

Texas Taxing Times



A Message From our President

Dear Texas NATP Members,

Wow, it seems like yesterday when we were preparing for the 2025 tax season and now, we are bringing it to a close. It has been quite a busy year for sure. We have had monthly live webinars, a great summer education event at EPIC with A.J. Reynolds and our Annual Meeting on October 3rd at the National Tax Forum in Dallas where we elected the new 2026 Board. And not to mention all the planning your Board has been working hard on for the 2026 year and beyond. A huge thank you to all those who have joined us at these events. It is always great to see old friends, make new ones, and welcome our new members.

The year 2026 brings more valuable information on our Texas Tax Talk Tuesdays the first Tuesday of each month. Our next online seminar is on January 6th at 12:30 CST. The topic is one you will surely want to attend to ensure you are doing your Due Diligence on the OBDD tax laws. Registration is now open. And be sure to join us for a free Pizza Lunch at one of the four Tax Season Updates from National.

We are excited to announce that our 2026 Annual Meeting and Education event is all set! We will be in S. Padre Island on October 22 – 24: 2026 for two half days and one full day of education with Larry Gray, CPA, Gary Brown, CPA, Norma Collins, E.A. and Brett Rosser, E.A. for 18 hours of CPEs. Registration is now open – treat yourself to a little fun, tasty food, and great education!

I want to thank all the Board members who have served this year for all your hard work along with a special thanks to Connie Staton for volunteering to work on our Newsletter, year after year. Both Gary Brown and Melissa Lewis are stepping down to fulfill other obligations for the moment but will be around for sure. I want to especially thank Gary for all he has done for the Chapter and say Congratulations for receiving our MARK Award this year. And thank you to Melissa for her contributions to the Chapter that helped make us successful. With that said, I want to welcome our new Board members; Norma Collins, Denise Henderson, Reagan Mote, and John Wisener.

On behalf of the entire 2025 Board, we want to wish you and your family a blessed Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year. Be sure to watch your email for updates and exciting news. If you have any questions, please send them to texasnatp@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Pamela Condra,
Texas NATP President

How does Santa Claus list elves on his tax returns? As “dependent Clauses.”

TEXAS MEET N GREET PIZZA EVENT

The Texas Chapter Board of Directors will be hosting a pizza meet & greet for Texas members attending Tax Season Updates events throughout the state! No registration is required and there is no fee to attend. Pizza will be provided by the chapter. Beverages will be at the attendees' expense. Times and locations are listed below.

Houston

Date & Time:

December 1, 2025

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. CT

Location:

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Houston Intercontinental
Airport, Arizona Ballroom 15747 JFK Blvd.
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San Antonio

Date & Time:

December 4, 2025

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. CT

Location:

Norris Conference Centers - San Antonio/Park North,
Magnolia Room 618 N.W. Loop 410, Suite 207
San Antonio, TX 78216
210-738-0040

Grapevine

Date & Time:

December 8, 2025

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 a.m. CT

Location:

Hilton Garden Inn Grapevine
at Silverlake Crossing,
Vinyard Ballroom
2240 Bass Pro Court
Grapevine, TX 76051
817-601-8280

Austin

Date & Time:

December 11, 2025

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. CT

Location:

Hyatt Place Austin/Round Rock
Round Rock Room
420 Sundance Parkway
Austin, TX 78618
512-244-4300



TEXAS TAX TUESDAY TALKS

The Texas Chapter is hosting a series of open talk webinars. These webinars are discussions around the current tax environment. The webinars are led each month by different members of the Texas NATP Board of Directors and are designed to keep our members up to date with the ever-changing laws regarding our tax profession. These FREE webinars will be an excellent opportunity to network with other tax professionals. Please submit any topic requests to: texasnatp@gmail.com.

Next Talk is December 2, 2025, at 12:30 CST “That’s a Wrap”

2026 First Quarter Dates

January 6, 2026 “W2’s and 1099 Due Diligence”

February 3, 2026 “Help Me, I’m Drowning”

March 3, 2026 TBD

CPE: No Federal IRS CPE credits or hours of education

Link to register: <https://www.natptax.com/Chapters/Pages/TexasChapterEducation.aspx>

NEWS YOU CAN USE:

Use Form 56 to provide notification to the IRS of the creation or termination of a fiduciary relationship under section 6903. <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f56.pdf>

When ordering your Tax Guides from Quickfinder (Code Q-680) and TheTaxBook (Code 465), please use these codes as the Texas Chapter gets a commission.

Texas Chapter Tropical CPE & Annual Meeting

October 22 -24, 2026

Hilton Garden Inn - South Padre Island

Registration is Open! (use link below)

Join us for 14 hours of CPE's taught by Larry Gray, CPA along with 4 CPEs of additional topics taught by various Speakers.

A Networking Event will be held on Thursday October 22nd following an afternoon of classes on timely topics for the 2026 filing season.

October 23rd will be a full day of Education along with our Annual Meeting and Elections for the 2027 Texas Board of Directors.

Finish off your education on Saturday, October 24th with a morning of classes that will have you prepared for the 2026 Tax Season.

The rest of the weekend can be used to enjoy your stay at this beachside hotel to relax, rejuvenate and tour the island offerings.

Watch your email for more information on this amazing event!



<https://www.natptax.com/events-education/catalog/2026-tx-chapter-sun-sea-and-cpe-event-south-padre-island-tx/>



MARK AWARD RECIPIENT

GARY R.
BROWN



The Mark Award for 2025 was announced at the annual meeting in Dallas in October. Gary R. Brown, CPA, was nominated by a member of his office staff, Teri Gaffney. Gary's wife, Peggy Brown and Donna Childress, another staff member at Gary's office, offered up letters of recommendation. The nomination letters all presented reasons using the letters of "MARK" to share their thoughts. Their opinions consisted of "M" – Meticulous, Methodical, & Mastery all relating to his years of practice and dedication to tax and accounting

procedures. "A" – Active, Astute, & Altruistic – beyond his professional accomplishments, Gary has a heart for service. He is an avid volunteer in community organizations and generously gives his time and talents to strengthen and uplift others. His commitment reflects his belief that true success is found in giving back. "R" - Respect, Reliable, & Responsible – Gary respects his employees and his clients and has earned the reputation of being reliable and responsible. And finally, "K" - all three letters listed Knowledge and Kind. If you know Gary, you know he has a wealth of knowledge. Gary is also known for approaching others with patience, generosity, and kindness. Gary holds an accounting degree from Montana State University and MBA from Texas Tech. He was recognized as the 2015 Chapter Person of the Year by NATP National. Gary and Peggy have one daughter, and he runs a full-service boutique CPA firm based in Georgetown. He enjoys traveling and working on his Model A Ford cars. The staff members ended their nominations with "Gary is a great man to call Boss & Friend" and Peggy said she is "most proud to call him husband and he is the best thing that ever happened to me."

Congratulations Gary!!

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