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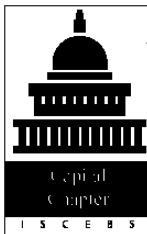
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President's Message

The Capital Chapter of the International Society of Employee Benefits Specialists (ISCEBS) in just its seventeenth year of existence has left an indelible mark among employee benefits professionals in the Washington, DC metro region.

One of the main aims of the chapter is to provide benefits related education in the workplace and to foster a network of benefits professionals who share their unique experiences in the administration of employee benefits. The year 2006 saw employee benefits issues occupy a prominent place in the national media with pension legislation and the health care reform debate. In keeping with the current issues affecting employee benefits, the chapter successfully organized many educational sessions devoted to them. The chapter's identity as a regional arm of the International Society, whose members have rigorously pursued and attained the Certified Employee Benefits Specialist (CEBS) designation, also allows it to attract national experts in the employee benefits field. The topics listed below and the distinguished speakers at the various half-day and all-day sessions attest to the chapter's role in imparting benefits education to seasoned and budding benefits professionals.

Besides conducting educational sessions, the chapter also encourages benefits professionals to attain the CEBS designation. The chapter is open to student members, those who have successfully completed at least one CEBS course. CEBS designees are encouraged to attain and continually renew their fellow status to keep abreast of the rapid changes in the employee benefits world. The attached listing of benefits professionals consists of those from the Washington, DC metro region who attained the CEBS designation and those who achieved the fellow status in 2006.

Like any volunteer organization, the capital chapter looks to its members to plan, coordinate and manage its activities. The board members and officers who perform these functions for the chapter are all busy professionals and do a remarkable job in giving their time and energy in the pursuit of furthering benefits education. Many organizations and other employers provide such needed venue space and sponsorship grants for holding educational sessions. On behalf of the chapter, it is an opportunity to express my gratitude to all the board members and sponsoring organizations that helped in the conduct of the chapter's activities this year.

Finally, the success of this remarkable year is a result of the continued support of the CEBS member community in the Washington, DC metro region and also those in the past sixteen years who laid a sound foundation to the chapter's ideals. In closing, I once again thank the 2006 board of trustees and all the chapter members, sponsor organizations and well wishers who helped make this year a remarkable one for the capital chapter, and more personally, for me.

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Check out our Website

www.capital-chapter-isacbs.org

Programs in 2006

March - Retirement Income - Are Defined Contribution Plans Enough?

Jack Vanderhei, Ph.D., CEBS and Capital Chapter member spoke about the adequacy of DC pension plans as the primary retirement savings vehicle for the majority of future retirees

May - Focus on Health & Welfare Plans

Speakers from:

Mercer Consulting - Trends in Health Care
Lumencor - Consumer Driven Health Care
The Burchfield Group - Pharmacy Benefit Management
Aon Consulting - Retiree Health Care
The Segal Company - Total Health Management

Speakers covered a range of health & welfare related issues at the annual full day seminar

June - Form 5500 Preparation

Scott C. Alpert, CPA, QPA
Employee Benefits Security Administration, DOL
Mr. Alpert of fees, tools, tips, and updates on filing the Form 5500.

September - Consumer Driven Health Care

A panel of vendors and plan sponsors offered experiences and lessons learned from consumer driven health plans.

November - Legislative Update

Robert Laszewski, President, Health Policy and Strategy Associates, Inc. (HPSA) provided a forward looking perspective on health care issues in Congress.

Eli Greenblum, Senior vice-president and actuary, the Segal Company, offered an update on pension issues.

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