

**USI Romain College of Business**

**Accounting Circle Meeting Minutes**

**USI Business and Engineering Center Romain Board Room 3024**

**May 1, 2013**

**Members Present:** Becki Alcorn, Tonya Borders, Mike Carroll, Deidra Conner, Deborah Meinert, Rod Meyer, Ann Muehlbauer, Nikki Roser, Nick Rueger, John Schenk, Bill Schotanus, Connie Wellmeyer, Jeff Wilmes, Tracy Zeller

**Young Professionals Present:** Derek Adams, Kim Kinnaman, Matt Reffett, Lindsay Schmidt, Jamie Seitz

**Ex-officio Members Present:** Nancy Bizal, Brian McGuire, Mark McKnight

**Ex-officio Student Members Present:** Amanda McConnell, Dan Hall

**Faculty Present:** Craig Ehlen, Brett Long, Jeanette Maier Lytle, Francisco Villanueva

**Guests Present:** Julie Brauser

**Students Present:** Katie Cassin, Jamie Childers, Aaron McCullough

**Members Absent:** Don Breivogel, Richard Campbell, Randy Haaff, Susan Hardwick, Mike Haynes, Kerry Jackson, Mike Klueh, Tim McGuire, Mark Miles, Steve Mudd, Jana Pottorff Mitchel, Liv Watson, Rob Wedding, Marv Wright

**Young Professionals Absent:** Bridgitte Danhauer, Kevin Farley, Kyle Fields, Mitch Happe, Emily Dickerson, Kyle Waninger

**Ex-officio Members Absent:** Bill Theby, Mohammed Khayum

**Ex-officio Student Members Absent:** Taylor Atkins

**WELCOME:** Becki Alcorn welcomed all to the meeting and acknowledged the dedication of the time and talent of the Accounting Circle and Young Professional members.

**MINUTES:** The Fall 2012 minutes were **APPROVED** as distributed.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Alcorn announced the following members were elected by electronic vote for an additional three-year term: Becki Alcorn, Mike Carroll, Mike Haynes, Mike Kleuh, Steve Mudd, and Rob Wedding.

The following members were elected by electronic vote to Accounting Circle membership: Susan Hardwick, Rob Meyer, and Ann Muehlbauer.

**SELF-INTRODUCTIONS:** All in attendance introduced themselves; new members **Rod Meyer** and **Ann Muehlbauer** gave short bios.

**DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING PROGRAM'S REPORT:** **Brian McGuire** discussed the following:

**The Romain College of Business and “A Conversation with T. Boone Pickens”:** The College is thankful and excited for the leadership gift from **Ron and Connie Romain** to the Capital Campaign. Along with the naming, the Romains have initiated a speakers series for USI and the greater community. The April 4 “Conversation with **T. Boone Pickens**” was the first of the series. A well-known, innovative business person will be brought to campus every 12 to 18 months.

**AACSB Re-Accreditation Update:** The College has received the follow-up letter which was complimentary regarding the following: the involvement of the advisory boards; quality of the faculty, staff, and students; the physical facility; and the student centeredness. AACSB has requested a follow-up on two areas about which a response is being prepared. The Accounting Program will probably receive its letter before the end of May, the expected time table.

**Financial Report:** The financial report was in the meeting packet. Most of the money spent has been for student support for competitions and conferences.

**IMA Endeavor Team:** **Jeanette Maier Lytle** named the team members (**Taylor Atkins, Katie Cassin, Aaron McCullough, and Kelsey Welp**) and the co-coach, **Jamie Seitz**. Jeanette Maier Lytle noted that the team started work on the case in November and spent much of winter break and many hours this spring semester including Sundays preparing the case and putting together a 15-minute video. This year the criteria included only the video without back-up papers. **Katie Cassin** and **Aaron McCullough** described the focus of the case: How to account for costs of special order products and how to improve the performance evaluation system. They also gave information about the lessons they learned from this experience—how to speak naturally into the camera and the many edits that were necessary. Accounting Circle and Young Professionals members were asked to volunteer their organizations to be practice judges to help the team be ready for tough questions. A USI team has made it to the finals six times out of the last seven years and has won three of those years.

**Beta Alpha Psi Best Practices Team:** **Jamie Childers, Abram Dwyer, Daniel Hall, and Carolyn Smith** were the team members this year. The team coaches are **Mehmet Kokaulah** and **Brian McGuire**. **Jamie Childers** and **Dan Hall** explained the main topic this year was

inspiration to increase minorities into accounting programs. BAP plans to develop a scholarship for that purpose and to go to high school classes to discuss why accounting is a great profession. **Dan Hall** added that BAP aims to establish a sustainable program. USI's BAP Best Practices team won third place in the Midwest Region.

