

## ITA Announces New President During 2019 Spring Collaborative

**CHICAGO, IL- April 28, 2019** --At its annual Spring Collaborative meeting held April 28-30, 2019 in Chicago, Information Technology Alliance (ITA) President Stan Mork announced that the ITA Board of Directors has selected a new president to take over his role upon retirement on August 31, 2019. Shawn Slavin, currently VP of Technology at CS3 Technology in Tulsa, will become the third president in ITA's 22-year history. Slavin's credentials and skillset – CPA, Certified Information Technology Professional, Chartered Global Management Accountant, accomplished technology consultant, and longtime ITA member with direct experience across the organization's functional committees -- made him a top choice for ITA's ultimate leadership role.

"We are very excited and fortunate to have someone with Shawn's background and history with the ITA taking over my responsibilities," said Mork. "Upon announcing my retirement in December, it was my greatest hope that someone with previous history, passion, dedication and vision for the ITA and our members would become the next president, and Shawn is certainly a perfect fit for this role."

"I am truly honored to have the opportunity to serve in this ITA leadership role, and to be part of this organization's next chapter," said Slavin. "The spirit of openness and professional camaraderie that the ITA promotes among its members is remarkable, and has in no way diminished during my 15 years of participation. This is a unique situation, where members of ITA firms you would consider competitors become friends, and friends become strategic partners. I'm tremendously pleased to take on the responsibilities as ITA's president during a time when our industry is facing tectonic changes in technology that directly impact firms and the expectations of their clients. I look forward to serving our members as we work together to chart a course through opportunities and challenges."

Slavin also commented on the contributions of past ITA leaders: "Stan Mork has done an amazing job leading the ITA over the past seven years following the retirement of our founding president, Ron Eagle. Together with current Vice President Lissa Johnson and retired Executive Director Jo Ann Benzer, they have built a truly unique organization."

ITA Board of Directors Chair, Stuart Tholen stated, "There was significant interest from a variety of very qualified individuals in the accounting technology industry to fill this role. The Board implemented a rigorous selection process, and Shawn's background and qualifications rose to the top as we made this important decision."

Slavin will begin transitioning from his role at CS3 over the next few months and will officially take over as ITA president on September 1, 2019. Stan Mork has agreed to assist with transition activities for the remainder of 2019 and into early 2020, as needed.

"The ITA is a great organization, with high attendance at our Collaboratives, strong support and involvement from our members and positive financial results," said Mork. "While I will miss working with our great ITA members, I'm glad that we have someone of Shawn's caliber to continue to lead the ITA into the future."

### About ITA

The ITA is an independent, not for profit, professional association of leading firms and companies whose purpose is to share information and build relationships that improve the way its member firms, and their clients, do business. The membership roster consists of some of the most highly regarded mid-market accounting technology professionals, consultants, and product/service providers in North America.

### Press Contact:

Brian Austin  
ITA & Avalara  
707.799.9838  
brian.austin@avalara.com