

From the Education Desk...

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Education Committee

September the 18th is a date all Michigan tax professionals should have on their calendar. MI NATP is offering their famous Two for One Seminar. For the bargain price of \$165, two professionals can attend.

Speakers are two of the best in the United States; Alice Orzechowski, EA and Marilyn Meredith, EA. They are presenting "Adjustments to the Form 1040". Covered will be all the information from the bottom of page 1 of the 1040 except the topic of pension and IRAs.

In addition to the topic of Adjustments, we are adding 50 minutes on Tax Identity Theft. This issue will plague our clients and everyone who prepares tax returns for years. There is something for every tax preparer to learn.

IMPORTANT: When you REGISTER YOU MUST Call, Fax, or mail your REGISTRATIONS. Due to the unique member benefit where you get two registrations for the price of one, the on-line service we are using will not work. Remember, we are not match makers. You must find your own second person who must register at the same time as you do. We have no membership or other requirement for either attendee to get the super price: You must be alive and breathing! With the \$165 for two, you not only get fabulous tax knowledge, but also a wonderful lunch along with morning and afternoon snacks.

With this newsletter you will find the classes listed for Purely Michigan Tax seminars. They are unique in that they cover Michigan topics: things you need to know to file Michigan or city tax returns. Over decades Michigan tax professionals have found the Purely Michigan Tax Seminars to be 3 hours packed with useful Michigan tax information that you will need and will use.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Why do we do what we do?

Have you ever asked yourself this question! We have so many demands placed upon us by our clients, employees, and family not to mention the regulatory environments of I.R.S., State of Michigan, and cities.

As we enter CPE credit season, please remember to obtain the required continuing education credit hours needed to maintain your credentials. The I.R.S. is randomly, over a three year period, auditing all CPE providers for compliance. An hour is 50 minutes of instruction with your presence being required and the appropriate sign in/out sheets being executed.

So please be where you need to be and on time. Thank you for your participation. Diane J. Skop, EA

Bits 'N Pieces

NEW WEBSITE for Michigan NATP: www.MINATP.org.

New Michigan Unemployment Taxable Wage base: The base is changed from \$9,500 to \$9,000 for the third quarter for organizations that qualify. Letters have been mailed to entities who do not qualify. www.michigan.gov/uia

Reference Book orders are due **November 13, 2015**. This year there will be a **\$5.00 late** fee for late orders. If ordering direct please use our codes on the order blanks when placing your order. See enclosed flyer for both Quickfinder and Taxbook orders.

The City of Flint sent letters to non-resident individuals who had 1099's from a Flint work location and did not file returns.

Sales tax certificates will expire on September 15, 2015. In order to receive your new certificate, please remember to go to Business One Stop as Michigan will not be mailing them out. Stay tuned for a new and improved SUW filing program for Michigan.

President Obama signed what is known as the Transportation Act, which changes due dates and extensions of business tax returns including the FBAR. These and other requirements will be covered in future updates.

Michigan Treasury Visit

On September 25, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. Michigan NATP will again visit the State of Michigan Treasury offices at the Secondary Complex.

This is our opportunity to ask questions and receive answers from State Treasury officials.

As in past years, if you plan to attend, please submit a question in advance to Glen Mitchell at tcglenmitchell@yahoo.com no later than September 11, 2015.

Treasury will have the officials from the various units available to answer the questions.

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MEMBER PROFILE: DARRIN BEIRING

How far would you drive for a seminar? Darrin Bearing drove 455 miles *one way* to attend our May annual convention. Why, I asked him, did he drive so far? His simple answer: "the quality of the education: it was a good overall seminar."

Darrin has done taxes for over 20 years in Michigan's western Upper Peninsula and provides his clients with accounting services, sales/use tax returns, UIA, payroll services, income tax returns and representation as an EA. He prepares several non-profit returns, many corporate and other entity returns, and individual returns for Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and several other states.

"I have tried some online seminars," Darrin told me, "but find the Michigan NATP programs provide timely topics, excellent speakers, and are always worth the trip." He maximizes his membership by taking advantage of our value-priced reference books (see flyer in this newsletter).



Welcome to our New MI-NATP Members!!!

CaSandra Alexander
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Annual Filing Season Program—FREE by NATP

The Annual Filing Season Program (AFSP) is a voluntary program designed for the unenrolled preparer.

Important elements of this program include:

- Beginning on January 1, 2016 attorneys, CPA's and enrolled agents will be the only tax professionals who can represent clients on any tax matters including **payment/collection issues**, audits, and appeals.
- You will need to complete the following:
 - Obtain a Record of Completion by completing a refresher course of six hours
 - Pass the course with a score of 70% or better on the comprehensive test (RTRP's are exempt)
 - Obtain 10 hours of CPE for Federal tax law topics
 - Complete 2 hours of ethics.

Those who successfully complete the requirements for the AFSP will have their name placed in the I.R.S. database for taxpayers to use to locate tax preparers. These requirements must be completed by December 31 of each year.

PTIN holders who do not complete the requirements will **only be permitted to prepare tax returns**.

NATP is offering the AFSP course **FREE** of charge for members who need the Record of completion course. Please see www.natptax.com for further information on this course and the requirements.

Upcoming Seminars:

September 18, 2015	"2 for 1" Seminar	Bath
October, November , And December, 2015	Purely Michigan See enclosed flyer	8 dates 8 locations
December 4, 2015	Last Chance ETHICS	Lansing
January 8, 2016	Last Chance Tax Update	Lansing
January 8, 2016	Basic Tax/Office Procedures	Lansing
May 19-20, 2016	Michigan Chapter Convention	Frankenmuth
*August 9-12, 2016	National Conference	Indianapolis, Indiana



* = National Functions minatp.org (new website)

**Please see enclosed registration flyers and future Newsletters
For further information!**

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