**ACCOUNTING CIRCLE CHAIR'S REPORT:** **Alcorn** remarked that meeting with the AACSB team was interesting and a good experience to talk about the advisory boards.

**Mentoring Program Consideration:** **Alcorn** introduced the idea of forming a mentoring program for accounting students similar to the IT Alliance program. Pros and cons were discussed; the consensus was that a process of application, selection, and commitment must be in place. The mentor would be a Circle or Young Professional with the flexibility to involve others in their organizations. The Rotary and Old National Bank mentoring programs were mentioned. It was decided the Academic Relations Committee will investigate the formation and report at the next meeting.

**Practice/Education Interaction Committee:** **Tonya Borders** noted this committee is a combination of many things. She called for the sub-committees' reports.

**Golf Scramble:** **Kim Kinnaman** reported the Fall 2012 Scramble netted \$4900 for the Roxy Mitchell Baas Memorial Scholarship. She noted the Scramble has a dual mission: Scholarship Support and Recruiting Tool. A discussion regarding meeting that mission followed including a number of alternatives; the discussion resulted in a decision to discontinue the Scramble and replace it with a Bowling Event to take place in the fall. **Kinnaman** will release the October 18 reservation at Helfrich Golf Course.

**High School Day:** **Borders** reported that High School Day is similar to Extravaganza. Young Professional **Mitch Happe** has agreed to co-chair this event with a Circle member; **John Schenk** volunteered.

**Faculty Internships:** **Nick Rueger** invited faculty to let him know if interested. **Brian McGuire** said AACSB looks favorably on the faculty internships and that internships are particularly important for faculty who are professionally qualified.

**Student Internships and Co-ops:** **Julie Brauser** referenced the report in the meeting packet and asked members to let her know if they are aware of other internships. The report contains only internships that students have taken for credit and those students and employers have reported.

**Extravaganza:** **Tonya Borders** reported **Bridgitte Danhauer** will chair the Extravaganza to which accounting majors and Accounting 201 and 202 students are invited to this networking and recruiting event which will be held on Wednesday, November 6.

Distinguished Accountants: **Don Breivogel**, the 2012 Distinguished Accountant, will chair this committee which consists of all past recipients. This recognition is presented at the Extravaganza.

Young Professionals: **John Schenk** reported the Young Professionals met on April 25 and had a good discussion of goals and procedures. The YP members need clarification of the “charter” and membership structure. He and **Nancy Bizal** will work on this with the YP’s, present it to the YP’s, and report to the Circle.

**Academic Relations Committee:** **Rob Wedding** is the Chair.

Accountants in the Classroom: **Jeanette Maier Lytle** reported a decrease in activity. It was decided to reduce the number of semester visits from three to two by a pair of accountant (one public and one private) to the Accounting 202 classrooms. Members requested well in advance scheduling. **Jeanette Maier Lytle** said usually the first session is devoted to the presenters’ career ladders; the second session is synchronized with the course curriculum. All agreed the Accountants in the Classroom is valuable and enjoyable. Four Accounting 202 classes will be offered in the fall. **Alcorn** asked for volunteers; the following members volunteered: **Tonya Borders, Mike Carroll, Deidra Conner, Rod Meyer, Matt Reffett, Nikki Roser, Nick Rueger, Connie Wellmeyer, Jeff Wilmes, Tracy Zeller**, and an already existing pair **Becki Alcorn** and **Steve Mudd**.

Speaking Eagles: **Jamie Seitz** thanked the Circle for supporting and attending the weekly Toastmasters’ meetings. She congratulated Outgoing President **Jamie Childers** for making her tenth speech. **Childers** said, “This is what you get for your money: speaking practice and leadership practice.” She told an inspirational story about a shy freshman who came to one of the meetings, liked it so much, and recruited his friends.

Beta Alpha Psi: **Amanda McConnell**, president, thanked the Circle and Young Professional for speaking at BAP meetings and participating in the “Meet the Firms Night.” She recognized the Best Practices Team for its third-place win and referred to the proposed program of attracting more minorities to the accounting major which BAP and the Accounting and Professional Services Club will continue to explore. **Craig Ehlen** reflected he has been an advisor for twenty years and has had a hands-off philosophy He said this group of student leaders have been so phenomenal.

