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# MICHIGAN CHAPTER - NATP

National Association of Tax Professionals

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### PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Well, we survived another tax season. I hope everyone is doing well. Easter was late so we could enjoy the holiday with family and friends. Now is the time to finish up what we can and rest up for the new group of taxpayers with the MI amnesty, amended returns and extensions. Then it is time to get ready for next tax season with MI-NATP and NATP educational seminars. With the new IRS registration requirements, we will all need to take some courses every year to comply.

The Michigan Chapter's convention in Port Huron this year is at the Thomas Edison Inn on May 19th & 20th. During our annual meeting we will be selecting new board members and a new charity. Committee sign-up sheets will be available. Please join us on a committee and do your part.

If you're bringing unregistered guests whom you want to attend the Thursday banquet, you MUST give us the number of additional meals you require by May 7th.

National conference this year is in St. Louis, Missouri on August 15-18. St. Louis is close enough to drive, if you don't fly! There is always a great variety in education choices with approximately 33 hours of CPE available with a variety of instructors.

Please send any charity or committee suggestions to me at [andersontax@comcast.net](mailto:andersontax@comcast.net). We are trying very hard to utilize the talents of our volunteers. If you come early to one of our seminars, ask if you can help with set up. We are always looking for more help and involvement.

Attention EA's with SSN's ending in 4, 5 or 6! Your renewal period will finally begin on June 1st and end on August 31st.

Watch for our future announcements concerning the Registered Tax Preparer Tests and review classes.

**Val Anderson, President**

**EDUCATION** is the most important thrust of our Michigan Chapter. Our Education Committee continues to work hard to present you with the most interesting and valuable seminar opportunities. This Committee is always interested in our members input about what seminar subjects are most important. To make a real impact, join the Committee. We will have Committee sign-up sheets for all committees at the Registration tables at our Annual Convention. **GET INVOLVED!** You CAN make a difference.

Our largest educational presentation is coming in conjunction with our Annual Convention at the Edison Inn in Port Huron on May 19th & 20th, 2011. Again this year, we will have two full sessions on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> covering "Life Changing Events", such as, Adoption, Care of a Special Needs Child/ Spouse/ Parent, Loss of Job/Down-sizing, Early Retirement/ Retirement Issues, Marriage/Divorce/ Alimony Issues, & 2 Hours of Ethics. On Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> we have one full morning session which will cover Michigan Amnesty/Tax Update, Michigan Pension Deduction, Schedule A Issues, Foreign Holdings Reporting. In our popular afternoon **BREAKOUT** sessions you can choose from TINs/W-7/1040NR, Responding to the IRS, Canadian Returns, 1099A/ 1099C/Form 982, Volunteer Expenses for Charity, and Michigan Sales Tax Basics. Our experienced presenters include Alice Orzechowski, CPA, EA; Marilyn Meredith, EA; Larry Zimblar, MST, EA; Glen Mitchell, EA; Jon Garlic, EA.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our September 2 for 1 Seminar on Sept 23, 2011 at Causeway Bay (formerly Holiday Inn South) in Lansing. The 2 for 1 will feature Beanna Whitlock from Texas on "Kids and Aging Taxpayers", along with problem tax returns.

**Glen Mitchell, Vice President**

**TAX TIP**

Taxpayers who have an interest in or signature over a foreign bank account where the value in the account exceeded \$10,000 at any time during 2010; or who have a more than 50% interest in a foreign trust must file Form TD F 90-22.1 (FBAR) by June 30, 2011. The deadline to file Form TD F 90-22.1 is not extended by any extension to file Form 1040 and cannot be individually extended. Penalties for not filing begin at \$10,000 even if the income from the account is included in the tax return. The form was revised effective March 2011 in accordance with new regulations issued by FinCEN on March 28, 2011, affecting the filing of 2010 FBAR information. New and additional reporting for foreign holdings has started and will affect tax returns filed for calendar year 2011. These rules for foreign asset disclosure (FBAR and FATCA) will be reviewed at our May Convention; sign up now!

**News for NATP National  
Member to Member**

NATP's exclusive online community is Member to Member. You can find answers, read and write blogs, comment on discussion boards, listen to podcasts, talk tax, create common interest groups, and so much more! Give it a try! Just another excellent source of great information from NATP National Office at no additional charge.

**2011 National Conference and Expo**

Our National Conference and Expo is four days of phenomenal education where you can choose from a variety of course topics taught by industry leaders. You can take advantage of numerous networking opportunities with other tax professionals from around the country. The next National Conference and Expo will be held from **August 15th – 18th, 2011** at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch, 315 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, MO 63102. Michigan members who have attended in the past say the National Conference is jam packed with high quality presentations.

**ENTERTAINMENT FOR THURSDAY NIGHT CONVENTION BANQUET**

Thursday night May 19th at 6:00 pm don't miss the entertainment extravaganza! Thursday night is your opportunity to sit back, relax, and let MI-NATP entertain you! Celebrate the end of Tax Season 2010 with entertainment by **George Tait**. This is YOUR time to celebrate the end of a successful tax season and network with other Michigan Tax Professionals.

