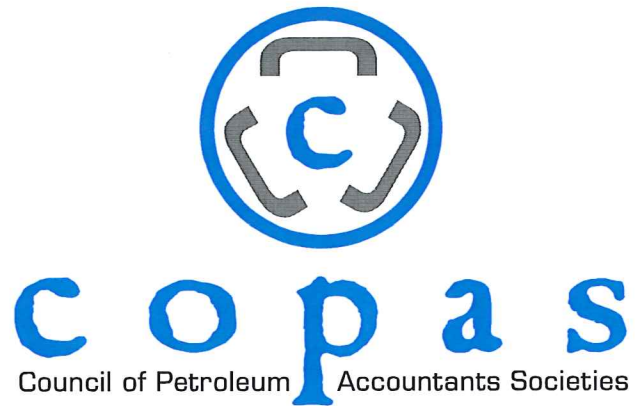


# COPAS of Michigan

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July 6, 2015

Dear COPAS Members:

HAPPY NEW YEAR... Well... Happy New Fiscal Year for COPAS of Michigan. I hope your summer is off to a great start and you were able to enjoy some downtime over the Fourth of July holiday.

We understand how the economic conditions have impacted our members and the companies we all work for. As a board, we are working hard to continue to deliver quality meetings in order to keep you (our most valuable asset) informed and connected to the industry.

There are a few items that I would like to inform you of as we start the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

- 1) The membership assessment from National COPAS has been increased from \$60 to \$75. In order to keep membership affordable we will only be increasing the 2016/2017 dues \$5 to \$140. The membership dues are scheduled to increase again in 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 by \$5 each year.
- 2) The National Board has been making significant investments for the future of the profession through the current Education Initiative. At this point the National Board has requested each Society to consider an investment in these efforts. COPAS of Michigan is proud to report that we will be investing \$3,000 as a one-time contribution to this initiative. We understand the value and need for the knowledge transfer for the future of the industry. By making this contribution we will have access to webinars of our choice which we plan on incorporating into meetings throughout 2016/2017.

Your membership includes access to the Michigan events (including lunch), quarterly subscription to **ACCOUNTS** publication, networking opportunities, educational resources and discounted seminar registration fees. **Please encourage others to join!**

The first meeting for 2016/2017 will be held in Traverse City on September 29, 2016, the details will be included in the meeting announcement in early September.

Please complete your membership form attached, and return with the payment for your dues by September 1, 2016. If you know of anyone that would be interested in joining please let a board member know, or simply introduce them to the Society at an upcoming event.

I hope you have a great summer and hope to see you around the patch or at a COPAS event soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Thomas R. Marben'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Thomas R. Marben, CPA, MBA  
2016/2017 President