Accounting and Professional Services Club: President **Dan Hall** thanked all for the opportunity, noted that the Best Practices Team scholarship and the high school ambassadors program will be a joint effort between BAP and the APS Club and emphasized sustainability is a goal. He announced **Kelsey Welp** as the incoming president of the club. He thanked **Tonya Borders** and **Matt Reffett** for being speakers for the club.

**Brett Long** reported **Dan Hall** has twice taken the Tax Service Learning course, which offers VITA, because he liked it so much. **Dan Hall** said it was a way for him to get real experience as he cannot participate in an internship because he is a full-time employee and full-time student and has a family. **Brian McGuire** noted **Brett Long's** tax class was the first service-learning course offered by the College of Business.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Becki Alcorn** noted time was not available for committee break-out sessions, proclaimed the meeting re-energizing, and adjourned the meeting.

**ACCOUNTING CIRCLE AGENDA, SPRING 2013  
ROMAIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2013, 8:00 a.m.**

**USI's Business and Engineering Center, Romain Board Room (3024)**

7:30 a.m.      **Continental Breakfast**

8:00 a.m.      **Welcome**—Becki Alcorn

8:03 a.m.      **Approval of Minutes as Distributed**—Becki Alcorn

8:05 a.m.      **Membership**—Becki Alcorn

The Executive Committee nominates the following members to an additional three-year term:

Becki Alcorn	Michael Kleuh
Mike Carroll	Steve Mudd
Michael Haynes	Robert Wedding

The Executive Committee nominates the following individuals to a three-year term:

Susan Hardwick, VP Controller and Assistant Treasurer; Vectren  
Rod Meyer, Vice President; Harding, Shymanski & Company  
Ann Muehlbauer, Tax Manager; Berry Plastics

8:10 a.m.      **Self-introductions and Short Bios of New Members**—Becki Alcorn

8:20 a.m.      **Dean's Remarks**—Mohammed Khayum

Romain College of Business  
T. Boone Pickens Conversation  
AACSB Update

8:35 a.m.      **Director of Accounting Program's Remarks**—Brian McGuire

AACSB Update  
Financial Report  
IMA Endeavor Team—Taylor Atkins, Katie Cassin, Aaron McCullough,  
and Kelsey Welp—Coaches Jeannette Maier Lytle and Jamie Seitz  
Beta Alpha Psi Best Practices Team—"Inspiration: Dreams of Tomorrow  
Becoming Reality for Today"—Jamie Childers, Abram Dwyer, Daniel  
Hall, and Carolyn Smith—Faculty Advisors Mehmet Kocakulah and  
Brian McGuire

8:40 a.m.      **Accounting Circle Chair's Report**—Becki Alcorn  
Consideration of Mentoring Program  
Practice/Education Interaction Committee—Tonya Borders  
    Golf Scramble: October 18, 2013—Kim Kinnaman  
    High School Day  
    Faculty Internships—Nick Rueger  
    Student Internship and Co-op Paper Report—Julie Brauser  
    Extravaganza: November 6, 2013—Bridgitte Danhauer  
    Distinguished Accountant—Don Breivogel  
    Young Professionals—John Schenk

**Academic Relations**

    Accountants in the Classroom—Jeanette Maier-Lytle  
    Speaking Eagles Toastmasters—Jamie Seitz  
        President—Jamie Childers  
    Beta Alpha Psi—Brian McGuire  
        President—Amanda McConnell  
    Accounting and Professional Services Club—Craig Ehlen (Craig Ehlen will not  
        be in attendance so call on Dan Hall)  
        President—Daniel Hall

