

# President's Message

David A. Maschino, ASA, President, HHEPC - 2019/2020



On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to welcome all the Members of the Hoosier Hills Estate Planning Council to our 2019/2020 program year. The governance and fiscal health of your Council is strong due the efforts of your Board of Directors.

Your Officers for 2019/2020 are Erin Martoglio, Vice President, Steve Hackman, Secretary, and Jessica Hidalgo, Treasurer. I would also like to welcome two new Members to the Board: Erica Dobkowski and Tara Ali.

Rounding out your Board of Directors are Lynda Garber, Chair Facilities, Steve Boltz, Newsletter, Brad Minor, Past President, and Christina Richardson. Please take the time to thank them for their service. They take their responsibilities seriously and contribute innumerable hours to ensure we are meeting your needs.

Our Member Meetings for the year are scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Bloomington Country Club, November 21<sup>st</sup> at Zaharakos in Columbus, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Salt Creek Golf Club in Nashville, and May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Bloomington Country Club. Every Member is reminded that their guests may attend one luncheon annually at no charge. Award of C.E. credit is subject to a nominal charge. Please make every effort to reach out to your colleges and other professionals and bring them to our meetings. You may bring as many guests as you wish. Be sure to provide the number and name of each guest at the time of your reservation with Kathleen McConahay.

The needs and conditions of our respective clientele and industry are in constant change. The next fourteen months leading to the 2020 Presidential Election will bring new challenges in public policy. The Democratic presidential contenders promise to fundamentally change the tax code and appear to be unified in the idea of taxing wealth, not just income. Several candidates have floated the idea of doing away with stepped-up basis and the active taxation of unrealized gains. There will be ample subject matter for our continuing education programs. We will do our best to secure knowledgeable speakers.

The mission of your Council to provide each member with not only opportunities to network, but with leading edge information and resources. Please share your observations, knowledge, and expertise with your fellow members by submitting articles of interest for our newsletter to Steve Boltz. If you have interest in preparing a program and speaking as part of our continuing education program, please contact me. Your participation and contributions are greatly appreciated.

Wish all of you a prosperous and blessed year.

Best regards,

Dave