

A One-Hour MBA for School Leaders

In this session, Mike Batts and Mike Lee will describe the many distractions surrounding school management and the challenges that such distractions can create in effectively leading the business operations of a school. The presenters will then discuss steps for effective financial leadership that are applicable to any organization. A one-hour "MBA".

Learning Objectives:

Participants will learn the steps needed for effectively leading the business operations of a school.

Presenters:

Mike Batts, Managing Partner, Batts Morrison Wales & Lee, P.A.

Mike Batts is the managing partner of Batts Morrison Wales & Lee (BMW). Mike has more than 30 years of experience serving hundreds of nonprofit organizations in a variety of ways. He has served on and chaired the boards of nonprofit organizations, both nationally and locally. Mike is a member and former chairman of the board of ECFA, an organization that accredits Christian organizations in the areas of board governance and financial integrity. He advises nonprofit organizations on matters related to board governance, financial oversight, tax compliance and strategy, risk management, corporate structure, international activities, and related topics. Mike has actively engaged in nonprofit legislative matters at the federal and state levels. He served as chairman of the Commission on Accountability and Policy for Religious Organizations, a national legislative advisory commission convened to address tax policy recommendations for Congress, the Treasury Department, the nonprofit sector, and the giving public. Mike has authored several books covering a variety of topics important to nonprofit organizations, including books addressing board member responsibilities, financial administration, and unrelated business income. Mike's newest book is entitled Church Finance: The Church Leader's Guide to Financial Operations (Christianity Today, 2019). Mike is a summa cum laude graduate of Stetson University, where he studied accounting. He received state and national recognition for scoring the highest in the state on the Florida CPA examination. Mike is licensed or authorized to practice as a CPA in multiple states and he is also a Chartered Global Management Accountant.

Mike Lee, CPA, Partner & National Director – Audit & Assurance Services, Batts Morrison Wales & Lee, P.A.

Mike Lee is a partner and the national director of audit and assurance services for BMW. He has supervisory responsibility for the firm's auditing practice and assists in overseeing the firm's education and training programs. Mike has more than 20 years of experience in auditing nonprofit organizations, analyzing internal controls, and other related areas of practice. He is licensed or authorized to practice as a Certified Public Accountant in numerous states and is also a Chartered Global Management Accountant. Mike has been a conference speaker on nonprofit accounting and auditing issues at both the local and national levels. Mike is a contributing editor of BMW's nonprofit feature articles and special alerts, which provide news related to current developments and perspective on issues impacting nonprofits and their leaders, and he also serves on an advisory committee for a nonprofit accounting and financial reporting guide. Mike previously served as the chairman of the board of directors of a youth camp located in Central Florida and has also served as a board member for other nonprofit organizations. Mike graduated from the University of Central Florida, receiving his bachelor of accounting and master of accounting degrees. He was honored with a state of Florida "Top 10" award for completing the CPA exam upon his first sitting.

Field of Study: Finance

Prerequisites: Basic knowledge of independent school finances

Advanced Preparation: None

Program Level: Update

Delivery Method: Group Live

Participants will earn 1 CPE credit.