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The President's Message

Hi Kansas NATP Members and friends

Having been to the NATP National Conference in Orlando, Florida, and up to Johnson County Community College for the IRS Symposium in recent weeks, I am so pleased to be a part of NATP. It has such a wide variety of special people that help us to be knowledgeable about the tax code, regulations, and all of it's complexities. As members of NATP, I am sure you also find this organization to be an important part of your efforts to do the tax work you are involved in. Besides all of the tax information, I also wanted to point out another highlight of the National Conference. This was the presentation by Walter Bond, a retired professional basketball player, who is now a motivational speaker. If you ever get the chance to hear him I

highly recommend you do so.

We look forward to seeing ALL of you at the Annual Meeting in Wichita (new location) &/or the Fall Seminar in Overland Park &/or the Western KS Seminar in Hays. The President of the NATP Board of Directors, Jean Millerchip, will be in Wichita for our Annual Meeting as the National Rep. You can also attend the 20th Anniversary of KS NATP for free. You will find great education at each of the three meetings, i.e. Kansas & Oklahoma state presenters at the Annual Meeting in Wichita, Kansas and Missouri state presenters at the Fall Seminar, and you will have fellow KS NATP presenters at all three of the meetings providing very timely knowledge and information on a variety of topics. Again we look forward to seeing



From the Sunflower State.

ALL of you there at one or more of these meetings. You will want to get to know more of the members, presenters & Board Members so you will feel comfortable calling when those puzzling issues come up. At National's 1040 Essential & 1040 & Beyond sessions following our Annual Meeting in Wichita, you will get to meet one of the most knowledgeable and amongst the best presenters, Marilyn Meredith.

Best Wishes to all of you!

Tim Cain, President KS NATP

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Proposed Bylaw change for KS-NATP:

Current: Article IV

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Rationale:

We have had years of people serving on the board, off a year and then back on the board. Members have complained that we are a clique. By having people off 3 years, we are hoping it will lessen this and foster more individuals to be willing to serve on the board. We are looking for more and more ways to get more members involved and to serve on the board.

Nolin Christensen

Bylaws

July 30, 2014

Steve Schullz, Chapter Leadership Advisor
7.30.14

Important Dates to Remember for 2014:

EDUCATIONAL

SEMINARS



MEETINGS

WHAT	DATES	WHERE
KS NATP Annual Mtg	October 27, 2014	Holiday Inn Wichita East-Wichita, KS
KS NATP 20th Banquet	October 27, 2014	Holiday Inn Wichita East-Wichita, KS
Nat'l 1040/1040X	October 28-29, 2014	Holiday Inn Wichita East-Wichita, KS
KS NATP Western Seminar	November 3, 2014	Sternburg Museum-Hays, KS
Nat'l 1040/1040X	November 10-11, 2014	DoubleTree Overland Park-Overland Pk KS
KS NATP Fall Seminar	November 12, 2014	DoubleTree Overland Park-Overland Pk KS

NOTICE: The KS NATP Annual Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Wichita East

If you have a suggestion for a topic for these seminars, please contact Tim Graham or Tim Cain. Their phone numbers are located on the last page of this publication



KS Dept. of Labor FAQ: Working Conditions

What breaks are required under state and federal law? Breaks are not required under state or federal law. However, many employers schedule breaks to boost employee morale and productivity.

Can my employer make me work overtime? Yes, unless you are under the age of 16.

Can my employer fire me? Yes. Kansas is an employment at will state which means your employer can fire you for any non-discriminatory and/or non-retaliatory reason. However, there are some exceptions to this doctrine.

Is an employee required to give two weeks notice when quitting a job? No. Because Kansas is an employment at will state, an employee can quit his/her job without any notice.

What is the maximum number of hours per day my employer can make me work? Theoretically your employer can make you work 24 hours a day unless you are under the age of 16. If you are under 16 you cannot work more than three hours on a school day and eight hours on a non-school day.

Can my employer require me to take a drug test as a condition of employment? Yes.

Is an employer required to pay for jury duty or allow time off for jury duty? An employer must give employees time off for jury duty, but the employee does not have to be paid.

