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Message From Our President

Dear fellow UAPT members:

What a great time of the year it is to be thinking of our upcoming Spring Conference in St. George!

As I think of our Theme this past year "Value the Positive Effects of Ethics" I hope that it has been a nice reminder for all of us to have good ethics within our jobs and our lives.

I would like to share a story with you called "What Goes Around Comes Around! (a Carpenter story)

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire, and he told his boss he was going to leave and live a more leisurely life with his wife. He would miss the paycheck, but he could get by, he needed to retire.

The contractor was sorry to see such a good worker go, and he asked the carpenter to build just one more house as a personal favor.

The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career.

When the carpenter finished his work, the contractor came to inspect the house. He handed the front door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," the contractor said. "It is my gift to you."

So, it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then with a shock we realize we have to live in the house we have built.

If we could do it over, we would do it much differently. But we cannot go back... You are the carpenter of your life. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. Your attitudes and the choices you make today build your "house" for tomorrow....

Welcome all Treasurers! Our Spring Conference this year will be full of learning, networking and fun! Please see the tentative agenda within this newsletter. I would like to thank the UAPT Board for all their time and energy that they have put into the planning for this spring conference! They are a wealth of knowledge and experience they all make my life easier.

We are excited and would like to welcome all new treasurers to join us. We are offering 1st time attendees a scholarship to attend the conference. You will need to fill our the scholarship form on the UAPT website. We have 2 one-year director positions open this spring. That application is included with this newsletter. The board is a wonderful way to serve our fellow members.

We will have our golfing on May 8th from 2-5 at Dixie Red Hills. Please contact Dave Zobell. His email address is <u>davidz@wjordan.com</u>. Thank you, Dave for always making this happen!

The Pizza Factory Lunch is on Wednesday 12:00–2:00, it is always a great event. US Bank is the sponsor for this and we would like to thank them. This year we would like, as an association, to pay for your spouse & family. When you go online to register please put how many of your family will be attending the Pizza Factory luncheon.

Remember to bring a gift, up to \$10.00, for our gift exchange.

We would like this year to give away two \$100.00 cash gifts on Friday after the introduction of next year's theme. See you soon at our conference.

Laurie Moore, President UAPT

Value the Positive Effects of 2017-2018 Spring Conference - Abby Inn May 9, 10, 11, 2018 **Tuesday 8th** Golf - 2:00 – 5:00 P.M. Dixie Red Hills Wednesday 9th 8:00 Registration 8:30 Flag ceremony St. George Police Department Welcome Treasurers/CPFA Intro 8:45-9:30 Introduction of Treasurers 9:30-10:15 Break 10:15 10:30-10:45 Sponsors Separation of Duties-Jeremy Walker State Auditor's Office 10:45-12:00 Lunch at pizza factory 12:00-2:00 Mike Schlappi-"If You Can't Stand Up, Stand Out!" 2:00-3:30 3:30-3:45 Break 3:45-5:00 "You Gotta Be SLY" - Howard Sprague, CPFIM, County Clerk/ Treasurer, Mayberry, North Carolina **Thursday 10th** 8:30-10:15 Cash Handling-Mark McRae 10:15-10:30 Break 10:30-12:00 Cash Handling continued 12:00-1:30 Lunch 1:30-3:30 Leadership-Jonathan Baker-Zions Bank 3:30-3:45 Break 3:45-5:00 Banking & Investments for Municipalities-Cache Valley Bank **Business Meeting-Elections** 5:00-5:30 Friday 11th 8:30-9:30 New Electronic D & I Reports/PTIF-Kurt Slaugh, State Treasurers Office Interest Rates & Economic Outlook-Scott Burnett, Director of Fixed 9:30-10:30 Income-Zions Capital Advisors/Zions Institutional Liquidity Management 10:30-10:45 Break 10:45-12:00 Intro of New Theme/Drawing for \$100.00/Drawing for Academy Scholarship

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Come and stay awhile at the Abbey Inn for our Spring Conference. If you haven't made reservations yet, there's no time like now. Go <u>here</u>. We can't guarantee that you'll look better when you leave, but we can guarantee you will have more knowledge, more friends and a better attitude to tackle whatever piles up while you're away.

October 9th through October 13th I was able to attend for the first time the 2017 Utah Public Treasurers Academy at the University of Utah Sandy Campus. It was a week of learning and getting to know other treasurers throughout Utah.

We had classes about Bonds, Social Media Etiquette, GRAMA, PTIF, Money Management, Blockchain technology, Utah Legislative Updates, and so much more. Every class we had that



week I acquired so much knowledge that will help me in my every day job as the Treasurer for Midway City.

It is extremely difficult to pick just one class that impressed me the most during the week because there was so many different topics and amazing information that we were able to learn about. But if I had to pick, I think the one that impressed me the most was Counterfeit Currency. It is very impressive to look at money that is counterfeit, and how much work goes into making the counterfeit money. Blockchain Currency was also impressive to me, but probably because it was so complex and hard to

understand how it works. But I do have a better knowledge of it now.

It was such an amazing week for me, and I am so glad that I was able to attend the academy.

I appreciated Karen Winningham, who was the program manager for Professional Education continuing education for the University of Utah putting the academy together and getting such amazing speakers and teachers for us to learn from. Jennifer Sweat, Secretary UAPT





Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada

Eight members of UAPT were lucky enough to attend the 2017 Annual Conference of the Association of Public Treasurer's, United States and Canada, July 23-July 26, 2017 in Lake Buena Vista Florida. Ok, let's be honest, it was actually held at the Walt Disney World Dolphin and Swan Resort and some famous characters even stopped by the welcome reception for pictures. Sounds fun, right?

While the location was magical, the conference was very informative and included three different tracks of classes. We heard from the US Department of Labor, the US Secret Service and many other organizations with pertinent and relative information that we can all use in our local organizations.

This year's conference will be held July 22-July 25, 2018 in Memphis Tennessee at the famous Peabody Hotel. If you have the opportunity to attend you will not only learn a great deal from others in the same field, but you will gain lifelong friendships and meet colleagues whom you can reach out to with questions that live around the United States and Canada.

You will also earn points toward your CPFA certification if that's something you're working towards. The national organization really is a great source of information and training opportunities.

Does your City Manager belong to UCMA or ICMA? Just as their organizations are critical to their development, so are UAPT and APTUS&C to the development and continued success of Treasurer's. If you need some help convincing the powers that be to allow you to attend this wonderful training, encourage them to look into the organization and what its goals are. The organization's mission statement is: "To provide quality treasury management education and training, professional certification, peer interaction, and professional connection opportunities for public treasury and financial officials". You can reach their website at www.aptusc.org.

Please reach out and ask questions about the national organization if you have them. There are many amongst our group who have attended in the past and would be happy to answer those questions. We hope to see you in St. George this May and with a little luck, in Memphis Tennessee this summer.

Heather Gale, UAPT President Elect



The board has chosen again this year to award two scholarships to the University of Utah Treasurers Academy. We want to be sure that the scholarships will be used, so we are asking if you win a scholarship and were planning on attending the academy, and your city is willing to pay for you, please allow the scholarship to go to someone who would otherwise be unable to attend. We are also offering spring conference scholarships. You may access the application <u>here</u>. Complete this form and indicate that it's for the Treasurer's Academy. If you know someone who would like to be involved, or you would like to apply yourself, please complete the application.