

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



***December Speaker***

***Jarriel "Jerry" Koplín, CFE***

***"Trust But Verify"***

I would like to thank all our members and guests for their continued support of our Chapter. We hope you and your families have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We would also like to thank our host, St. John Banquet and Conference Center, for the delicious dinner and beautiful atmosphere for our Christmas Meeting.

I would also like to thank our December Speaker, Jarriel Koplín, CFE. His presentation focused on the importance of verifying that controls are in place and working as designed.

The Southeast Michigan Chapter of Associated Certified Fraud Examiners is an exciting experience and continues to showcase knowledgeable speakers. Our group has outstanding members that attend our meetings and conferences. Our meetings and conferences provide opportunities to gain relevant knowledge for professional and personal success as well as

an opportunity to acquire needed hours of continuous education for various

certifications. I hope everyone enjoyed our December Meeting and the great dinner St. John Banquet and Conference Center prepared for us. I hope everyone could take away one or more valuable points from our guest speaker and that we will see everyone again on January 3, 2019. I would like to extend a challenge to all our members to bring in guests and hopefully they will become future members.

*To thank our membership for their continued support, once again we will be giving away 6 free admissions to our 2019 SEMCACFE Annual Conference. The rules are: 1) You must be a member of the local chapter. 2) You must attend a minimum of 6 of the 8 meetings held from September 2018 through April 2019. 3) The free admissions will be awarded to the top 6 members who attend the most meetings. If there are more than 6 members that qualify there will be a drawing to determine who wins.*

**Reminder: Please remember your membership dues must be paid by the November meeting to qualify for the drawing for free admission to the April 23, 2019 Conference.**

The Board is always interested in feedback and any ideas on how we can improve the Chapter. Please let us know if you have a topic or know a speaker that would be interested in presenting at a monthly meeting. Thank you for your continued support. The Southeast Michigan Chapter is working to increase our outreach and professional networking at colleges and universities as well as in our community. Join us as we relentlessly strive to promote fraud prevention and detection through educational training programs.

***Barbara Netter,  
Chapter President***



## *25th Annual SEMCACFE Fraud Conference*

### **Featured Topics:**

*White Collar Crimes*

*Handwriting Analysis*

*Crime Stoppers*

*The Opioid Crisis*

*Ethics*

*Other topics to follow*

**Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

VisTaTech Center – Schoolcraft College  
18600 Haggerty Road Livonia, MI 48152



## **January Speaker**

**Louis W. Petro, PHD**

**Topic:**  
**"Internal Controls"**

Lou Petro, CPA, CGMA, CIA, CCP, CISA, CFE, CMA, CFM, PE, a Senior Manager at Cendrowski Corporate Advisors, specializes in fraud deterrence and investigation, corporate governance, bankruptcy, information systems auditing, production and inventory controls, internal controls, and cost and managerial accounting. He also performs fixed asset cost segregation studies for the firm's tax area. He has extensive experience in all of the areas noted. Dr. Petro has been involved in corporate veil/alter ego engagements.

Lou was the Dean of the Lawrence Technological University School of Management from 1979 through 1989. In addition, from 1971 through 1979, Dr. Petro held consulting and auditing positions at the certified public accounting firms of Ernst and Young, Plante and Moran, and Grant Thornton. He was a Management Advisory Services Manager at Grant Thornton in Chicago immediately prior to becoming the Dean at Lawrence Technological University School of Management. Since 1969, Dr. Petro has taught auditing, systems, accounting, fraud investigation, and finance courses at several accredited colleges and universities in Michigan and Ontario.

Prior to his auditing, teaching, and consulting career, Lou was a manufacturing engineer at the Chevrolet Division of General Motors and at the General Motors Manufacturing Development Staff. It was during that time that he obtained his registration as Professional Engineer (PE).

Dr. Petro remains active in continuing professional education for Certified Public Accountants, Certified Internal Auditors and Certified Managerial Accountants. He regularly conducts classes and seminars for the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA), the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), and the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA). In addition, Lou has been a question writer, grader, and reviewer for the IMA's

Certified Management Accountant (CMA) examination. He conducts CMA exam reviews at both Cleary University and Walsh College.

Dr. Petro earned his undergraduate degree from Kettering University (formerly General Motor Institute) and his MBA and PhD from the University of Michigan.

### **Next Meeting**

**Thursday, January 3, 2019**  
**Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.**

### **Dinner Prices:**

- ◇ **Members: \$30**
- ◇ **Gov Employees: \$25**
- ◇ **Students: \$25**
- ◇ **Retirees: \$25**
- ◇ **All 3rd time Guests: \$40**

### **Location:**

**St. John Banquet & Conference Center**  
**22001 Northwestern Highway**  
**Southfield, MI**

**NOTICE:** Our monthly meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. However, after two meetings, you will be asked to join our chapter. In order to continue paying the member price of \$30 for the meeting, annual dues are \$50 for CFE's; \$55 Associate/Affiliates; \$25 Full Time Students and \$35 for Retirees and Government Employees. If you choose not to join, you are still welcome to attend but will be charged a dinner meeting fee of \$40.00.

**Reminder: To help minimize costs to our chapter, please notify us of any cancelations, prior to the meeting date.**

**RSVP to Mary Medonis**  
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