



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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"The expert in anything was once a beginner."

For those of us that have been in the tax world for many years we may sometimes forget what it was like when we first started learning about taxes. Looking back, things were so much simpler then.

Like many preparers I've talked with, my venture began by taking an H&R Block® tax class and then working for them for a tax season. Then life happened. I became pregnant with my second child and decided to do a few tax returns at home for friends and family. Working from home gave me flexibility but I no longer had co-workers with more experience in tax from whom I could get answers from ... that was when I searched for and found NATP.

Education is cumulative; there is almost always something new to learn, or something old that we just hadn't picked up on before. With NATP, I'm only a phone call away from an answer to a tough tax question; sometimes I'm pretty sure I know the correct answer but I just want to be certain and once again, NATP is there for me.

Over the years I attended education events offered by the Michigan Chapter of NATP and started to get to know local preparers that I could connect with. At seminars I had the opportunity to sit beside other preparers during class, share lunch with them, and learn about them and their businesses and, more importantly, learn from them.

Mentors come in many forms and aren't always the teachers at the front of the room, though they certainly could be. They may also be the attendees nearby.

Who are you mentoring and sharing your knowledge with? In my opinion, it's important to be connected with others in the tax industry, to be continually working on your education and to be involved in your local, Michigan NATP Chapter by attending seminars and being involved on a Chapter committee or two.

If I can help you in any way to get 'plugged in' with the Chapter please don't hesitate to email me anytime at anna@aimtax.com.

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THAT AND THIS....

- Michigan legislators always introduce many tax bills. Recent bills would, if passed, allow a deduction for care and maintenance of service animals. Other recent proposals would change property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and their surviving spouse, restore tax credits for child and dependent care, and change the poverty exemption on property taxes
- Federal Tax changes have been proposed. Check out our chapter website for information and related “save the date” events.
- Seminar planning is coordinated by our Education Committee chaired by Vice President Glen Mitchell. Members can volunteer to serve on the committee through the year. Contact Glen to get involved.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

You may have noticed the “save the date” items in our newsletter and on our website. Changes in various regulations for CPE approval prohibit “advertising” or promoting a specific event or topic without approval from our governing authority, NATP National. This process ensures that seminar offerings meet criteria for continuing education credits for EAs and many others, and are meeting high quality standards. Also, it allows National to keep track of attendees’ CPE credits and report that accurately to IRS. We cannot advertise or promote specific topics, speakers, events, or pricing, until approval is obtained. Sometimes the time lag for approvals catches us “short” with our newsletter deadlines. In addition to our newsletter, we will be notifying members via email when a specific event is approved (usually about 60 days before the planned date), topics and CPEs. Your Chapter has established a routine of five full day events, usually in January, May, July and September. Our chapter website, www.minatp.org, is updated continuously as needed and it is the best place to check for registration availability, topics and speakers, and CPE’s. IRS does not approve CPE’s for non-federal seminars, such as our Purely Michigan Tax Seminars. These seminars provide accurate and up-to-date Michigan and Michigan City income.

REGISTRATION FOR YOUR SEMINARS

1. GO TO NATPTAX.COM
2. CLICK ON CHAPTERS
3. CLICK ON MICHIGAN
4. SELECT THE EDUCATION TAB
5. SCROLL DOWN THE LIST TO SELECT YOUR CLASS/ SEMINAR
6. COMPLETE REGISTRATION INFORMATION
7. PAY (CLICK SUBMIT)
8. RECEIVE EMAIL CONFIRMATION
9. PRINT CONFIRMATION AND BRING WITH YOU TO THE SEMINAR.

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BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

Six members of your board of directors will be elected at our next annual membership meeting **May 17, 2018, at 11:40 a.m.**, in Port Huron. Five are at large incumbents: Vicki Black, Sylvia Collins, Leslie Echols, Byron Kuxhaus, and Lori Stafford. Incumbent Sherry Nelson is from Region 6.

Nominations, including self nominations, for all board member positions can be made from the floor at the annual meeting or via email before **May 15 to anna@aimtax.com**. After May 15, nominations can be made from the convention floor. Nominees for Region 6 must have residence within that region (basically SE Michigan).

Nominees must be and remain if elected a NATP member in good standing. Board members serve a three year term and are expected to attend four (4) board meetings a year as well as assigned committee meetings. Board members are reimbursed mileage expense. Questions about election to the Board of Directors or Board member functions and events should be addressed to Anna Mayer, Chapter president, at anna@aimtax.com.

MI-NATP WELCOMES OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Tejas R. Amin	Port Huron	Vicki Bennett	Berrien Springs
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GETTING READY FOR TAX SEASON!

Your chapter offers attractive pricing for quick reference books: **TheTaxBook®** and **Quickfinder®**. The order forms are on our web site, www.minatp.org: click on the education tab and the link for reference book order form 2017. If ordering direct from **TheTaxBook®** please use our chapter code 457 for discount pricing (but not as good chapter pricing). If order direct from **Quickfinder®** please use our chapter code Q680 for discount pricing (but not as good chapter pricing). Your chapter receives credit for your purchase which helps keep seminar costs as low as possible.

There are still 5 Purely Michigan Tax seminars remaining this year, plus our Last Chance Ethics in Lansing on December 5. Your chapter website has full registration information. A benefit of attending: much of the material for our Michigan update comes from our Roundtable meeting with Michigan Treasury staff.

Question: How come we never had a seminar on *that issue*?

Because YOU haven't voiced your interest!

Got an idea for a seminar topic? Confused about authors or hobby farms vs. trade or business? Contact Vice President Glen Mitchell with your suggestions for seminar topics. Interested in teaching a course or being more involved in your chapter? Contact Glen or any board member!

Join a committee or two: We always have openings for the Newsletter Committee.

YOUR SAVE THE DATE EVENTS!

NOVEMBER 8, 2017	PURELY MICHIGAN TAX	GRAND RAPIDS, MI
NOVEMBER 14, 2017	PURELY MICHIGAN TAX	LIVONIA, MI
NOVEMBER 16, 2017	PURELY MICHIGAN TAX	CLINTON TWP, MI
DECEMBER 1, 2017	MICHIGAN CITY ADMINISTRATORS MEETING	WALKER, MI
DECEMBER 5, 2017	PURELY MICHIGAN TAX	LANSING, MI
DECEMBER 5, 2017	LAST CHANCE ETHICS	LANSING, MI
DECEMBER 6, 2017	PURELY MICHIGAN TAX	GRAYLING, MI
JANUARY 5, 2018	SAVE THE DATE—LAST CHANCE TAX UPDATE	LANSING, MI
JANUARY 5, 2018	SAVE THE DATE-OFFICE PROCDEURES/INTRODUCTION TO TAXES	LANSING, MI
MAY 17-18, 2018	SAVE THE DATE-ANNUAL CONVENTION/MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS	PORT HURON, MI
AUGUST 6-9, 2018	NATP NATIONAL CONFERENCE	ANAHEIM, CA
SEPTEMBER 21, 2018	MI-NATP TWO FOR ONE SEMINAR	BATH, MI
July 22-25, 2019	NATP NATIONAL CONFERENCE	CHICAGO, IL

For the latest information and to Register go to www.minatp.org



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