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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope you have been enjoying your summer and have been able to relax and refresh your minds. We still have some time to prepare before our busy time of the year is upon us. This upcoming tax year will again be a challenge for us and our clients, but with proper planning we can enjoy a successful tax season.

In early July I attended the NATP National Convention in Atlanta, GA. Having attended these annual conventions since 1992, it's easy for me to say that these educational conventions are of great value, with this year being no exception! There were 19 people who attended from Michigan, and I'm proud to say that some of them were also presenters. In addition, some of our Michigan businesses provided gift baskets that were auctioned off with proceeds for charitable organizations selected by the National Office of NATP.

Marilyn Meredith instructed attendees in foreclosures, including 1099A and 1099C issues. In addition, she taught "Is it deductible on C & E?" Sue Scioli, Saginaw, presented Audit Representation and Preparer Penalties. Larry Zimble taught 990s, exempt organizations, and independent contractor/employee issues.

Other things that I learned at National include:

- A review of the new Circular 230 and the new limits for tax preparer penalties that have increased to \$5,000 and \$10,000?
- The IRS has increased efforts for additional audits and have a new CP2057 letter that would inform a taxpayer of a tax deficiency

Once again our chapter received special recognition. This year it was for our pioneer innovation of the "2 for 1" seminar which was presented by Marilyn Meredith and myself to all the state chapter leaders who were interested in learning how to introduce this seminar to their members. A big thanks to former board member, Joe Halfmann, who originally thought of this idea a few years ago!



I am looking forward to seeing you September 19 in Lansing. Come and learn from Alice Orzechowski and Marilyn Meredith. These two are dynamic together and may have a few surprises for you.

Val Anderson, President
Michigan Chapter - NATP

PROMISES FOR GREAT EDUCATION FOR 08-09

I am meeting with the dedicated volunteers of the educational committee for MI NATP who are getting things ready for you to attend our fall seminars and our May Convention. I think that you will be enthusiastic about what is planned for you.

"2 for 1" September 19

Our education season begins with our "2 for 1" seminar September 19 in Lansing. Yes, it is true. Marilyn Meredith and Alice Orzechowski (the dynamic duo) are back with us again with interesting subjects to present. They will present their original "Is it deductible on Schedule C?" as they present ideas to each other and provide knowledgeable answers. This should be an interesting learning experience and provide all of us with a chuckle or two. "What Your Computer Doesn't Know about Alternative Minimum Tax" will be critical in assisting us with this dilemma. Some tips will be shared on ways to avoid AMT. Vehicle record keeping and employer reporting will be reviewed. Do you ever have clients who put money in SE retirement plans that did not know the requirements? Do you have questions on Michigan requirements for pension subtractions? These issues will be discussed with examples. You need to register yourself and another and pay \$130 by September 10, 2008 in order to qualify for the "2 for 1" seminar. Don't wait too late and miss out—register NOW.

PIGGYBACKS

In late October, plan on attending a MI Piggyback seminar to stay up-to-date on MI tax law. After all, we are all searching for additional education on the MI MBT. The MI Piggyback seminar will have the latest available information regarding the MI MBT and MI individual and city income tax issues. Byron Kuxhaus and I will be instructors. We promise to provide you the information that you will need for the upcoming tax season. Attend the evening of the National classes.

TAX REVIEW AND OFFICE PROCEDURES

On January 9, 2009, we will have our Tax Review and Office Procedures class. Plan on bringing your new office staff and have them learn the need for confidentiality in all they see and do. They will review basic concepts of a tax return and go over standard office procedures.

MICHIGAN ALL DAY SEMINAR

The final chance to get ready for the busy tax season ahead. Come to Lansing on January 9, 2009, for the final updates for Federal, State and City as well as MBT. We will review 1099A and 1099C tax reporting and the use of Form 982. Your tax season will be much easier after attending this information packed day.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

On May 14 & 15, 2009, we will be in Grand Rapids. The committee is busy planning for presentations by Beanna Whitlock, Les Marti, Marilyn Meredith and Larry Zimble. Glen Mitchell, Vice President Michigan Chapter- NATP

2010 Annual Convention Questionnaire

Michigan Chapter NATP is seeking feedback on preferred locations for holding our 2010 Annual Convention.

**The scheduled dates for our 2010 Annual Convention are:
MAY 20 - MAY 21, 2010**

Given the following possible locations for our Michigan Chapter Annual Convention, indicate the choice that you prefer:

- Edison Inn, Port Huron
- Holiday Inn Gateway, Flint/Grand Blanc
- Mackinac Island (Grand Hotel or Mission Point)
- Grand Traverse Resort, Traverse City

A facility with an attached or nearby casino, e.g.

- Soaring Eagle, Mt Pleasant
- Detroit (Motor City / Greektown / MGM)
- Turtle Creek, Traverse City
- Other Casino, *specify*: _____
- Somewhere else, not listed: *specify*: _____

- I am **not likely to attend** the 2010 MI Chapter Annual Convention regardless of its location.

