Dear EPC Membership,

This is most likely my last "Message from the President" I hope it finds you all well!

It has been an honor to serve as your President this past fiscal year. I appreciate the meaningful collegiality that each and every one of you brings to this fantastic Council of professionals.

If you have not yet done so – be sure to REGISTER for our ANNUAL MEETING AND GOLF OUTING at Norwood Hills Country Club on June 13th. TOMORROW June 7th, IS THE DEADLINE. This is a lovely dinner event that is free to all members ~ and we need you there to help vote in our next slate of Officers and Board Members. Dinner is at 6:00 pm. In addition, if you are a golfer, register for the 12:30 pm shotgun start to enjoy this beautiful course! And if you are not a golfer, join us for the 3:00 pm predinner event - a summer bourbon tasting! This night, we will also present our "Distinguished Member Award" to honor a Council member for that member's significant dedication and support of the St. Louis Estate Planning Community.* Thank you to PARKSIDE FINANCIAL, for its generous support of this event as our lead sponsor. Thank you also to YOUTHBRIDGE FOUNDATION, HINDMAN AUCTIONS, and MIDWEST TRUST for sponsoring the Bourbon Tasting event and our many Hole Sponsors who will be visible on the course. Final thanks to our Annual Outing committee which has worked so hard to make this event a fabulous success – Stephanie Hadfield, Angie Ilko, Erin Prest, Maurice Quiroga and Christie Schmuke.

Please also BE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR DONATION for the Annual Meeting's after-dinner raffle! This raffle has been a long-standing tradition of our Council – and with your necessary contribution (e.g. of a restaurant gift card, company swag, or whatever you'd like to donate) – you will be a confirmed part of the fun as we name-recognize our membership and their professional entities and celebrate the spirit of generosity among ourselves. Our silver-tongued MC, T. Jack Challis, has a special way of turning these raffle prizes into bars of gold. CONTACT: Erin Prest eprest@anderscpa.com or 314-655-5571) to make your donation!

Finally – be sure to check out the new STL EPC ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM. These sponsorship slots are going quickly. Don't miss the opportunity to highlight your organization throughout the full fiscal year. To find out more information <u>Click here</u>.

With that, thank you all again for this amazing year, and the privilege of serving my community. I look forward to seeing each one of your shining faces on June 13th at the Annual Outing!

Best,

Robynn Ragland, President

Estate Planning Council of St. Louis

*Past recipients of this award are Steve Gorin (2021) and Larry Katzenstein (2022)