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September/October 2016 Newsletter

President's Message

Our 2016/17 Chapter Year got off to a great start on September 20 with our first chapter meeting held at the Rock Garden Conference Center in Green Bay. This was our first ever joint meeting with the local chapter of The Institute of Internal Auditors and, from comments received, very successful. For the first professional development session, Peter Gianopoulos, Director of Risk Management at Thrivent Financial gave a very informative presentation on Managing Risk in a Rapidly Changing World. This was followed by Byron Franz, Special Agent of the Milwaukee office of the FBI, sharing thoughts on Protecting Wisconsin Businesses against Cyber Threat. Both sessions were informative and action based. With the financial support and sponsorship of Keller, Inc, our Keynote Speaker was Weston Smith. Mr. Smith was the Chief Financial Officer of the prior HealthSouth Company and participated in one of the largest financial statement frauds in history. His presentation on Indecent Disclosure – Behind the Curtain of the HealthSouth Fraud was well delivered and thought-provoking.

We are already looking forward to and planning for our October 18 Chapter Meeting at the Bridgewood Conference Center in Neenah. This will be a special event with US Senator Ron Johnson speaking on topics such as Economic Growth, Regulatory Climate and National Security. Senator Johnson's Keynote Address will be followed by a panel discussion on Economic Development led by Jerry Murphy, Executive Director of New North. This event will be timely given our national elections and business development in Northeast Wisconsin. Please note that this is a **morning meeting followed by lunch and social time.**

I want to thank the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Administrator and the Strategic Partners for working diligently to develop a strong and creative program agenda for this Chapter Year. I look forward to seeing each of you at our October meeting in Neenah.

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