KS Chapter-NATP Annual Meeting & Kansas Update**10-27-14****Summary of Topics:**

Intro to Audits: At some point, almost every tax practitioner will have a client who is audited. As technology evolves, the IRS constantly alters how, where, and when the audit is performed. IRS agents can be intimidating, aggressive, and at times, unprofessional when dealing with taxpayers and tax professionals. Whether the taxpayer receives a simple CP-2000 notice or is involved in a face-to-face interview with a revenue agent, this course is designed to prepare you for the moment when the client needs and trusts you most, during an audit.

Sole Proprietor Complications: A sole proprietorship is the most basic form of a business. Nonetheless, complexities with a sole proprietorship can exist just as with any form of business. Many sole proprietors mistakenly believe Schedule C is the only form used to report all the income and expenses associated with the business. This course examines various complications that can occur with a sole proprietorship, including the sale of business assets, the tax implications of hiring a member of the sole proprietor's family, reporting a sole proprietor's retirement contribution and identifying loss limitations that apply to sole proprietors.

Offers in Compromise: Many taxpayers are able to pay their taxes in full by IRS deadlines. Due to unforeseen circumstances, a taxpayer may be unable to pay the full amount owed and an installment agreement is infeasible. We see so many advertisements on television encouraging clients to settle for pennies on the dollar. The fact is, not many taxpayers qualify. This course is designed for tax professionals with a basic understanding of tax law and wish to help suitable individual taxpayers prepare and submit Form 656, *Offer in Compromise*.

Kansas State Tax Law Update**Oklahoma State Tax Law Update**

KS Chapter NATP 20th Anniversary Banquet with Live Entertainment featuring “The Foolish Toms,” an improv group. Attending the Annual Meeting & KS Update Seminar gains you free admission to this special celebration! You may bring a guest or spouse for a nominal charge.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN ORLANDO, FL

Peggy Beasterfeld: National Conference was better than ever. Every presenter that I had was excellent. Took both the individual and business updates, they were mostly about the ACA and the filing requirements for the 2014 tax year. Very scary to me and the consensus was that we probably would be doing a lot of extensions. I visited with several vendors in the Expo. I learned about some new programs and improvements to the ones I use. Meeting old friends and new ones is always a part of the conference. The Night with the Knights that the Florida Chapter organized was good. Then the entertainment at the banquet was great. Greta always does a great job of finding good entertainment. The Chapter Showcase was well attended and fun. I was Dorothy and carried Toto all evening. I met attendees that I probably wouldn't have otherwise if I hadn't been Dorothy.

Patty Hylton: The NATP National Convention was exceptional this year!! Outstanding education topics and speakers who could translate this into practical uses. The facility was one of my favorites - very spacious, I never felt crowded or stood in a line of unreasonable length. There were plenty of chances to step outside and experience Florida's humidity! Meeting more Kansas members was very nice and what a thoughtful group to save us lunch seats. Thank you KS NATPers!!

Nolin Christensen: This year was my first time attending the NATP national convention. What a wonderful experience. My primary reason for attending was to get credited to teach. But after attending, I'll be back again. I've attended other conferences in the past but this offered so much more in the way of education. I learned so much from the plethora of classes. Over the course of the week, I got all my necessary education. It was awesome. Along the way I met several folks from other areas and was able to build a working relationship. Just gives me more resources to contact when I have a question about something or something from that state. As a chapter leader I also attended the leadership training seminar on Sunday. WOW! Did I learn a lot!! It really helped me to understand the dynamics of people's personalities and how they operate and why they do what they do. This will help me in all of the other boards I belong too. It's been many years since I attended a seminar like this. I'm looking to bring it to Wichita and have folks from my other boards attend. So, if you are questioning whether or not to attend a national convention in the future, my advice to you is save up and GO. It is well worth the effort and trip. Next year we will be in New Orleans (WAHOO!!). I am so looking forward to going!! So when you decide to go and you are a first time attendee, contact me and I'll give you pointers that first time attendees will need to know. Knowing this will help you have a more enjoyable time. So I hope to see all of you at next years conference. It's going to be a blast!!! See you all in New Orleans!

