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President's Message

We are nearing the end of our Chapter activities for 2006. Our last session, "The Fundamentals of Health and Welfare Plans," on September 28 was quite successful. All of our speakers did an excellent job with very informative presentations. I would encourage you to send any employees in your organizations you feel would benefit from a solid overview of the basics of health and welfare plans to future sessions. It is definitely a full day of strong content focused on our industry.

Our next session will be a luncheon on October 26 at the Westwood Club and will begin at 12:00 noon. The topic for this event is "The Pension Protection Act (PPA) and Its Effect on Employers' Benefit Plans." Evelyn S. Traub, practice leader for Troutman Sanders' Compensation and Employee Benefits Section, will present the major provisions of this act and its impact on the various components of an employer's benefit plans. Evelyn is an excellent presenter of complex topics such as this. You will surely want to attend to hear a speaker of her caliber present this topic.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Annual Meeting on November 16. This meeting will be held at the Westwood Club and will begin at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served, and this event is free to all members. At this meeting, we will elect officers for the upcoming year and conduct other necessary business of our Chapter. You should have already received your slate of officers via e-mail. However, as a refresher, here are our nominees for Board Members in 2007:

President:	Michael Huennekens, CEBS
Vice President:	Sharon Jahn, CEBS
Secretary	Craig Rupert, CEBS
Treasurer:	Susan Landside, CEBS
Members at Large:	
1 Year	Claire Holbrook, CEBS
2 Years	Gary Powers, CEBS
3 Years	Cathy Rusch, CEBS

After we have completed our business, we have arranged for a very interesting speaker that is a departure from our traditional employee benefits-centered topics. Ray McAllister, a columnist for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* will discuss what it is like to be a columnist in the newspaper industry, as well as his new book, "Topsail Island: Mayberry By the Sea." I am sure many of you are fans of his entertaining columns and will want to come and learn more about Ray as he shares his thoughts with us.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events. Should you have any questions, have any comments as to how we can improve as an organization, or wish to assist us in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me or any other Board Member. Your participation is appreciated and vital to a continued healthy Chapter.

Educational Event

Please Join Us for the October 26, 2006 Legislative Update

Presentation:	The Pension Protection Act (PPA) and Its Effect on Employers' Benefit Plans
Speakers:	Evelyn Traub Partner, Troutman Sanders
Date and Time:	Thursday, October 26, 2006 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch starts at 12 noon Presentation starts at 12:30 p.m.
Location:	Westwood Racquet Club 6200 West Club Lane (804) 288-6028
Cost:	\$25 (\$15 for members of the Richmond Chapter of ISCEBS)
Please RSVP:	By October 23, 2006 to Kevin.Barger@Anthem.com
Questions:	For questions concerning the program, contact Barb Bailey, CEBS, at (804) 344-2636, or e-mail barb.bailey@mercer.com , or call the Voice Response ISCEBS Line: 804-780-1731

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Or e-mail reservations to Gary Powers (Gary_S_Powers@aon.com).

Note: Meeting fees are non-refundable unless cancellation is received before October 23, 2006.
Unpaid no-shows will be billed.

Speaker's Bio

Evelyn Small Traub, Partner, Troutman Sanders, LLP

Ms. Traub has been counsel to various large- to mid-sized private sector businesses and tax-exempt entities in matters relating to tax-qualified retirement and welfare plans, including self-insured medical plans and executive compensation. She has also advised clients on all aspects of compliance with tax laws, ERISA, and other laws affecting employee benefit plans, including plan documents, reporting, and disclosure and PBGC compliance. Ms. Traub received her LL.M. from Georgetown University and her J.D. from the T.C. Williams School of Law at University of Richmond. She is a member of the American Bar Association, Virginia Bar Association, Virginia State Bar, National Association of Public Pension Attorneys, and the National Council on Teachers Retirement.



Future Events

Mark Your Calendar Now For Other Upcoming Chapter Events

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