Two ways to submit your responses:

1. Fax to Val Anderson at (616)534-3960 or
2. Go online to www.mi-natp.com and click on the "Vote for your 2010 Annual Convention preference" link

MICHIGAN CHAPTER –NATP 20TH ANNIVERSARY 2009 MAY 14 & 15, 2009

The following speakers have been confirmed: **Beanna Whitlock** from Texas (formerly with the IRS), **Les Marti** (National Speaker & President of Illinois Chapter), **Marilyn Meredith and Larry Zimbler**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND

MICHIGAN CHAPTER-NATP WELCOMES OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Madonna Bailey	Kimberly Durand	Debra Jo Jensen	Janice McAlister	Sharon Roy	Deanna Wallington
Patricia Baldwin	Janet Edwards	Diane Kirksey	Vitalys Mushlock	Terry Sammon	Richard Witkowski
Shirley Bloomster	Kimberly Halfmann	R. Frank Krebs Jr.	Thomas Peters	Linda Seeger	Students:
LiMon Cheung	Edward Hardge	Norma Lawson	Dean Reuschle	Lori Shepard	Samantha Noah
Vickie Cooper	Robin Holt	Afif Makke	Tina Riley-Humphrey	Campbell Smith	Lisa Sabo

NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS FOR 2008-09

At the Michigan Chapter annual meeting in May, the following board members were reelected: Sharon Barry, Byron Kuxhaus, and Kathy Vosburg. Newly elected were Anna Mayer and Jon Garlick. The following officers were reelected: Valorie Anderson, President; Glen Mitchell, Vice President; Byron Kuxhaus, Secretary; and Larry Zimpler, Treasurer.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE CANDIDATES

We had a record turnout of candidates, for which we were very thankful. It is a great pleasure to see those candidates become active board and committee members. What an honor to have new members taking an active part in maintaining and improving one of NATPs finest chapters. Our chapter can only continue to improve when members volunteer their time, expertise and willingness to share their ideas and goals.

Where else can you receive the latest information regarding the ever changing Michigan and city taxes and have the opportunity to network with other professionals? **Kathy Bozman, Board Member**

MICHIGAN ROUNDTABLE SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

Our Michigan committee members will be meeting with State of Michigan Treasury officials on Monday, September 29, 2008 at 9:30 AM. To be a member of the committee, you must submit a question to be discussed with MI Treasury – Income, SBT, MBT, Property, Personal Property, Sales/Use/Withholding.

Questions are to be submitted to JBarry2395@charter.net or faxed to 734-426-2875 by Monday, September 15, 2008. Let Jim know if you are interested in going to the roundtable. Attendees will be notified and given specific instructions along with a copy of the list of questions submitted. The more questions we have the better for all.

**BRING ANOTHER
TAX PRACTITIONER
AND
COME TO THE
“2 FOR 1”
SEPTEMBER 19, 2008
REGISTER EARLY**

Newsletter Committee
Valorie Anderson
Jim Barry
Kathy Bozman
Chuck Compton
Gayle Compton
Jon Garlick
Charles & Connie Gladhill
Joe Halfmann
Deanna Hawkins
Kristina Hornaday-Alberts
Esther Liebetreu
Brian Meredith
Erlinda Meredith
Marilyn Meredith
Glen Mitchell
Candy Mitchell
Lisa Smith
Jim Snodgrass
Kathy Vosburg
Karen West
Ray Wojciechowski
Heather Worden

MICHIGAN TAX NEWS FOR 2008 TAX YEAR

Michigan will have:

- **Earned Income Credit**
10% of Federal EITC
- **Voluntary Contributions Schedule**
3 prior retained plus 6 new ones added

Michigan will no longer provide MI-1040ES forms to taxpayers who use preparers.

2008 Tax Year Information

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| • Income Tax Rate | 4.35% |
| • Personal Exemption Allowance | \$3,500 |
| • Special Exemption Allowance | \$2,200 |
| • Maximum Pension Deduction | \$43,440 Single
\$86,880 Joint |
| • Senior Citizen Interest, Dividend
Capital Gain Deduction | \$ 9,690 Single
\$19,380 Joint |
| • Michigan Business Tax
Filing Threshold | \$350,000 Gross Receipts |

COME TO OUR PIGGYBACK CLASSES TO LEARN LOTS MORE

MICHIGAN - NATP EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

*August 25-27, 2008	Three-Day Tax Workshops	Livonia
September 19, 2008	"2 for 1" Seminar (See Enclosed Flyer) Featuring Alice Orzechowski	Lansing
*October 24-25, 2008	1040 & Beyond 1040 Workshops	Grand Rapids
October 24, 2008	Michigan Piggyback	Grand Rapids
*October 27-28, 2008	1040 & Beyond 1040 Workshops	Lansing
October 27, 2008	Michigan Piggyback	Lansing
*October 29-30, 2008	1040 & Beyond 1040 Workshops	Livonia
October 29, 2008	Michigan Piggyback	Livonia
*October 31-November 1, 2008	1040 & Beyond 1040 Workshops	Bay City
October 31, 2008	Michigan Piggyback	Bay City
January 9, 2009	Michigan Tax Seminar	Lansing
January 9, 2009	Basic Tax Review & Office Procedures	Lansing
May 14-15, 2009	MI-NATP 20th Anniversary Convention	Grand Rapids

*National Functions

Go to www.MI-NATP.COM to register online

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