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Happy New Year!

Please join us in welcoming our new Board Members who were elected at our annual meeting in September. Sharon Johnson and Shanta Bonius are both from the Baton Rouge area and have several years of tax preparation experience. We are excited to have their enthusiasm on the board!

Please mark your calendar for the Louisiana Fall Training Event scheduled for September 27th & 28th in New Orleans at the Chateau Lemoyne Hotel on Dauphine Street. Kathryn Keane, NATP Instructor from New York will be the trainer. The agenda will be announced soon, so stayed tuned.

Hopefully everyone has gotten a little rest and is ready for a successful tax season.

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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TOPICS

Credits Reduced

Act 125 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature reduces certain income and corporation franchise tax credits. Several credits will be reduced by 28% for returns filed after July 1, 2015. Probably the most popular credits being reduced are the credit for Louisiana Citizens Property insurance and the Education Credit. The Education Credit is now \$18 per child. For more information, please visit the LDR website.

<http://revenue.louisiana.gov/LawsPolicies/RIB15-021HB629Final.pdf>

Louisiana Refund Options

Effective October 2, 2015, J.P. Morgan Chase eliminated its debit card services, so Louisiana refunds will no longer be paid through the My Refund Card option. Taxpayers will continue to have the option of receiving their refund through direct deposit or by a paper check. The department strongly urges taxpayers to choose the direct deposit option to ensure the fastest and most secure means to receive their refund.

Are you interested in becoming a LA NATP Chapter Board Member or volunteering on a Chapter Committee?

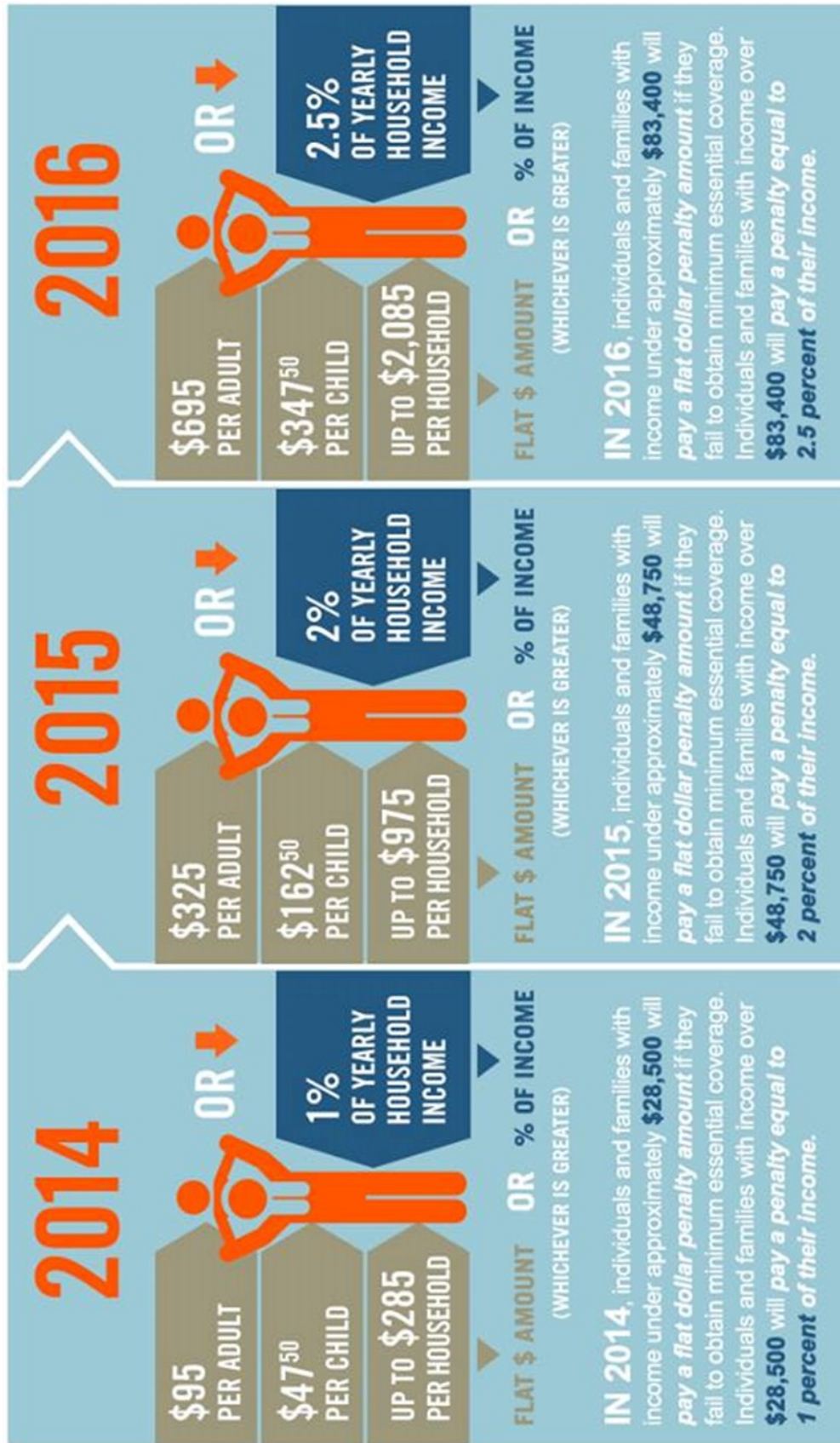
This year, there will be several Board Member positions to be elected at our annual meeting on September 30th.

Board members are required to attend (either in person or by conference call) four meetings each year. Meetings usually last about two hours and are normally held in May, July, September and December.

If you prefer, please consider volunteering for one of the Chapter's committees. Several chapter members volunteered to help make the 2015 National Conference a huge success in New Orleans. Let's keep the momentum going and join us to help shape the future of the LA NATP chapter.

For information, please feel free to contact any of the current board members listed on Page 1 of this newsletter.

AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE—HELPFUL CHART





2016 Calendar of Events

LA NATP FALL TRAINING

Instructor: Kathryn Keane

Tuesday, September 27 & Wednesday, September 28th, 2016

Chateau LeMoyne—French Quarter

New Orleans, LA

Check the NATP website to register:

<http://www.natptax.com/EventsAndEducation/liveworkshops/Pages/default.aspx>



We would like to welcome our new members! We look forward to meeting each of you at the upcoming events!

Linder Hill Andrews, New Orleans
Tracy Bonds, Tickfaw
Miriam Brown, Terrytown
Jennifer Goodbee, New Orleans
Guy Johnson, New Orleans
Delerie Lee, Terrytown
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