

Chapter Newsletter

News from your Iowa Chapter



Fall 2025

A Message from the President

Hello Members!

I hope your 2024 tax season went well. Now it's time for to gear up for the upcoming education events this fall. Jared Goos is returning and will be our speaker this year at our annual conference in Des Moines at the Holiday Inn & Suites Northwest on November 5th - 7th. We have some new topics this year that we have not had in the past with up to 17 CPEs available. Your Iowa NATP board has worked hard to put this event together every year. The Iowa Chapter board decided to schedule the annual conference later than usual so the speaker can inform the chapter with the latest important updates for the upcoming tax season. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Randy Adams will be our speaker for single day conferences on October 24th and November 17th. Topics for these two dates include the following: "OPTIMIZING TRUST MANAGEMENT", "MAXIMIZING GIFTS & MINIMIZING TAX LIABILITY", "FEDERAL TAX LAW UPDATES", "IOWA TAX UPDATES", and "FARM & RESIDENTIAL RENTALS."

As always, this is a sincere call for members to consider stepping into a leadership role by joining our Iowa Chapter. Several of our current board members have reached their term limits, and we are actively seeking fresh perspectives and new energy to help guide the future of our chapter. If you have a talent for organizing events and engaging with people, we would love to hear from you. We understand that everyone leads busy lives, but for our younger members especially, serving on the board is a valuable opportunity to build leadership skills, expand your professional network, and strengthen your resume.

Your involvement can make a meaningful difference. We hope you'll consider joining us and playing a part in shaping the future of our Iowa Chapter. If you have questions on what serving on the Iowa NATP entails, please don't hesitate to contact me via email at mrk0216@gmail.com.

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Welcome New Members!

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Meet Our Board

Makenna Kenyon, AFSP President

Makenna Kenyon is an Accountant at Darrah and Company. She has been with Darrah and Company and a member of NATP for nearly 10 years. She has been the Iowa Chapter President since 2022. Makenna has her AFSP that she renews every year through NATP. Makenna holds an Associate's Degree in Arts (general education) from Iowa Western Community College. She also received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration through Bellevue University. She is continuing her education in accounting by studying for her EA designation.

When Makenna is not working, she is camping, riding her side by side and motorcycle, attending NASCAR locally, at the gym, spending time with her family, friends and animals.

Klayton Booth Vice President

Klayton joined the NATP board in 2024.

Laura Dawson, EA Secretary

Laura Dawson has been preparing taxes for over 20 years. She completed her bachelor's degree in accounting at Ashford University in December 2011 and was recognized as Outstanding Accounting Student. She is currently employed with Padgett Business Services where she does payroll, accounting, and tax returns.

She is serving her 6th year on the IA Chapter NATP board. She currently holds the office of secretary. She has enjoyed the networking and friends she has made attending the IA Chapter NATP meetings over the years.

Laura resides in Clinton, Iowa with her husband, John, and their two miniature dachshunds. Laura's hobbies include antiques, watching basketball, and visiting her daughter in Minnesota and son, Tim, in Utah.

Wayne Salgren, AFSP Treasurer

Wayne is a graduate of Buena Vista University (College back then), class of 1992, with a distributive major in Computer Science, Mathematics, and Accounting.

After his father-in-law passed away in 2011, he became involved with the tax business, helping here and there when he was needed during evenings and weekends. In 2013 that involvement took enough of his time during tax season that he quit his "day" job and did taxes full time. During that tax year, he was approached to do payroll for a few companies, which gave him something to do in the off season. He now does payroll services for several small companies and bookkeeping for several retail and service companies. At the end of 2015, he and his wife purchased a building to house the business and now have room to grow more. In their "spare" time (yeah, right), they have projects around the house and office building, and spend time with their 5 children, 5 granddaughters, and 2 grandsons. He enjoys kayaking, woodworking, reading, watching movies, and traveling whenever possible.

Carrie Houchins-Witt, EA, CFP®

Education Chair

Carrie owns a tax preparation firm in Coralville and has been a member of NATP since 2009. This is her second stint serving on the Iowa Chapter NATP board. She is an Enrolled Agent, Certified Financial Planner Professional, and Certified Divorce Financial Analyst. She is also an active musician and actor, and you can frequently see her around the Iowa City area performing on local stages. She serves on the Coralville Arts Commission and the board of directors for FilmScene, Iowa City's non-profit cinema. She has 2 teenage boys.

Sidney Griffith, AFSP

Communications, Events

Sidney has been assisting with tax preparation since 2021. She began working at Weissenburger Investments & Financial Planning, Inc. in Clive and met Randy Adams, EA. Initially she stepped in to help Randy on Saturdays during the tax season while he was short an assistant but now assists him fulltime during the tax season.

Outside of the tax season, Sidney works as an Investment Executive & Admin. Assistant for Weissenburger Investments. She started attending NATP conferences to expand her industry knowledge and maintain her AFSP certification each year. She joined the NATP Iowa Chapter board in 2024.

Deb Wiese, EA

Events, Communications

Deb began her tax career as a teenager, working in her dad's legal/tax office. Deb had her business, Deb Wiese's Bookkeeping & Tax Service, since 1981 when she began her business with her dad, who passed away in 1993. She had offices in Clinton and Dewitt, providing personal and small business tax preparation and bookkeeping, payroll, and QuickBooks services. In 2023 Deb sold her business to Dennis Voss, Padgett Business Services, and currently is an employee working for them.

Deb has been a member of NATP for nearly 40 years and first served as a Board of Director for the Iowa Chapter of NATP in 2012.

Deb has been married to her husband Duane for over 47 years. They live in Camanche and are the proud parents and grandparents of two children and three grandchildren. Duane is retired from his job at a petrochemical plant. Since 2016 they have owned Dudads Hallmark in downtown Clinton. They have enjoyed owning the store and hope that by keeping it open, they are assisting in the revitalization of downtown.

Deb is a 15-year volunteer for the Downtown Clinton Alliance and a nearly 40-year volunteer with Camanche's Sharing Tree, assisting those in need of assistance over the holidays.

In her spare time, Deb enjoys spending time with family and being a grandma! She also enjoys scrapbooking, family history, reading, watching sporting events, and gardening.

Is there a topic that you would like to learn more about? By joining our board of directors, you can help choose the education for our events and connect with a great group of tax preparers!

Register for Upcoming Events!

[Online registration](#)

By phone, NATP Customer Service: 1-800-558-3402

IA CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING & EDUCATION WITH JARED FOOS

Wednesday, November 5 - Friday, November 7, 2025

Holiday Inn & Suites Des Moines-Northwest, Urbandale, IA 50322

Registration includes 17 education credits, breakfast, lunch, and snack breaks

COUNCIL BLUFFS EDUCATION WITH RANDY ADAMS

Friday, October 24, 2025

St. Peter's Catholic Church, Council Bluffs, IA

Registration includes 7 education credits

CEDAR RAPIDS EDUCATION WITH RANDY ADAMS

Monday, November 17, 2025

Hilton Garden Inn, Cedar Rapids, IA

Registration includes 7 education credits and lunch



Electronic materials are included for all events and will be emailed to attendees. Printed materials are available to purchase for a \$50 fee when registering.

We hope to see you there!

