



# WA-NATP News

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## TAX IMPLICATIONS OF THE NEW \$1.8 TRILLION BUDGET PASSES BY CONGRESS

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST :

- > **New Budget makes many tax breaks permanent**
- > **Chapter Conference Highlights**

On December 18th, Congress did something they were meant to do and passes a very bill but what interests Tax preparers is what will impact our clients The bill includes tax breaks that add up to around \$600 billion

The tax package includes about 50 tax breaks for which none are new. They were all existing tax breaks but what this bill did was make them permanent. It gives some certainty for tax prepares when we're completing taxes

from one year to another we don't have to wonder if Congress is going to renew them year after year.

Most of them benefit businesses, things like research and development tax credits. But the earned income tax credit and the child tax credit that predominantly help lower-income families have been made permanent. Congress also did something new, which is, they delayed for two years two new taxes - one on medical devices

and one on high-end health insurance plans. Those taxes are supposed to help pay for the ACA.

NATP will have some webinar or information packet in early January to outline the tax credits and breaks that will help you serve your clients the best.



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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS YEAR'S CHAPTER CONFERENCE -IF YOU MISSED IT

**It was two full days of tax education and networking!!**

**Ethics** by Wilma Bennett, EA - (Your annual 2 CPE's of Ethics!) *Wilma has been doing taxes since 1971, so she must be doing them right! In addition, she is your 2016 Chapter President.*

**Marijuana & Federal Taxation** followed by **Marijuana & Washington State 502**, both presented by Debi Peters, EA, ATP - *Debi specializes in taxpayer representation and speaks frequently around the*

*state regarding 1502 and other issues related to Marijuana.*

**Technology in the Tax Office: Is your office compliant?** presented by Bill Pate, JD

**Independent Contractor vs. Employee** presented by Ralph Doggett, EA, CFP® - *Ralph has been preparing taxes for over 25 years, and his company RD Tax focuses on 1040's and 1041's with*

*an emphasis on working with investors.*

**Stock Options & S Corps – Basis & Distributions** presented by Larry Zimble, MST, EA - *Larry is an NATP national instructor and speaks independently for other organizations. His experience includes 10 years with the IRS followed by 10 years working for a national tax software development company.*



*In Memoriam*

*Irish McKinney*

*November 1, 1950 - August 17, 2015*

*We are sad to announce that we lost our friend and colleague Irish on August 17<sup>th</sup>, due to a motorcycle accident west of Needles, California.*

*We will miss him greatly and our prayers and thoughts go out to his wife Marjorie and his family.*

### Save the Dates!

**The 2016 NATP National Conference & Expo will be August 9-12 in Indianapolis, IN.**

**The 2016 NATP Tax Forum & Expo will be September 21-22 in Las Vegas, NV**

## New Chapter Leaders for 2015-2016

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### It's YOUR CHAPTER – GET INVOLVED!

JOIN A COMMITTEE, OR BETTER YET, JOIN THE BOARD!

YOU CAN WORK ON JUST A PROJECT (LIKE THIS NEWSLETTER OR AN EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR) OR JOIN THE CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS. CONTACT CHAPTER PRESIDENT WILMA BENNETT AT [WCCFINANCIAL@MSN.COM](mailto:WCCFINANCIAL@MSN.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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Watch for upcoming events and information at our chapter website – [www.wanatp.org](http://www.wanatp.org)

or

the National website [www.natptax.com](http://www.natptax.com)

## Welcome to some of our new 2015 Washington Chapter

Jeanie	Pitner	Taxes, Bookkeeping & Payroll LLC	Battle Ground
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"The two most important days of your life are the day you were born and the day you found out why"  
- Mark Twain