



## **AFP Ethics & Accountability Workshop “How to Keep the Regulators Away”**

**February 7, 2008**

**AFP International Headquarters, Arlington, VA**

### **Invitation to Participate**

Questions you may have often asked:

- 1) **Does this represent a finder’s fee or a commission—or is it a performance bonus?**
- 2) **What are the characteristics of a gift acceptance policy that passes muster under the AFP Code?**
- 3) **Should I tell my executive director (or board chair) that her great new idea entails prohibited behavior under my professional association’s standards of practice?**
- 4) **What is the complaint and enforcement process under the AFP Code—does anyone really ever get sanctioned?**

Fundraising ethics is a hot topic these days with coverage crowding the airways and print media. Not only are questions about nonprofit organizations’ fundraising practices being raised, but also the focus on political campaign finance has raised the profile of “*fundraising*” across the board. AFP members have a vested interest in this subject because of the association’s mandatory Code of Ethical Principles and the Enforcement Procedures that ensure compliance.

In 2007, the AFP Standing Committee on Ethics has received more than 700 inquiries regarding proposed, pending and concluded fundraising transactions and relationships. Pursuant to the formal AFP “Procedures for Enforcement of the Code of Ethical Principles and Standards,” the committee conducts investigations, hearings and disciplinary proceedings on a regular basis.

Since many AFP members are unfamiliar with details of Ethics Committee activities and procedures, the committee is extending an invitation to a workshop to be conducted for the AFP Washington DC Metro, Virginia and Baltimore area members on February 7, 2008. **The workshop will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Learning Center at AFP International Headquarters, 4300 Wilson Blvd, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203.**

Members of the Ethics Committee will be holding a regularly scheduled meeting of the committee on February 8, but are interested in providing an advance overview of committee functions and procedures for all interested AFP members. In addition, new hypothetical case studies, that will address the questions above, will be presented for discussion and analysis.

Space is limited, so please respond soon if you’d like to participate in this unique opportunity. This workshop is **free** for all members, as well as non-members. To reserve your space or for any additional information, please contact Rebecca Knight at [rknight@afpnet.org](mailto:rknight@afpnet.org).

*TRANSPORTATION NOTE:* The AFP International Headquarters building is directly next to Ballston Common Mall. There is paid parking in the building as well as in the Mall’s lot. The nearest Metro station is Ballston (Orange Line).