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National Bookkeepers' Association Announces 2-Hour Course in Double-Entry Accounting

ROCKVILLE, MD, Sept. 28, '04—The American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers (AIPB) has released a new 73-page self-study course that teaches novices how to do double-entry bookkeeping/accounting in one sitting—around 2 hours, Co-President Steve Sahlein announced.

There are two urgent needs for the course, according to Sahlein.

“First, there are tens of thousands of bookkeepers who learned bookkeeping on the job and have no foundation in double-entry bookkeeping/accounting, resulting in huge bills from CPAs for the small firms that hire these bookkeepers,” he says. “And the popular misconception that you don’t need to know double-entry bookkeeping if you use Quickbooks and similar programs has only made the problem worse—and the CPA bills even higher.”

“Second, roughly half of the 800,000 students who start as accounting majors in college drop out each year—and double-entry bookkeeping is the reason,” he says. “This self-study course assumes learners never heard of the words ‘debit’ and ‘credit.’ It starts at the very beginning, teaching in very small steps with many reinforcement quizzes at each level, so that learners are actually recording journal entries as they go.”

“When we gave the first draft to a member of our office staff, she not only completed it in around two hours (two hours, ten minutes, to be exact), she spotted two accounting errors in the later sections. We were stunned.”

The self-study course, *Mastering Double-Entry Bookkeeping—the Fast, Easy Way to Master Debits and Credits*, is \$29 plus \$3.50 s/h, available at www.aipb.org, click on “Double-Entry Bookkeeping.”

The American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers is the national association and certifying body for bookkeepers, founded in 1987, currently with 30,000 members. For further information, contact AIPB, Suite 500, 6001 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852, or call 1-800-622-0121, fax: 800-541-0066 or visit www.AIPB.org.