John Ring: The subjects were very good this year. The class rooms were all in one area. The teachers were very good. The food provided was so-so.

Mary Giesler: This year I hit the lucky number 13. That's right; this was my 13th consecutive conference. Do you know how people say life is a journey? Well, let me tell you about mine. I decided to travel to Orlando early to enjoy some free time prior to conference. I flew out of KCI on Friday headed to my destination in Orlando, with one quick stop in Atlanta. I was to arrive in Orlando by 5:30 PM that evening. This was to give me with a full day of free time prior to the Sunday Chapter Leaders Training sessions. But, Mother Nature had other plans. My plane was diverted from Atlanta to Huntsville, AL due to weather. I spent 2 hours sitting on the tarmac unable to communicate, or reschedule my flight. When I finally made it back to Atlanta, there were no seats left on any planes to Orlando for over 24 hours. And, since my plane was the last one back from the diversions, there were no close hotel rooms either! What to do? Well, fortunately, I have two sisters who live just outside of Atlanta. One of them, Julie, was stranded in Michigan dealing with the same situation, but the other sister, Pam was home. She rescued me, brought me to her house and gave me a place to stay. The next day we went for pedicures and shopping so that I would have clean clothes for the day. Leaving the next day was bitter sweet. I hadn't seen her for over a year and wasn't sure when I would see her again. But, I was off to conference and looking forward to seeing all my fellow tax professionals from across the United States. I was not disappointed. The conference was full of great education classes. The hotel was spacious; it was a full ¾ mile from my room to the conference rooms. And there were ample opportunities to get out and visit Orlando. The diversion was simply a bump in the road. Will I attend again in the future? You bet! Will you join me in New Orleans next year?

KS-NATP BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOB DUTIES

What does the President do? The President of the Chapter is the recognized “leader of the pack.” The bylaws typically set out the “powers” and limits of authority of all the officers. The President is usually the Chair and presiding officer of the Board of Directors. He/She presides over all Board meetings and the annual meeting of the members. This person performs duties appropriate to the office such as representing the Chapter at any function or before any constituted body of government or the public. He/She is the primary interface between the Chapter and NATP. The President performs duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Board of Directors. He/She may delegate duties and responsibilities to others.

How about the Vice President? As is the case of the government of the United States, the Vice President steps in for the President if the President isn’t able to perform his/her duties. The Vice President performs duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President or the Board of Directors. Often, the Vice President presides over one or more significant committees of the Board. In that capacity, the Vice President may delegate duties and responsibilities to others. He/She may also represent the Chapter on occasion.

The role of the Secretary. The Secretary is usually responsible for keeping minutes of meetings, giving notice of meetings, distributing copies of minutes and the agenda to Board members, and assuring Chapter records are properly maintained. Those records include the bylaws, amendments, charters, permanent records of the Chapter, government filings, etc.

The role of the Treasurer. The Treasurer takes care of the finances of the Chapter and reports on its financial condition to the Board at each meeting. The Treasurer typically prepares or oversees the preparation of financial statements, the payment of Chapter vendors, the appropriate reimbursement of officer expenses, and other related financial duties such as budgeting, etc. He/She may assist the Secretary in the preparation of Form 990 if it is required to be filed by the Chapter. As with other officer positions, the Treasurer performs duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Board of Directors.

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welcome all budding authors!**

Have you ever wondered about the history of your Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP)? Well wonder no more...

Since this is our 20th Anniversary for the Kansas Chapter, I thought that membership numbers would be interesting:

1994 161

2004 200

2014 225

Please invite other preparers you know to join NATP. You already know what great benefits you receive, so help your friends receive them also!

Member Get a Member

Do you know someone who might be interested in NATP and all the benefits for members?

You might want to check out National's "Member Get a Member" campaign. You could win a \$15 or \$30 gift card, a free membership, or even \$1,000 in cash!

Just put your name on NATP Membership Enrollment forms in the "Who recommended your to NATP?" line and hand them out to non-member tax professionals.

Apologies to **Sara Wright**.
In last quarter's Newsletter,
I inadvertently left her off of
the Board of Directors Listing. I am so sorry!

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