CAPANA Honors Founder

USC Accounting Professor Thomas W. Lin

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The Chinese Accounting Professors' Association of North America (CAPANA) has awarded its first-ever Honorary Fellow award to its founder Thomas W. Lin, Professor of Accounting of the Leventhal School of Accounting in the USC Marshall School of Business. Eric Yeung, the current President of CAPANA made the announcement at the CAPANA's evening reception held on August 5th during the Annual Meetings of the American Accounting Association (AAA) at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel in Anaheim, California.

Introducing Professor Lin at the ceremony was Professor Janie Chang of San Diego State University, who praised Tom for his tireless effort to promote the bridging of accounting academics between North America and Greater China for the last thirty-plus years. Professor Eric Yeung of Cornell, also the out-going president of CAPANA, presided over the ceremony and presented the award plaque to Professor Lin.

After accepting the award, Professor Lin gave a short but enthusiastic speech about the history of CAPANA to the roomful of attendants. Professor Lin told stories of their initial meeting at 1976 AAA Atlanta with approximately thirty members, most of whom native Chinese who were accounting professors in North America. The first twelve years of the organization, CAPANA served to enhance members' professional development in research and teaching. During the second twelve years, CAPANA took a proactive role to improve communications with AAA presidents and officers and Chinese accounting professors in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and North America. In the most recent twelve years, CAPANA promoted the research reputation of its members and collaborated with AAA to support accounting research in China through Chinese Accounting Professors Association (CAPA) and Accounting Society of China (ASC).

About CAPANA

Started in 1976, The Chinese Accounting Professors' Association of North America (CAPANA) is a non-for-profit academic organization that serves the research and teaching interests of Chinese accounting professors and doctoral students in North America, Asia, Europe, etc. One of CAPANA's key missions is to promote high-quality academic research on China, the Asia Pacific region, and other emerging market economies. We welcome non-Chinese accounting researchers with similar interests to join CAPANA as members and participate in our research activities. See more information at www.capana.org

About Professor Thomas Lin

Professor Thomas W. Lin received his BA in Business Administration from National Taiwan University (1966), MBA from National Chengchi University in Taiwan (1970), MS in Accounting & Information Systems from UCLA (1971), and Ph.D. in Accounting from The Ohio State University (1975). He has taught at the University of Southern California's (USC) Leventhal School of Accounting and Marshall School of Business since September, 1975. Lin is the founding president of the Chinese Accounting Professors Association of North America (CAPANA). He received 2012 American Accounting Association (AAA) Outstanding Service Award for his effort to promote communication and collaboration between American and Chinese accounting professors. He has served on editorial boards of The Accounting Review, Journal of Management Accounting Research, Issues in Accounting Education, and Journal of Information Systems. He has also served as a member of the following AAA committees: Outstanding Educator Award Committee, Competitive Manuscript Award Committee, Notable Contribution to Accounting Literature Committee, Doctoral Fellowship Committee, Professorial Environment Committee, Future Structure Follow-Up Committee, Administrators of Accounting Programs Group Data Base Committee, Computer Tools in Audit Research and Education Committee, Management Accounting Section Western Region Director & Research Committee Chairman.

Official USC faculty website of Professor Lin is located at http://www.marshall.usc.edu/faculty/directory/wtlin