

Dear Member

Thank you all for your continuing support. I have to start by thanking you all for sending your condolences to Peter's family on his very sad passing.

The good news is that the SPA is still open for business and I would like to update you all.

The Steering Committee and job roles are as follows:-

- Chair – Howard Gross - Development of SPA and administration.
- Vice-Chair - Nigel Hughes – Supporting members who face a professional body complaint, newsletter and social media.
- Treasurer - David Cleaver – Accounting and finance.
- Committee - David Sandground - Your rep at HMRC and drafting and responding to consultation papers.

We are looking for at least one more member to join our steering committee. It would be really helpful if you have some experience with social media but it is not essential. If you are interested and would like more information please phone me. Future steering committee meetings will be at 5 St John's Lane London EC1M 4BH. If you are based out of London we do pay for travel.

We have had to oversee a number of practical problems for which we believe we have some very good solutions.

The office in Great Missenden will close on 31st October.

- **The administration of SPA will be based in London from November 1st. The new office address is c/o Gross Klein at 5 St John's Lane London EC1M 4BH. Our new phone number is 020 7549 1698.**

In case you forget the old telephone number remains for three months. During this time there will be an automatic divert. For months 4 to 6 inclusive you will receive a message with the new number. The line will be open during working hours every day other than for weekends, bank holidays and the Christmas period. Our email address remains the same for the time being.

I must take this opportunity to thank Helen Shaw for her long standing work for SPA and for being so helpful to us all since Peter's very sad passing. Helen has been a fountain of knowledge and inspiration. Helen did not want to travel to London which is a great shame. She has offered to provide help and guidance if we need it, which I am sure we will.

Many of you would call Peter for a chat and/or technical input. I welcome all such calls. If I am not here my team will pick up and take a message and I will call you back. For tax queries, non-taxwise and taxwise members please call the helpline and quote your registration number. In addition to our newsletter, we will issue more regular updates by email and we hope to develop our social media offering. If you suffer from a complaint made by your professional body you must tell us immediately. Nigel Hughes will help you. If you do not tell us immediately you will not be covered.

Burning issues, in my opinion, are as follows:-

- New services to members of SPA. We have been negotiating more services with our existing suppliers and have been talking to third parties so that we can increase our offering. More details will follow as we finalise our arrangements.

- Your views on MTD.

- GDPR – advance warning:-

EU General Data Protection Regulation – A new era of data security from 25th May 2018 and

- New anti-money laundering regulations.

David Sandground welcomes your views on consultation papers.

If you would like some help on matters not listed above please email or call me?

I welcome your views about ICAEW and other professional bodies. Are they doing what you want? If not please tell me?

We want to grow our membership so please recommend your friends and colleagues as long as they are a qualified practising accountant.

Kind regards

Howard

Howard A Gross FCA FCCA CTA
Chair SPA

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