Greetings from the President

*By John D. Christenberry*

I would like to thank the members of the NC Chapter of NATP for electing me as your President for the upcoming year. Many years have passed since I joined NATP in June of 1986. The North Carolina Chapter of NATP was started on August 18, 1989 and this year the Chapter will be celebrating its 25th anniversary.

I remember meeting in Salisbury, NC to have an organizational meeting to form a North Carolina Chapter of NATP. The Chapter was incorporated in January 1989 as the North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Tax Practitioners, Inc. Caroline R Miles was the first President of the NC Chapter of NATP and I was the first Vice President of the NC Chapter of NATP.

If it were not for the many past and present hard working and dedicated members of the NC Chapter, our organization could not and would not have survived. The NC chapter has always had the assistance of the National Office and I am looking forward to their continuing support.

The Chapter always needs the support of our current members and the current Board of Directors. I would like to invite any member to attend any of the upcoming Board meetings. A listing of the current Board Members is available on the NATP website. Please contact any of the current Board Members if you have any questions regarding your Chapter.

I hope that each and everyone of you have a safe and rewarding upcoming tax year. Enjoy the upcoming holidays with your family and friends.

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**NC NATP COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

**Nominating:** Johnnie Jones  252-335-4868  
**Newsletter and Education:** Marty Brown 336-626-7900  
**Government Relations:** Neil Thomas 336-992-2154  
**Professional Standards:** Gerard Cannito 704-578-0007  
**Membership:** Oredia Burt 252-237-5439  
**By Laws Committee:** TBA  To volunteer please contact John @919-219-6000
### New Board Members

**Neil Patrick Thomas** has been a practicing accountant for the past 22 years. His practice, Thomas & Company Accounting is located in Kernersville, NC. The practice services both corporate and personal clientele, worldwide. The majority of his clients have been with him for over 15 years. Mr. Thomas is a graduate of Johnson & Wales University in Charleston, SC. He is a member of the NCSA and NATP. Among his many credits, most notable was being awarded the Winston Salem Journal's Readers Choice Award for the best accounting firm in both 2012 and 2013. Contact him @ 336-992-2154. Neil serves as chair of the Government Relations Committee.

**Donald E Mizelle** Jr has been a tax accountant for 26 years. Don and his family have run Tax and Appraisal Inc in Jamesville NC for 13 of these years. He holds a BS in Accounting from East Carolina University. The practice primarily involves individual, business, farm and fiduciary tax returns. Don has been a member of NATP for 10 years. Contact him @ 252-809-1040.

**Mike Barrier** has been a member of NATP for 10 years. He joined his father’s tax practice in Albermarle NC in 1997. In addition to the NATP board, Mike is Secretary of the local Lion’s Club and their Girls Youth Dixie Softball league. Contact him at: 704-983-3666

**Janet Arias** is owner of J. A. Arias & Company in Denver, NC. She provides year round income tax, payroll and accounting services to individuals and small to medium business. Prior to opening her practice in 2011, she was employed as Staff Accountant for Gerard F. Cannito, CPA for ten years. Contact Janet at 704-483-8477. Janet serves as our Board Treasurer.

### January NC Tax Update Seminar

Many of our members requested a comprehensive NC Income Tax Seminar at our annual conference in October. We are providing this for you in January. It is before efilng begins so we hope to see you there.

The North Carolina Chapter invites you to join us for the North Carolina Tax Updates and Preparing the D400 Seminar, Saturday, January 18, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the DoubleTree by Hilton Raleigh-Cary, 500 Caitboo Avenue, Cary, NC. The seminar fee is $75.00 for members and $100 for nonmembers early registration. Late registration or registration at the door is $100 and $125 respectively. The instructor will be Guido van der Hoeven.

Hotel rooms are available by calling the hotel at 919.239.4777 or online at http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/R/RDUAYDT-NCN-$8520140116/index.jhtml $85 per night. Register online at the NATP website under the NC Chapter.