



Michigan



# MICHIGAN CHAPTER - NATP

National Association of Tax Professionals

## MI-1040 REPORT

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



#### A TIME TO RENEW

The weather has broken and we are enjoying the wonderful days of spring. We see so much new activity around us which is extra special because we have spent the last few months at a desk with a computer on little sleep. We are glad that we have survived another tax season and appreciative of the fact that the season provides us a sense of renewal. Let us make the most of it.

In just a few weeks, we will meet again, I know the Education Committee has filled May 15 and May 16 with two days of important and necessary information. As you think about the time to come in Ann Arbor allow me to remind you of the need to continue our fine tradition of volunteerism. If you would like to join a committee or agree to become a board member, now is the time to put those ideas into action. If you would contact Kathy Bozman or any of our Board Members, I am sure that you will quickly learn how important your contribution can be to our continued success.

I am pleased to tell you that MI-Chapter has 816 members. It so pleases me to see our chapter continues to grow. It was not that many years ago that our chapter had less than 300 members. We owe a measure of gratitude to the original charter members of MI-Chapter NATP who in 1988 had the foresight to start the Michigan Chapter. Many of them are still in the area and must feel a measure of pride when they see the tremendous growth of our chapter. NATP is holding the National Conference this year in Atlanta, Georgia on July 7 thru 10. I have attended this Conference on 9 separate occasions. I can attest to the value of this experience. You have a chance to meet members from throughout the country and participate in an exceptional educational event. As you renew your spirit at this time of the year, my hope is that you will see clearly the wonderful opportunities that await you at the MI Chapter-NATP Convention and the many other educational seminars scheduled for the year.

I also want to thank the following people that were missed on the Newsletter committee list: Sharon Barry, Jerry Coon, Byron Kuxhaus, Charles Gladhill, Ray Wojciechowski, and Larry Zimbler.

**Valorie Anderson**  
President Michigan Chapter-NATP

### EDUCATION SEASON BEGINS WITH CONVENTION

#### QUALITY EDUCATION with NATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKERS COMING TO ANN ARBOR MAY 15 & 16

**MICHIGAN CHAPTER**—NATP is again focusing on quality education for our upcoming annual convention with the following nationally know speakers:

- L. G. Brooks, TX      IRS Audits and Representation & Collections
- Steve O'Rourke, WI      Rental Income/Conversions, Depreciation and Ethics
- Larry Zimbler, MI      Small Non-profits & 990 Reporting and Basis of Inherited Property & Titling
- Jerry Coon & Marilyn Meredith, MI      Practice Improvement/Surviving Tax Season—but HOW??
- Marilyn Meredith, MI      Federal & MI NOLs

Beside the education, we will conduct our **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**. Barb Steponkus from Wisconsin will be joining us as the National Board representative.

After a long day of education and the annual meeting, Thursday will end with **OUR BANQUET**. The incoming board and officers will be installed, awards will be given and entertainment will be furnished by a magician.

Yes, there will be time for **NETWORKING and SHARING** those "stories" of the season and survival.

**IRS and the STATE OF MICHIGAN** are again sponsoring a seminar on Friday, June 13. Their agenda includes; IRS Preparer Penalties, IRS Stakeholder Liaison/Michigan Dept of Treasury Updates along with an IRS keynote speaker on "What's New with the IRS?". Break-out sessions are scheduled to be: Examination, Michigan Business Tax, POA & Representation, Foreclosures, Tax Exempt Organizations, and Single Member LLCs. Michigan Chapter-NATP is one of the participating organizations.

**DETROIT METROPOLITAN AREA MINI-SEMINARS** are planned for the summer and fall. Watch for details to be sent.

The Education Committee is always looking for new members and new ideas and speakers. At the annual meeting we will be setting up the committee for the coming year. Won't you join us and share with your fellow members?

**Glen Mitchell**, Vice President Michigan Chapter-NATP

### STATE OF MICHIGAN-ITEMS NEEDING ATTENTION

Yes, Michigan is sending out letters about income tax issues they want dealt with:

1. Household Income: Explain how you lived on \$6,251 and paid \$6,000 in rent/
2. It appears that you sold your house and did not include any gain in Household income. Therefore, your homestead property tax credit has been denied.
3. Based on your school district and taxing authority, we have changed your property taxes and homestead credit. If you have proof otherwise, please send it.
4. The housing that you are paying your rent for is subject to 7% service fee instead of property taxes. We have eliminated your Homestead credit. You now owe us \$96.
5. Penalties added to balance due returns.

### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY SEMINARS

The Michigan Department of Treasury is offering free seminars in the month of May on basic Michigan Sales, Use and Withholding taxes. Although originally designed for new businesses, recent attendees have included employees from established businesses, accountants, CPAs, attorneys, university employees and students. Technical aspects of the taxes will be covered in the morning portion. The afternoon will address audits, assessments, collection procedures, penalty waivers and confidentiality. The forum is open and questions are encouraged. Speakers from Treasury Technical Services Division will be on hand to address and all Sales, Use and Withholding issues.

