Meet the New President of Beta Alpha Psi

Dr. Sandra B. Richtermeyer, CPA, CMA, an influencer in the financial information profession and business academic community, is set to lead Beta Alpha Psi as the new 2017-2018 President of the organization’s Board of Directors. Richtermeyer’s theme of the year—Embracing the Opportunity—stems from her commitment to position Beta Alpha Psi members for distinguished career paths.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as President of Beta Alpha Psi,” Richtermeyer said. “The international honor and service organization is well regarded for its role in preparing financial and business information students with the resources and experiences necessary for professional excellence and ethical responsibility.”

With more than 25 years in higher education, Richtermeyer is currently Dean of the Manning School of Business at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. A native of Wyoming, Richtermeyer began her career at the University of Wyoming where she worked from 1997-2004 as assistant and then associate professor of accounting. She then became a professor of accountancy at the Williams College of Business at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio from 2004-2016 where she also served for seven years as Chair of the Department of Accountancy and two years as Associate Dean. During her time at Xavier, she also served a three-year term as the global Professor-in-Residence for the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA). She also was President of the IMA Foundation for Applied Research from 2004-2006 (now known as the IMA Research Foundation) and in many global leadership roles with IMA including service on the ICMA Board of Regents. In 2010-2011, she was IMA’s Global Chair.

Active in numerous professional organizations and a frequent speaker on professional development and leadership topics, she has over 20 years of board leadership experience. She regularly consults and assists a variety of organizations on governance, strategy and board effectiveness. She has delivered corporate governance workshops and given presentations to corporate and academic audiences on six continents on topics related to leadership, corporate governance, internal control and risk management. Richtermeyer has also served many years on technology and accounting related advisory committees with Microsoft, PeopleSoft and Oracle, and has authored many articles in both academic and practitioner publications.

In addition to Beta Alpha Psi, Richtermeyer currently serves on the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO) of the Treadway Commission and on the executive board of the Ohio Society of CPAs. Over the last several years, she has held many volunteer roles with the American Accounting Association (AAA) including past service as President of the Ohio Region. She is currently past-president of the AAA Accounting Program Leaders Group.

Richtermeyer is praised for her leadership, vision, and passion. She has received many teaching and research awards and is a former Ohio Accounting Educator of the Year as well as an American Women’s Society of CPAs Educator of the Year.

The Beta Alpha Psi Executive Director, Margaret Fiorentino, and the organization are enthusiastic for Richtermeyer’s leadership. “We are pleased to have Sandra Richtermeyer as the new Beta Alpha Psi president. We look forward to her visionary leadership as she guides the organization to embrace greater success and influence.”

Richtermeyer is a proud “Triple Buff” who earned her Ph.D. in accounting, M.S. in information systems and her MBA from the University of Colorado. She earned her B.S. in Management Information Systems and Accounting from the University of Wyoming. In addition to her academic background, she worked as a CPA for several years in Denver, Colorado and as a management accountant in Laramie, Wyoming.

About Beta Alpha Psi

Founded in 1919, Beta Alpha Psi is an honor organization for financial information students and professionals. The primary objective of Beta Alpha Psi is to encourage and give recognition to scholastic and professional excellence in the business information field. This includes promoting the study and practice of accounting, finance and information systems; providing opportunities for self-development, service, and association among members and practicing professionals, and encouraging a sense of ethical, social and public responsibility.

Headquartered in Durham, NC, Beta Alpha Psi has over 300 chapters on college and university campuses in the United States, Australia and New Zealand with over 300,000 members initiated since Beta Alpha Psi’s formation.