

## *President's Message*

To the members of the Marin County Estate Planning Council:

The May meeting of the Marin County Estate Planning Council, our last of this year, is also our Annual Meeting, at which we will conduct board elections. I would like to thank Doug Paul and John Hammond, who are going off the Board, for their dedicated service.

### **BOARD NOMINATIONS**

The Nominations Committee has recommended, and the Board has approved, two excellent nominees for election to the Board: Deborah Hoke Smith and Vera Sprinkel. Nominated for a second term is Tom Jacobsen, and I (Aviva Shiff Boedecker) am nominated for a third term.

### **BYLAWS REVISIONS**

The Board has also approved some revisions to the Council's Bylaws, and you will be asked to confirm them at the meeting. In summary, the Bylaws were updated and cleaned up. In addition to correcting a number of minor errors and rewording some language for clarity, we made some substantive changes including:

- Revising the membership categories;
- Clarification of membership criteria;
- Clarification that a quorum of members is thirty percent of the total voting members, represented in person or by proxy;
- Specifying that the Board shall consist of one member from as many of the membership categories as possible, with a limit of no more than two (2) members from any one category, provided, however, that any number of members of the At Large category may serve;
- Permitting electronic attendance at board meetings; and
- Providing for indemnification of directors and officers.

The revised Bylaws are posted on the MCEPC website. Please look at them before the meeting. To access the members-only portion of the site, enter our username: **mcepc** and password: **service**.

### **WINE SPONSORSHIP**

Thank you to Deborah Hoke Smith and Bank of Marin for being the Wine Sponsor in May. The Board would like to again acknowledge Cam Carlson for sponsoring the wine at the March meeting.

Wine sponsorships are available for next year. Please talk to Dave Raub for more information.

### **NATIONAL NEWS**

#### *National Board Opportunity*

The Board has been invited by the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils (NAEPC) to submit nominations to the national board of directors. Anyone who is interested in this opportunity may contact me for more information and an application.

**Council Nominated AEP® Program:** Our Council may recommend qualified members for the AEP® designation from each of the following disciplines: accountant, attorney, insurance and financial planning or trust officer. Council-nominated members must have a minimum of 15 years experience in estate planning and estate planning activities and will be subject to current designation qualifications and requirements, except the requirements for professional references. The application fee for these candidates will be \$125, which is 50% of the usual fee.

If you would like the MCEPC Board to recommend you, you may download the application form by clicking here: [Accredited Estate Planner Application Forms](#) and submitting it to Doug Paul.

**National Conference:** The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is scheduled for **November 17-19, 2010**, in San Diego, California, and all members are invited to attend. Details can be found at [www.naepc.org](http://www.naepc.org).

**National Membership Benefits:** NAEPC offers us many benefits, programs and services, in categories such as software; educational programs; subscriptions; publications; marketing; and more. The full list is available at [www.naepc.org](http://www.naepc.org). For access to the members-only portions of the website enter our username: **marin** and our password: **epcmember**

## **GUESTS**

Do continue to invite guests who a) may be interested in joining the Council and who meet the membership criteria (see website); or b) have a particular interest in the meeting topic. **Members are expected to attend the meeting with their guests** and should be prepared to introduce them. Guests may attend Council meetings up to twice in any (fiscal) year. Remember: only members may invite guests and guests may not invite other guests. The wine rewards program will continue indefinitely!

## **INVITATIONS**

Members of our Council are invited to attend two excellent local conferences:

**The Northern California Planned Giving Conference** will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco. Information is available at [www.NCPGCouncil.org](http://www.NCPGCouncil.org).

**The San Francisco Financial Planners' Association's regional conference** will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in San Francisco. Information may be found at [www.FPANorCal.org](http://www.FPANorCal.org).

I look forward to seeing all of you in May,

Aviva Shiff Boedecker  
*President*