



Announcement: SEA 1031 Principal, James Freeman elected President of the Atlanta Chapter of the Georgia Society of CPAs.

On February 16th, 2010, James Freeman of Strategic 1031 Exchange Advisors was elected by the Atlanta Chapter of the Georgia Society of CPAs (“GSCPA”) to become the next chapter President. The vote was confirmed by the GSCPA executive committee in March. Mr. Freeman will succeed Mr. Michael Broughton as Chapter President and take office on June 1, 2010.

Mr. Chis Albers was elected as Vice President. John Viha was re-elected as Treasurer, and Joe Brigati was elected Secretary. The new leadership team represents the first elected board of the newly combined Atlanta and Buckhead chapters. The merger of the two chapters took place in the Fall of 2009. Total membership of the chapter exceeds 1,600 accountants.

When asked about his initial plans for the chapter Mr. Freeman commented that his goals include increasing participation at both the monthly chapter meetings as well as in the greater community from both professional and philanthropic levels. “Time spent networking has increased gradually over the last few months as we moved meetings to the Buckhead Club in the Sovereign building” according to Mr. Freeman. Another additional venue has been to coordinate happy hour social events and joint events with various attorney and wealth management groups in Atlanta. “We want to energize and drive value for our members on multiple fronts.” Mr. Freeman also plans to expand the board and look into potential annual sponsorship by local businesses.

The GSCPA is the premier professional organization for CPAs in the state of Georgia. With over 10,000 members in total, the GSCPA offers continuing professional education, networking opportunities, and legislative representation on issues that provide a positive impact to the profession. For more information, please visit www.gscpa.org.