



## The Connecticut Society of CPAs

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# CTCPA Groups and Committees

## Special Interest Groups

Join groups and find upcoming meetings at [www.ctcpas.org/Groups](http://www.ctcpas.org/Groups).

Connect with colleagues, subject matter experts, regulators, legislators, and more. Whether you're a seasoned professional looking to give back or a young professional just discovering your path, every member is welcome to join these special interest groups.



### Accounting, Auditing, Financial Reporting Group

Discuss exposure drafts and enhance relationships with standard-setters.

Contact: Cindy Panioto • [cindyp@ctcpas.org](mailto:cindyp@ctcpas.org)



### Cannabis Group

Meet and learn together with others exploring and working in this new hot topic.

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### Chief Financial Officers Group (Exploratory)

Share best practices, industry trends, regulatory updates, and offer professional development opportunities.

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### Educators Group

Discuss hot topics in this candid, conversational group.

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### Employee Benefit Plans Group

Discuss issues affecting benefit plans, program audits, and employers.

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### Federal Taxation Group

Discuss issues and build relationships with legislators and regulators.

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### Financial Institutions Group

Share trends, regulatory and legislative developments, and new pronouncements.

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### Firm/Company Administrators Group

Connect and learn about best practices and tools to help your organization grow.

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### Golf Group

Support scholarships/grants by helping plan our annual golf tournament.

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### Governmental Accounting & Auditing Group

Talk FASB, GASB, and single audits with public sector and audit professionals.

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### Internal Audit Group (Exploratory)

Connect with fellow industry members in audit for idea sharing and collaboration opportunities.

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### Not-for-Profit Organizations Group

Focus on accounting, taxation, and financial reporting for not-for-profits.

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### Pipeline Task Force

Work with subcommittees to inspire students, promote accounting, and support future Connecticut CPAs.

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### State Taxation Group

Navigate the regulatory and legislative aspects of Connecticut tax compliance.

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### TechConneCT Roundtable

Ask and answer questions on anything related to technology or software at our interactive roundtables.

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### Trust, Estate, and Gift Taxation Group

Discuss taxation, trusts, gifting strategies, and more.

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## Leadership Committees

Leadership committees have specific membership requirements and appointment procedures. Please contact the staff liaison for more.



### Membership Committee

Help the CTCPA with recruitment as well as evaluating member benefits.

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### New & Young Professionals Cabinet

Plan programs and volunteer opportunities for members aged 35 and younger.

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### Peer Review Committee

Stay ahead of changing standards and explore the peer review market niche. *Membership by CTCPA Chair appointment.*

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### Investment Committee

Oversee the CTCPA's investment portfolio and report to the Board of Directors.

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## Governance Committees

Governance committees are by election or appointment only. Please contact the staff liaison for more.



### Bylaws Committee

Recommend bylaws modifications to the Board of Directors and voting members. *Membership by CTCPA Chair appointment.*

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### Nominating Committee

Nominate a slate of leadership nominees and Advisory Council appointees. *Membership by CTCPA Advisory Council election.*

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### Professional Ethics Committee

Investigate ethics complaints and maintain the Code of Professional Conduct. *Membership by CTCPA Chair appointment.*

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### Audit-Review Committee

Recommend and oversee an independent CPA firm attestation engagement. *Membership by CTCPA Chair appointment.*

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