Sessions run from 9a.m. to 4p.m. with registration beginning at 8:30. Lunch is on your own. This is a plain-spoken, interactive look at the basic taxes most new businesses must deal with from day one. The program has received excellent reviews from past attendees and we are pleased to recommend it to you. Questions may be directed to Technical Services Division at 517-636-4230.

Registration can be done by fax or email. For dates and locations please see the registration form at:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/taxes/NewBusinessSeminarInvite\\_230808-7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/taxes/NewBusinessSeminarInvite_230808-7.pdf). Although the deadline for registration is April 25, applications will be accepted up to the day before each seminar; given available room.

### CHARITY REPORT

At our January seminar we passed the basket for our charity, the **Food Bank Council of Michigan**, and **raised \$495.00**. With these additional donations it brings our chapter's **grand total for the year to \$1,525.00**. The board wants to thank all of you for your generosity.

The Food Bank Council of Michigan is a statewide organization distributing food donations to families in need across the state. For every dollar donated \$8.25 in food can be purchased. The average household that uses the food bank in Michigan has household income of \$10,490 or less. This is why 43% of the households they serve have to choose between paying for utilities or paying for food.

Remember that the Michigan tax credit is available for individuals & joint filers. If you prefer to donate by check, the check is payable to "Food Bank Council of MI". To learn more, go to their web site [fbcm@fbcmich.org](http://fbcm@fbcmich.org).

**Sharon Barry**  
Charity Chairperson

### MICHIGAN CHAPTER-NATP WELCOMES OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Nicole Adams	Susan Cullen	Odainke Harris	Ronald Krueger	Aida Sawalha	Becky VanDort
Nancy Barrett-Lesniak	Carol Diener	Lorie Holden	Jonathan Leazenby	Debbie Scott	Scott Weinberg
James Baxter	James Dryden	Kristina Hornaday-Alberts	Don Miller	Ben Smrecak	Queen West
Carol Boman	Karol Fitzgerald	Jason Kenney	Jason Moore	John Stephens	Samuel Wright
William Brandon	Genina Hagle	Judy Klevorn	Cary Neuville-Justice	Benita Tyler	Venkat Yanumula

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO WEBER'S INN, ANN ARBOR

**From Metro Airport** - Take I-94 west toward Ann Arbor approximately 26 miles west. Exit 172, Jackson Avenue, turn left 1/2 mile.

**From Chicago/Kalamazoo**—Take I-94 east toward Detroit/Ann Arbor. Exit 172, Ann Arbor, turn left into Weber's parking lot at end of exit ramp.

**From Birmingham/Farmington** area take I-696 west to I-275 south. Take M-14 west towards Ann Arbor. Exit at exit 2. Miller/Maple Road. Turn left on Maple Road. Go 1.5 miles to Jackson Road. Turn right on Jackson and go 3/4 miles to Weber's.

**From Lansing/Grand Rapids**—Take I-96 east to US-127 south. Exit to I-94 east at Jackson, take I-94 to exit 172. Weber's Inn is just on the left.

### BANQUET ENTERTAINMENT

Ann Arbor Magician, Jeff Wawrzaszek, will be at our Michigan Chapter-NATP banquet on Thursday evening. You will find "OUTSTANDING COMEDY MAGIC and SLEIGHT-of-HAND ENTERTAINMENT" that will guarantee a night with great entertainment. Jeff is a time-tested and proven entertainer who will capture your attention and leave you wanting more. Jeff is one of Michigan's most popular Magical Entertainers with clean, quality and professional entertainment. See you at the banquet.

### "BOARD OPENINGS ARE COMING-UP"

Our Michigan Chapter will have 4 positions available on May 15, 2008. If you or someone you know would like to have a positive effect with the other Board members for the good of all our members, please submit your name or their name before our annual convention to me. The location of our May 2008 Annual Convention will be Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor.

Our MI-Chapter is open for new ideas and people who have a desire to increase their tax education and knowledge. The wealth of information obtained is always beneficial to anyone who works within the tax profession, either as the owner or employee. The current Board members are all owners of their own practices and provide all of us with valuable information and experiences. Share your knowledge and expertise within your Chapter. It's much more rewarding than you might think. Volunteer some of your time and see for yourself.

The four openings are 3 positions considered 'at large' and the other opening will be as a representative for Region 3 - east center lower Michigan (Clare, Saginaw, Midland etc. vicinity). The term is 3 years beginning May 16, 2008.

We have a MI-Chapter region map on our web site, (click on Directors, in upper right-hand corner, click on the map to enlarge) along with more information and details regarding upcoming seminars and our Annual Convention in May. The web site is always adding new items, so mark it as a favorite and visit it often at [www.MI-NATP.com](http://www.MI-NATP.com).

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First-term board member

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# MICHIGAN - NATP EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

May 15 & 16, 2008	MI Chapter Annual Convention	Ann Arbor
*July 7-10, 2008	National Conference	Atlanta, GA
September 19, 2008	"2 for 1" Seminar Featuring Alice Orzechowski	Lansing

**\*National Functions**

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