

# From the Editor



By Kenneth E. Spence, CFE

Welcome to the last issue of *New Perspectives* for this year. It has been what one would call an excellent year for our association. As this is written, we have just returned from the Annual Conference in San Diego. Indeed, it was one of the better conferences in a number of years thanks to the hard work of the Conference Committee led by Amy Greenhoe. If you didn't attend you missed a good one. Not all is lost, however, as several speakers will be sharing their presentations on the pages of *New Perspectives* in future 2010 issues.

This year we re-designed the *New Perspectives* masthead to present a look in keeping with the changes that have been happening in the journal and those that are yet to appear. We have received many compliments on *New Perspectives* which is positive confirmation that we are meeting your needs. Our pages this year have been graced with 'pearls of wisdom' from a list of authors who have outstanding reputations in their respective fields. Our dedicated columnists, themselves recognized national experts, continued to share their knowledge and expertise in each issue of *New Perspectives*. A special thanks to all who have contributed material this year.

Of course, 2010 can be the year you show your stuff. At the Annual Conference we announced our Author's Contest. You can win a valuable free conference registration plus an additional prize. Two winners will be selected by a drawing at next year's Conference. To get your name in the 'hat' submit an article that shares the 'how to' of an audit you have done. If the article is one of those designated for publication your name goes into the drawing. Watch for our promotion of the contest during the year. Your odds of winning are pretty darn good.

If you haven't heard, the big news centers on *New Perspectives*' winning of two prestigious national awards this year. John Landreth's column, Letters to the Auditor won in the 'best column' category and *New Perspectives* won for 'most improved magazine or journal'. We thank the Board and Chair Mark Eddy for their support as well as the hard work of our Editorial Committee, led by Phyllis Hall. Our headquarters staff has been exemplary with their expertise throughout 2009. We hope that in 2010 we will be able to keep our two-year win streak alive by winning again. We will certainly try!

We trust that you like this final 2009 issue with its line-up of excellent information designed to keep you current and on the cutting edge of healthcare auditing and compliance.

Read well. **NP**

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