



## The Connecticut Society of CPAs

# Meet the CTCPA Staff: We're Here to Help!

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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.

Contact: Lisa Bugryn • [lisab@ctcpas.org](mailto:lisab@ctcpas.org)



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### Chief Financial Officers Group (Exploratory)

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

Contact: April DiFalco • [aprild@ctcpas.org](mailto:aprild@ctcpas.org)



### 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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### Environmental, Social, & Governance (ESG) Group

Discuss and collaborate on sustainability reporting, disclosures, risk management, and more.

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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.

Contact: April DiFalco • [aprild@ctcpas.org](mailto:aprild@ctcpas.org)



### 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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### 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.*

Contact: Bonnie Stewart • [bonnies@ctcpas.org](mailto:bonnies@ctcpas.org)



### 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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## Joining the CTCPA, Paying Dues, and Using Membership Tools

Joining the CTCPA

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Paying membership dues or billing classes

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Member discounts and insurance savings

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Logging into and using the CTCPA website

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Listing yourself in the Find a CPA search engine

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## Legislative and Regulatory Matters

State and federal legislative matters

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CPA regulation/State Board of Accountancy

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Relationships with regulators

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## Becoming a CPA and Maintaining Your Certification

Becoming a CPA and the CPA Exam

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Scholarships and grants

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Ethics Exam purchases

**Lisa Bugryn** • lisab@ctcpas.org • 860-258-0232

Professional ethics

**Lynette Lindner** • lynettel@ctcpas.org • 860-259-1062

## Career Resources

Help wanted and mergers classifieds postings

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Posting volunteer opportunities

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## Continuing Professional Education and Professional Development

Educational programs that come to your office

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CPE requirements and compliance

**Lisa Bugryn** • lisab@ctcpas.org • 860-258-0232

Speaking at educational sessions

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Course/conference registrations

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## Technical Accounting Questions and Practice Management

Peer review PRIMA support

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Peer review technical issues

**Julie McNeal** • juliem@ctcpas.org

Professional ethics

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## Engaging Your Network and Enhancing Your Personal Brand

Special events and networking programs

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New and young professionals

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CTCPA Connect online community

**Kirsten Piechota** • kirstenp@ctcpas.org • 860-258-0231

Free professional headshots

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Writing for our publications

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Using the "Member of CTCPA" logo

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## Volunteering in Your Community

Charity drives and volunteer projects

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High school and college student outreach

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## Partnerships, Sponsorships, and Advertising

Partnership/sponsorship/advertising opportunities **Cindy Panioto** • cindyp@ctcpas.org • 860-258-0213

Please reach out to us for any of the topics listed here or more.

Not sure where to start?  
Contact us at:

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## Other Helpful Contacts

### Connecticut State Board of Accountancy

(Housed under the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection)

[www.ct.gov/dcp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp)  
860-713-6100

Licensing/certification email:  
[dcp.licensecpa@ct.gov](mailto:dcp.licensecpa@ct.gov)

Enforcement issues email:  
[dcp.accounting@ct.gov](mailto:dcp.accounting@ct.gov)

### National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA)

[www.nasba.org](http://www.nasba.org)  
615-880-4200

### CPA Examination Services 800-CPA-EXAM (800-272-3926)

### Connecticut Department of Revenue Services

[www.ct.gov/drs](http://www.ct.gov/drs)  
860-297-5962

### Connecticut IRS Senior Stakeholder Liaison

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