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*The Basics of Equity Compensation Modifications*

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## About the Presenters



### **Scott Schimberg, Senior Manager, Armanino McKenna**

Scott has more than 20 years of financial executive, operations and consulting experience in public and private companies and has held positions as Controller and Vice President, Finance and Administration.

Scott has recently returned to Consulting after working as the head of finance for a Med Tech company that filed an S-1. While working for TRIABeauty Inc. (TRIA), Scott learned first-hand how to address a company's stock compensation audit readiness by managing the initial audit for the company all the way through filing an S-1.

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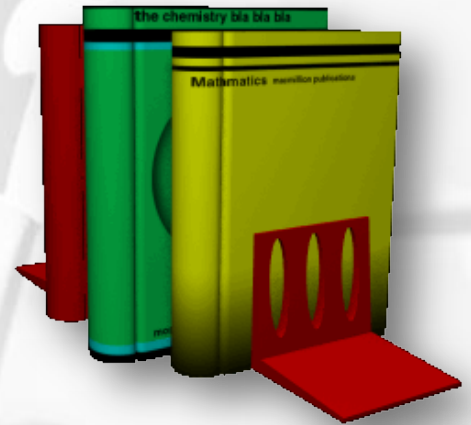
Scott has worked in the legal and financial industries, providing financial and consulting services to public and private companies, as well as entrepreneurs.

He has provided extensive equity compensation and valuation services to clients, as well as financial modeling and process re-engineering assistance. Scott has worked with auditors' related to stock-based compensation and other equity transactions. He has also completed various specialized training courses in business valuations, fraud, equity compensation administration, excel, and other continuing professional education.

# Learning Objectives



- Clarify what constitutes a modification related to equity awards
- Identify typical types of modifications and accounting treatment
- Apply guidance for administering and accounting for modifications



# Presentation Overview

- ASC 718 review
- Modifications
  - Definition
  - Examples
  - Fair value implications
  - Types of modifications
  - Administration
  - Potential tax implications



## ASC 718 Review

- Employee/non-employee
- Requisite service period
- Various option pricing models
- Fair value of awards at grant



## ASC 718 Review (continued)

- Recognize expense over the requisite service period
  - Less forfeiture estimate
- Income tax impact
- EPS





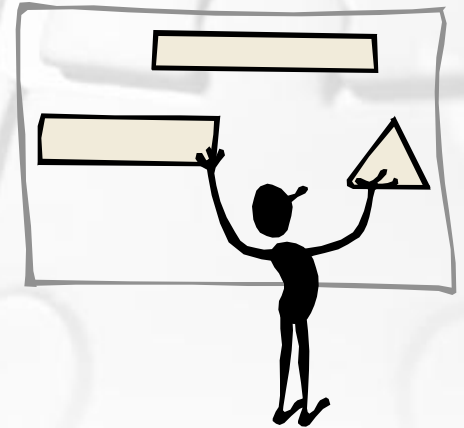


# Polling Question # 1

## Definition of a Modification



- Change in the terms or conditions of an award
- Treated as an exchange of original award for new award
- Recognize compensation expense depending on modification type



## Examples of Modifications



- Obvious:
  - Re-pricing of awards
  - Exchange of awards in a business combination
  - Reclassification of an award
- Commonly Overlooked:
  - Accelerated Vesting
  - Extended time to Exercise
  - Changing award type or performance conditions
  - Reclassification of an award

# Fair Value Implications



- Always as of the modification date
  
- Equity awards
  - Probability of vesting
  - Comparing fair value of original and modified award
  
- Liability Awards
  - Recognize fair value using modified terms

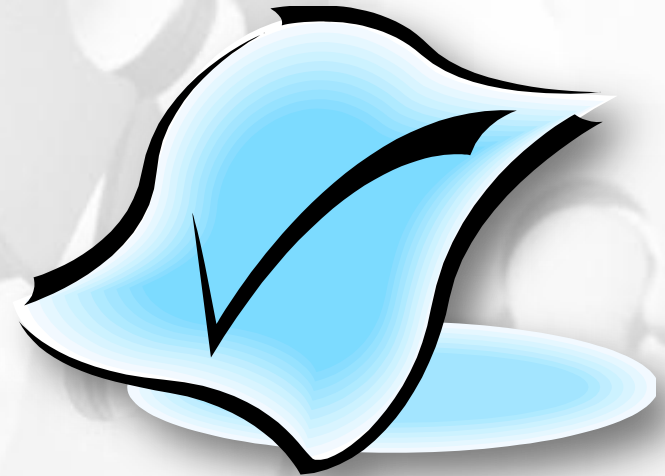


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## Polling Question # 2

## The correct answer for question #2 is...

- A. – Extended time to exercise



# Types of Modifications



- Analyze each award’s probability of vesting before and after modification

|                 | <b>Type I: Probable to Probable</b>                    | <b>Type II: Probable to Improbable</b>                | <b>Type III: Improbable to Probable</b>                | <b>Type IV: Improbable to Improbable</b>     |
|-----------------|--|---|--|--|
| Expense         | Incremental fair value between new award and original  | Incremental fair value between new award and original | Fair value of new award only                           | Fair value of new award only                 |
| Minimum Expense | Grant date fair value (original)                       | Grant date fair value (original)*                     | No minimum   | No minimum                                   |
| Expense Timing  | Vested - Immediately<br>Unvested - over service period | Unvested - over service period when probable          | Vested - Immediately<br>Unvested - over service period | Unvested - over service period when probable |

