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President's Letter

WOW!! Can you believe it's the end of summer in Maine? Why am I always surprised when this happens....it seems as if Memorial Day just happened last week. At any rate...

The Annual Conference in Reno was exciting and there are some new things on the horizon. It seems that the National office is instituting some training for the various State chapters that will allow us to become "certified" to teach various NATP courses on the local level. The training is a 2 day event and will cost \$200 per person attending; to that end the Board has agreed that the Chapter will cover \$100 per member of the cost of the training so if you are interested please contact me and let me know. (For more information, see page 4.)

For those of you who have not quite finished with the 2008 tax season (and I'm one of them) "Surprise," its time to get ready for the 2009 tax season. It is time to start planning for the upcoming tax season, ordering supplies, preparing for staffing requirements and the never ending continuing education. The importance of continuing education has never been more apparent. With that in mind don't forget the 1040 Workshop taking place in Freeport at the Hilton Garden Inn on Nov 2nd – 3rd. Hope to see you there.

Rich Ganong
President
NATP Maine Chapter

Maine Chapter of NATP
Minutes of Annual Meeting
June 19, 2009

The annual meeting of the Maine Chapter of NATP was held on Friday, June 19, 2009 at Maple Hill Farm Inn and Conference Center in Hallowell, Maine. The meeting commenced at approximately 1:00 PM.

Board members present were Richard Ganong, President; Faye Stevens, Vice-President; Bruce Barker, Treasurer; Regina Longyear, and Ken Segal. Board members James Bray, Debora Cluff and Crystal Consalvi were not present. Secretary Ed Peterson was not present.

Discussion: Should a Director on the NATP National Board of Directors be allowed to serve on boards of competitive organizations simultaneously? It was decided that at the National Convention Richard Ganong would vote that a board member could not serve on competitive boards simultaneously.

Discussion: A question to appear on the questionnaire when applying for NATP membership would be "Have you ever been convicted of any crime excluding traffic violations?" The Maine Chapter decided that Richard Ganong would vote no on this question at the National Conference.

Next order of business was electing officers for the 2009-1010 term. Richard Ganong as President, Faye Stevens as Vice-president, Bruce Barker as Treasurer, and Nancy Gonska as Secretary were nominated and approved as new officers. They were sworn into office by Ann McNeer, our National Secretary.

Bruce Barker and Richard Ganong are on the National list to assist other tax practitioners with the State of Maine questions.

The board will be notified of the date for the next board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Gonska, Secretary

NATP 1040 Workshops

November 2 – 3, 2009

8:00 – 4:30

Hilton Garden Inn

5 Park Street

Freeport, ME

Essential 1040 – November 2

- 8 CPE Credits (And two FREE Ethics Self-Study CPE)
- Course Level: Update/Intermediate
- Prerequisite: Basic knowledge of preparing Form 1040
- Updates of new tax provisions for 2010
- Dependency exemptions, Earned Income Credit, Child Tax Credit, and other dependent care benefits
- Tax Ramifications of selling a primary residence
- Tax treatment of retirement plan and IRA distributions

Beyond the 1040 – November 3

- 8 CPE Credits
- Course Level: Intermediate
- Prerequisite: Basic knowledge of preparing Form 1040
- Tax consequences of foreclosure, determine insolvency, and Form 982
- Tax benefits associated with education and vehicles used to fund education
- Hobby Loss Rules and how to report it
- Limitations imposed on deducting passed-through losses in partnerships and S corporations
- Contribution and deferral differences among retirement plans
- Determination of client's tax home and the deductibility of travel expenses

Registration Fees

One Day Only

Member \$182

Non-member \$222

Both Days

Member \$332

Non-member \$412

* If registering less than 10 days in advance, add \$35.

* If registering on-site, add \$50.

To Register:

Online: <http://www.natptax.com/20091040reg.html>

Call 800.558.3402, ext. 3 to register over the phone

Chapter Instructor Training Workshop

November 16 & 17, 2009
Marriott Sable Oaks, South Portland

Become a certified NATP Chapter Instructor!

Workshop fee \$200
For 1st 10 registrants, \$100 paid by attendee and \$100 paid by ME Chapter

Register BEFORE October 24, 2009

Call Rich Ganong at (207) 229-6507 or (207) 324-2087
Or email taxman@richganong.com with your name, address, and other contact information

More information at <http://www.natptax.com/chaptereducationprogram.pdf>
Please note that certification is not guaranteed.



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