

Tri State Association for Corporate Renewal
Message From the President

As we near the end of 2008, it's a good time to share with you the many exciting changes and accomplishments that TACR has experienced.

This year TACR has seen a true "corporate renewal". Last year, we lost a long time board member in Fritz Reed due to his unexpected passing. However, Cathy Vance, a fellow member of Development Specialists, Inc., and a friend of Fritz's has joined the board and has taken a major role in the renewal of the key communication tools of our organization – our newsletter and website. As you can see, the format and informational content of the site are vastly improved and provide a comprehensive vehicle to communicate with the members and the outside business community. By incorporating the newsletter into the website, everyone can get all of the information they need from one location. Many of the changes were a result of the input we received from the members and we will continue to look to you for ideas to keep the site fresh and first-class.

The TACR renewal continued with the addition of Christy Canty as Executive director. Christy joined TACR in March and brings significant experience in the area of administration of organizations. She is available to the entire membership to answer your questions and take in your suggestions.

Due to the hard work of our Program Committee, the speakers and program topics continue to be first rate. Our May program provided a real life renewal experience of Graphic Paper Products, a company with six operating divisions that was forced to revise and implement a new business plan for each entity. The October program entitled Internal Fraud & Embezzlement – Lessons from the Trenches was presented by Angela Morelock, a Certified Forensic Accountant. Angela discussed how companies can protect themselves from internal fraud, warning signs and forensic data mining. Our program in November entitled Distressed Real Estate – Problems & Solutions will help you identify the key issues and learn practical strategies from a multi-disciplinary perspective for resolving troubled real estate projects. And of course we will end the year with our traditional holiday party in December. The programs for next year should be just as exciting, providing our members with tremendous educational and networking opportunities.

Our Membership committee has spent many hours promoting TACR and has been successful in the retention of existing members and in recruiting many first time members as well. Finally, the golf outing was again well attended and a tremendous success. Many thanks to Great American Group, all of our sponsors, Christy Canty and the Golf Committee for such a wonderful event.

I am excited about the renewal that has occurred and am looking forward to this years remaining events. We are a first class organization due to the input and efforts of our members and I look forward to your ideas over the next year.