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AICPA WELCOMES BARRY MELANCON, PRESIDENT

On July 1, 1995 Barry Melancon (pronounced Ma-LAHN-son) will assume the presidency of the AICPA.

Barry Melancon has been executive director of the Society of Louisiana CPAs since 1987. He began his career at the firm of Bergeron & Company, CPAs, in Houma, La., after graduating second in the class of 1978 from Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, La., with a major in accounting and a minor in government. He subsequently was elected partner.

Barry earned an MBA from Nicholls State in 1983, graduating No. 1 in his class, and went on to become an adjunct professor of accounting at the university. He was approached in 1987 to take the position of executive director of the Louisiana Society, where he served as a leader on a wide range of high-level projects. As executive director, Barry has been extremely active in cooperative programs and planning initiatives undertaken jointly by the various state CPA societies throughout the United States.

During his career, Barry held numerous leadership positions at the AICPA, including serving as a member of the Private Companies Practice Executive Committee, the Quality Review Executive Committee, and special task forces and subcommittees concerned with legislative issues and quality review programs of key concern to the accounting profession.

In the April edition of The CPA Letter, Bob Israeloff, in his Member to Member Chair's Corner, provides a profile of Barry's experience, visions and possible future directions of the AICPA. Barry is member-oriented and "he has advocated for our membership organizations to do things "for" our members, not do things "to" the members."

In a recent interview with the Journal of Accountancy, Barry outlined some of his plans for the AICPA staff. To enhance member relations, Barry believes staff input, personal contact with the members and communications are critical components.

One thing he would like to do is have a brown-bag lunch every six weeks with 25 or 30 staff members so they can have the opportunity to ask questions. The names of those attending the lunches will be published so those who are not going to the meeting can give their question to someone who will be attending.

Additionally, Barry would like to see our senior staff have more contact in the field with our members. While on business trips, staff members can incorporate visits to member firms and organizations and find out what's important to them so we can improve our services/products for members.

Also, with the advancement of technology, Barry would like to look at different ways to enhance our membership database capabilities and to facilitate communications with the members. Barry wants us to have access to the information we should know about our members. He also envisions offering members a multimedia CD-ROM that is tied into the "Accountants Forum" allowing two-way communication with our members.

Although Barry Melancon officially assumes the leadership role at the AICPA on July 1, he will begin his indoctrination to the AICPA by meeting with members of our executive staff beginning May 15.

**Staff
Anniversaries**

Congratulations to the following staff members who last week celebrated various anniversaries with the Institute:

		Anniversary
Gloria Lipman	Circulation	23rd
Hal Clark	Information Retrieval	10th
Andrew Gioseffi	CPE Prog. Dev. - CEA & Vended Prog.	6th
Eva Lem	Accounting	6th
Chriscencia Francis	Membership Administration	5th
Emanuela LiMandri	Industry Member Programs	5th

**Please
Welcome**

Tracey R. Marvel - Conference Assistant - Meetings & Travel. Before joining us, Tracey worked for Harith Productions as an Administrative Assistant.

Oklahoma City

The Oklahoma Society of CPA's has given us the opportunity to help the people of Oklahoma get through their terrible tragedy. They will take all checks sent to them and pass them directly to the American Red Cross in Oklahoma City. Anyone wishing to make a donation should send their personal check payable to the American Red Cross to Judy Fair, CPE Director, Oklahoma Society of CPA's, 128 West Hefner Road, Oklahoma City, OK, 73114.

Please attach a note stating that you are an AICPA employee, Judy and her executive director Daryl Hill will see that all checks are sent to the Red Cross office to assist the bombing victims and their families.

Paws Walk

The 4th Annual *Paws Walk Against Cancer* is a special fund-raising event for the American Cancer Society. It is a non-competitive dog walk-a-thon to raise money for the fight against human and animal cancers. Walkers, with or without a dog, are welcome to participate. The American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers for *Paws Walk Against Cancer '95*, which will be held on Sunday, May 7 at 11:00 a.m. With your dog on a leash, check in at the registration table at The Soldiers & Sailors Monument (89th Street & Riverside Drive) between 9:30 a.m and 10:30 a.m.

If you or a friend are interested in being a part of the *Paws Walk Against Cancer '95*, please contact Jan Crozier at ext. 6098 for more information. Registration forms are available in Human Resources (New York and New Jersey).

**Library
Service**

The decision has been made to close the AICPA library's reading room to the public and to make it available to members by appointment only. The reading room will be open for members with appointments Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The effective date is June 1, 1995. Members will be notified in the May 1995 issue of The CPA Letter.

AICPA staff may arrange appointments during the same times as members. Staff with ongoing research projects that require little or no assistance from a librarian will be allowed to use the library at their convenience from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

AICPA staff should keep this new policy in mind when referring callers to the library. The library cannot provide reading room access to non-members. Members should be referred to the library's toll free number, 1-800-862-4272, Dept. 7, or you can transfer them to ext. 6072.

Please call ext. 6072 for an appointment to use the reading room. Staff who wish to call the library for other assistance may also call ext. 6072.

Reminders...

..."Take Our Daughter's To Work Day" is this Thursday, April 27.

...This week we honor the dedication of Professional Secretaries. Secretaries Day is Wednesday, April 26.