9:15 a.m.      **Breakout Sessions to Plan Next Steps**

9:30 a.m.      **Committee Reports and Next Steps**—Becki Alcorn

9:45 a.m.      **Adjournment**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>EMPLOYER</b>
2009	SPRING	BKD, LLP - Certified Public Accountants
2009	SPRING	SABIC Innovative Plastics
2009	SPRING	Dauby O'Connor and Zaleski, LLC (DOZ)
2009	SPRING	Dauby O'Connor and Zaleski, LLC (DOZ)
2009	SPRING	Pulliam Accounting and Tax Services
2009	SPRING	Alcoa Inc
2009	SPRING	Dauby O'Connor and Zaleski, LLC (DOZ)
2009	SPRING	Berry Plastics Coproration
2009	SPRING	BKD, LLP - Certified Public Accountants
2009	SPRING	Blue & Co.
2009	SPRING	Harding Shymanski & Co.
2009	SPRING	American General Financial Services
2009	SPRING	BKD, LLP
2009	SPRING	Dauby O'Connor and Zaleski, LLC (DOZ)
2009	SPRING	BKD, LLP - Certified Public Accountants
2009	SPRING	American General Financial Services
2009	SPRING	Kemper CPA Group
2009	SPRING	Quest Financial Services
2009	SPRING	Brown, Smith, and Settle LLC
2009	SPRING	LaRoy Tax Service
2009	SPRING	SABIC Innovative Plastics
2009	SPRING	Harding Shymanski & Co.
2009	SPRING	Weinzapfel & Company, LLC
2009	SPRING	University of Southern Indiana
2009	SPRING	Harding Shymanski & Co.
2009	SPRING	American General Financial Services
2009	SPRING	Kemper CPA Group
2009	SUMMER	Alcoa Inc
2009	SUMMER	Berry Plastics Coproration
2009	SUMMER	Mead Johnson & Company
2009	SUMMER	Berry Plastics Coproration
2009	SUMMER	Deaconess Hospital
2009	SUMMER	Southern Indiana Development Corporation
2009	SUMMER	Crane NAVSEA
2009	SUMMER	Berry Plastics Coproration
2009	SUMMER	Terre Haute Regional Hospital
2009	SUMMER	Weinzapfel & Company, LLC
2009	SUMMER	Bristol-Myers Squibb
2009	SUMMER	American General Financial Services
2009	SUMMER	Harding Shymanski & Co.
2009	FALL	Mead Johnson & Company
2009	FALL	SABIC Innovative Plastics
2009	FALL	SABIC Innovative Plastics
2009	FALL	Eagle Village/Goebel Commercial Reality
2009	FALL	BKD, LLP - Certified Public Accountants
2009	FALL	SABIC Innovative Plastics
2009	FALL	University of Southern Indiana
2009	FALL	SABIC Innovative Plastics
2009	FALL	Berry Plastics Coproration
2009	FALL	Weinzapfel & Company, LLC
2009	FALL	SABIC Innovative Plastics



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2010	SPRING	Alcoa Inc
2010	SPRING	American General Financial Services
2010	SPRING	Mead Johnson & Company
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2010	SPRING	American General Financial Services
2010	SPRING	Harding Shymanski & Co.
2010	SPRING	Liberty Tax Service
2010	SPRING	Vowells & Schaaf, LLP
2010	SPRING	Dauby O'Connor and Zaleski, LLC (DOZ)
2010	SPRING	Liberty Tax Service
2010	SPRING	Berry Plastics Coproration
2010	SPRING	J.H. Memmer Accountancy Corporation
2010	SPRING	Harding Shymanski & Co.
2010	SPRING	American General Financial Services
2010	SPRING	Albright Motor Company
2010	SPRING	BKD, LLP
2010	SPRING	Kemper CPA Group
2010	SUMMER	Midland Powder Co.
2010	SUMMER	Bristol-Myers Squibb
2010	SUMMER	Crane NAVSEA
2010	SUMMER	Harding Shymanski & Co.
2010	SUMMER	Berry Plastics Coproration
2010	FALL	Stevens & Company
2010	FALL	Alcoa Inc
2010	FALL	Pay Day Payroll, Inc.
2010	FALL	Mead Johnson & Company
2010	FALL	Berry Plastics Coproration
2010	FALL	American General Financial Services
2010	FALL	American General Financial Services
2010	FALL	Evansville Super Bike Shop
2010	FALL	University of Southern Indiana
2010	FALL	Berry Plastics Coproration
2011	SPRING	Stevens & Company
2011	SPRING	BKD, LLP
2011	SPRING	Click 4 A Meal
2011	SPRING	Dauby O'Connor and Zaleski, LLC (DOZ)
2011	SPRING	BKD, LLP
2011	SPRING	Kemper CPA Group
2011	SPRING	Mead Johnson & Company
2011	SPRING	Parsons & Associates, CPA
2011	SPRING	Crane NAVSEA
2011	SPRING	Evansville Super Bike Shop
2011	SPRING	Brown, Smith, and Settle LLC
2011	SPRING	Spencer County Community Fdn.
2011	SPRING	Dauby O'Connor and Zaleski, LLC (DOZ)
2011	SPRING	American General Financial Services
2011	SPRING	LaRoy Financial Group, LLC
2011	SPRING	Harding Shymanski & Co.
2011	SPRING	Riney, Hancock CPA
2011	SPRING	BKD, LLP
2011	SPRING	Dauby O'Connor and Zaleski, LLC (DOZ)