“**George Tait** has been bending the minds of audiences around the world with his "Psychological Magic" for over the past ten years. He's entertained such notable talent as bands Metallica, Kid Rock, and Ted Nugent. He's a well respected author in the magic community with three books to his name. **Tait** has transformed his art form into both a real and emotionally powerful experience. He has succeeded in taking magic to a level not often reached by other performers. **Tait** has gone on to direct, co-direct, write and co-write a wide variety of theatrical productions that include How to Kill a Piano - his one man show, Faces in the Crowd, Loud Thoughts and Silent screams, and The Magical Mystery Musical, among others. He's the founder of CHaSed Productions, an entertainment company that hosts Monthly Magic & Mind Reading, a monthly installment of high class entertainment geared towards adult audiences in Plymouth, Michigan. He's performed for literally every type of audience, from intimate dinner and cocktail parties to corporate America.”

Visit [www.mindtapped.com](http://www.mindtapped.com) for more about this thrilling entertainer!

Please remember to buy your guests' dinner tickets for the Thursday night banquet by **May 7, 2011**. This will ensure your spouse or loved one a seat at this convention's best comedy routine and dinner!

**MICHIGAN CHAPTER-NATP WELCOMES OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!**

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**“BOARD OPENINGS ARE COMING-UP”**

Our Michigan Chapter will have 5 board positions available on May 19, 2011.

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 to [kbozman1@comcast.net](mailto:kbozman1@comcast.net) or during the first morning of our annual convention that will be held at Thomas Edison Inn in Port Huron.

The 5 openings are 4 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 for all 5 positions is 3 years beginning May 19, 2011.

We have a Mi-Chapter region map on our website [www.mi-natp.org](http://www.mi-natp.org). Click on Directors in upper right-hand corner. Click on the map to enlarge to view Region 3.

Your Michigan Chapter is always looking for new ideas and people who have a desire for better and more tax education and knowledge. The wealth of information obtained is always beneficial to anyone who prepares tax returns either as the owner or an employee. The current Board members have provided 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.

Kathy Bozman, EA, Registration Chairperson

**ENROLLED AGENT RENEWAL**

THE IRS has FINALLY solidified the renewal process for EA’s whose SSN’s ends in 4, 5 or 6. The registration period will begin on June 1st and run through August 31st. The renewals during this period will be retroactive to April 1, 2011. The renewal fee is now \$30 because of the imposition of the PTIN regulations last fall. Don’t forget that you must ALSO renew your PTIN this fall.

**RETIREMENT BENEFITS THAT ARE NEVER SUBTRACTED ON THE MICHIGAN INCOME TAX RETURN INCLUDE:**

**457 PLANS** These are wage deferral plans that can be from governmental units (like St Clair County) and non-profit organizations. They are reported on 1099 R and can appear like pension or annuity withdrawals.

**PRIVATE ANNUITIES** For any taxpayer under age 65 and for taxpayers 65 and older that do not take distributions **over their lifetime** (as opposed to a specified number of years). The 1099R usually will not provide information that allows you to distinguish this from a pension.

**EARLY DISTRIBUTIONS FROM PENSIONS OR IRAs** Early withdrawal, separation from service and discontinuance of the plan all are fully taxable to Michigan unless the withdrawal meets a special exception, such as due to disability

**SECTION 401(K)** When there was no matching contributions made by the employer the 401K is fully taxable.

**403(B) PLANS** These income deferrals are fully taxable to Michigan. These are often offered by schools and are referred to as “tax sheltered annuities.”

**PENSIONS/IRAs OVER THE LIMIT FOR THE TAX YEAR.** The current maximum is \$45,120 single or \$90,240 married filing jointly unless your pensions are only from public retirement.

**MICHIGAN CHAPTER WEBSITE**

Several times in this Newsletter we have mentioned MI-NATP’s website. It is the BEST source for the current Chapter happenings. Many functions and links to additional information are available. TAKE IT FOR A TEST DRIVE! The address is simple to remember, [www.mi-natp.org](http://www.mi-natp.org). Let us know what you think!

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**PORT HURON — A GREAT PLACE TO VISIT**

IF YOU WANT TO GO TO CANADA YOU’LL NEED EITHER A PASSPORT OR AN ENHANCED DRIVERS LICENSE!

**PORT HURON POINTS OF INTEREST**

FORT GRATIOT LIGHTHOUSE

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PORT HURON MUSEUM

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# MICHIGAN - NATP EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

*May 19-20, 2011	MI-NATP Convention	Port Huron
August 15-18, 2011	National Conference	St Louis, MO
September 7, 2011	Preparing S Corp	Livonia
September 8, 2011	Intermediate S Corp	Livonia
September 9, 2011	Registered Tax Preparer Exam Review Course	Livonia
September 23, 2011	2 for 1 with Beanna	Grand Rapids

\*See attached flyer for more information

Go to [www.MI-NATP.ORG](http://www.MI-NATP.ORG) to register online

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