\* As long as original target is achieved

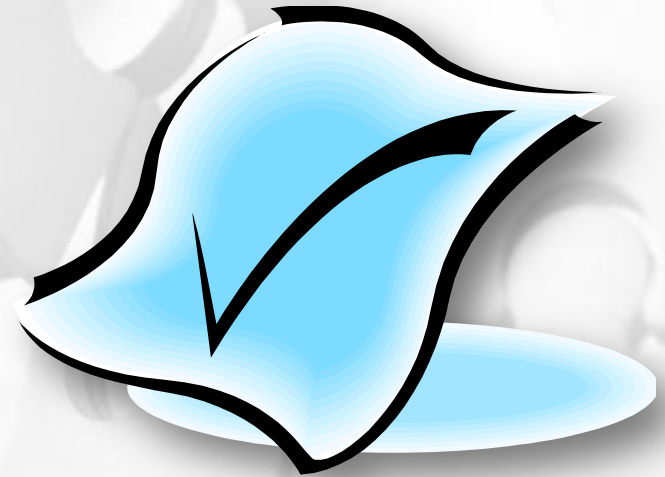
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# Polling Question # 3

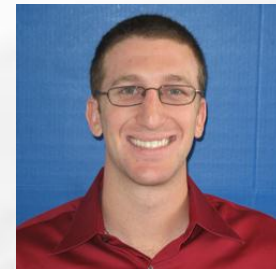


**The correct answer for question #3 is...**

- C. - Original grant FV



## Example - Modifying Performance Conditions (improbable to probable)



- Unvested option - performance conditions changed from improbable to probable
- Grant Date Fair Value: \$0.40
- Fair Value of Modified Award: \$0.30
- Recognize the ratable amount over the service period as of the modification date

## Example - Re- pricing example (probable to probable)



- Fully vested option is re-priced
  - All terms stay the same except the price
  - Incremental expense is \$0.21 per share

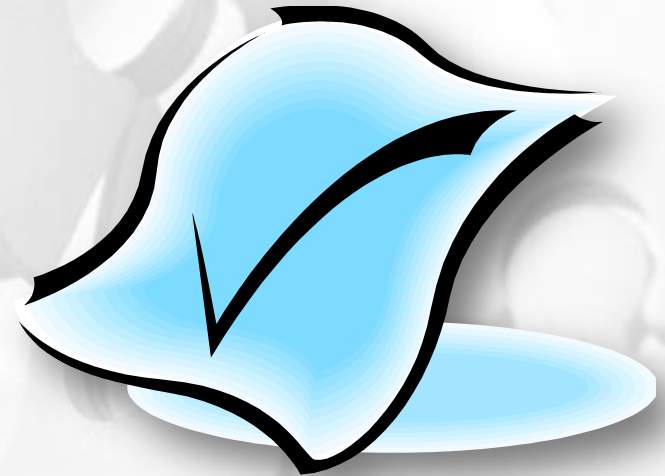
| Fair Value Calculation |                |   |   |
|------------------------|----------------|---|---|
| Before                 | After          | Variable                                      | Description                             |
| \$1.00                 | \$1.00         | = S   | Stock's current price.                  |
| \$2.00                 | \$1.00         | = K   | Strike price.                           |
| 2.50                   | 2.50           | = t   | Expected term in years.                 |
| 0.29%                  | 0.29%          | = r   | Risk free rate                          |
| 50.0%                  | 50.0%          | = v   | Volatility of the stock (or peer group) |
| <b>\$ 0.11</b>         | <b>\$ 0.31</b> | <b>=Value of the option over vesting term</b> |   |

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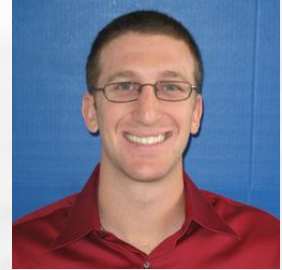
# Polling Question # 4

**The correct answer for question #4 is...**

- A. - Immediately



# Administering Modifications



- Obtain input
- Communicate modification choices to participants
- Document:
  - Modification details
  - Accounting treatment – calculations w/ supporting detail



# Potential Tax Implications



- Deferred compensation under Section 409A
- Subject to limitation under Section 162(m)
- Loss of incentive stock option qualification
- Income Tax Withholdings
- Other tax issues



## In Conclusion...

During this webinar, we've covered:

- Refresher on ASC 718
- What constitutes a modification
- How to manage modifications
- Accounting for simpler modifications





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# Polling Question # 5



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