2011	SPRING	BKD, LLP
2011	SUMMER	Mead Johnson & Company
2011	SUMMER	Disney Worldwide Services, Inc.
2011	SUMMER	Morgan Stanley
2011	SUMMER	Chamber of Commerce
2011	SUMMER	LiUNA Mid-Atlantic Region
2011	SUMMER	MasterBrand Cabinets, Inc.
2011	SUMMER	SABIC Innovative Plastics
2011	SUMMER	Berry Plastics Coproration
2011	SUMMER	Harding Shymanski & Co.
2011	SUMMER	USI Buisness Office
2011	SUMMER	Brake Supply Co., Inc.
2011	SUMMER	Chamber of Commerce
2011	FALL	Mead Johnson & Company
2011	FALL	Disney Worldwide Services, Inc.
2011	FALL	Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.
2011	FALL	Shoe Carnival, Inc
2011	FALL	USI Buisness Office
2012	SPRING	Weinzapfel & Company, LLC
2012	SPRING	Dauby O'Connor and Zaleski, LLC (DOZ)
2012	SPRING	SABIC Innovative Plastics
2012	SPRING	Tri-State Trophies
2012	SPRING	BKD, LLP
2012	SPRING	P & I Supply
2012	SPRING	Kemper CPA Group
2012	SPRING	Brown, Smith, and Settle LLC
2012	SPRING	Professional Transportation, Inc. (PTI)
2012	SPRING	Brown, Smith, and Settle LLC
2012	SPRING	Shoe Carnival, Inc
2012	SPRING	Kemper CPA Group
2012	SUMMER	Vectren Corporation
2012	SUMMER	Berry Plastics Coproration
2012	SUMMER	Vectren Corporation
2012	SUMMER	Shoe Carnival, Inc
2012	SUMMER	Regency Properties
2012	SUMMER	Berry Plastics Coproration
2012	SUMMER	Atlas Van Lines
2012	SUMMER	MasterBrand Cabinets, Inc.
2012	FALL	Atlas Van Lines
2012	FALL	Berry Plastics Coproration
2012	FALL	Berry Plastics Coproration
2012	FALL	Berry Plastics Coproration
2012	FALL	Berry Plastics Coproration
2012	FALL	Berry Plastics Coproration
2012	FALL	H.A. Lewis Heating, Cooling & Plumbing
2012	FALL	Berry Plastics Coproration
2012	FALL	Salvation Army
2013	SPRING	Harding Shymanski
2013	SPRING	LaRoy Tax Services
2013	SPRING	LaRoy Tax Services
2013	SPRING	Berry Plastics Corporation

2013	SPRING	Atlas Van Lines
2013	SPRING	Dauby, O'Connor & Zalenski
2013	SPRING	Dauby, O'Connor & Zalenski
2013	SPRING	LaRoy Tax Services
2013	SPRING	BKD
2013	SPRING	BKD
2013	SPRING	Tri-State Tropheys
2013	SPRING	Kimball International
2013	SPRING	LaRoy Tax Services
2013	SPRING	Ernst & Young
2013	SPRING	Myriad CPA
2013	SPRING	Myriad CPA
2013	SPRING	Millennium Steel
2013	SPRING	ACCT Group
2013	SPRING	LaRoy Tax Services
2013	SPRING	BKD
2013	SPRING	Washington Community Hospital
2013	SPRING	BKD
2013	SPRING	H.A. Lewis
2013	SPRING	Berry Plastics Corporation

## **ACCOUNTING AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD RECIPIENTS—MARCH 2013**

**BKD Accounting Award—Kelsey Titzer**

**Roxy Mitchell Baas Memorial Scholarship—Nikki Reese**

**Construction Financial Management Scholarship—Brittany Brasel**

**Craig R. Ehlen Scholarship—Mackenzi Seth**

**Wanda R. Hibbitts Accounting Scholarship—Nicki Reese and Dylan Schafer**

**Indiana CPA Society Scholarship—Kalsiarryna Arustamava-Diedrich**

**Institute of Management Accounting Outstanding Junior Scholarship—Austin Lage**

**Institute of Management Accounting Outstanding Senior Scholarship—Ryan Eichmiller**

**Kaplan CPA Review—Michael Breining**

**Charles B. Michaels Memorial Scholarship—Luge Dipple**

**Rosemarie Newhouse Memorial Scholarship—Haley Collins, Kelsey Elpers, Emily Kennedy**

**Dan Wade Accounting Scholarship—Jade Weiss**

**Academic Achievement Award in Accounting and Professional Services—Misty LaFollette**

**USI College of Business 2013 The Distinguished Graduate Award—Nicole Smith**

**Academic Recognition Award for Seniors—Taylor Atkins, Benjamin Boesing, Lindsey Jones,  
Dustin McGrew and Nicole Smith**