



Upcoming Seminars

May 18, 2023

Oct. 19, 2023

Dec. 7, 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT..... Betsy Bowen

2022 has been quite uneventful with little tax legislation compared with recent years. Gearing up for tax season 2023, we have expiring Covid tax provisions which will challenge us with explanation and tax planning for our clients.

Recovering from the past two years, the NH NATP was successful with three in-person events. Attendance was less than pre-Covid, but it appears we may be moving back to normal.

We are excited to welcome three new board members: David Menard, Patricia Sarcione and Kenneth Varrato. THANK YOU for joining the board and we look forward to your input to expand with your ideas and what we can offer our members. THANK YOU to Dale Harrington who has retired from our board after setting up excellent educational events. We wish you well!

At our October meeting we sent out member surveys and a few responded. We want to hear from you with suggestions, comments, ideas, and preferences moving forward. Please don't hesitate to email me with suggestions as the board will gladly review and hopefully implement new learning opportunities!

Looking forward to 2023, the NH Board is working to bring you exciting seminars on May 18, October 19 and December 7. In May we are delighted to welcome Helen O'Planik who will instruct about retirement, depreciation, research and gig, 8 CE's!

Please visit our chapter website and Facebook page to keep abreast of the latest news.

Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and our best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Profitable New Year!

New Board Members

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to the new Board members who recently joined as Directors:

Patricia Sarcione

David Menard

Kenneth Varrato

October 27, 2022, Seminar Review

The **October 27, 2022, Seminar** featuring Amy Wall, EA, MBA, NTPI Fellow, was a resounding success! Every one of the attendees remarked again and again how good Amy was. When she presented **Taxing the Cryptoverse**, the audience was treated to a new version of Webster's dictionary! She explained and clarified the meaning of many of the words, terms and phrases used by the Crypto world. It was fantastic! Her topics of **Installment Sales** and **Form 7203** held the audience's attention, as did the **Innocent vs. Injured Spouse** and **Taxation of Prizes and Awards**. Participants asked questions and made comments. Everyone was very engaged. Many attendees mentioned that the chapter should get Amy back to do another seminar soon.

The Annual NH Chapter Meeting was also held on October 27, 2022. Although there was no representative present from National, Betsy and Chris chaired the meeting quite well. Norma Boyce was re-elected to the Board. And, as written previously, Patricia Sarcione, David Menard and Kenneth Varrato volunteered to join the Board as Directors. We are grateful to those volunteers who stepped forward.

October 27, 2022, Seminar Survey Results

Thanks to Anna Houde for compiling the attendee's surveys. The seminar by Amy Wall had a 90% rating or more (Excellent) on every topic that Amy presented. Anna commented "**I don't think I've ever seen as many positive comments and ratings as Amy Wall received.**" One attendee commented "**Very good. I am impressed you got such a knowledgeable speaker on the topic**" regarding Amy's **Taxing the Cryptoverse** presentation. **Form 7203** received the lowest rating of all the topics, but still managed to garner 87.5%. Amy was great!



Below is a Member Survey that the Board would like completed and sent to them if you haven't already completed one. Please email to NHNATP@yahoo.com. If you cannot scan and email, provide your answers according to the question number. Or you can provide your response in your own words. It is very important that we hear from you. Thank you.



NH NATP MEMBERS SURVEY 10.27.22

Several board members have suggested changes to our curriculum, and we would like to know your thoughts. We strive to bring quality education at a reasonable price and usually host national speakers. Currently we host three seminars annually, the end of May and October (Annual Meeting) and December. A suggestion has been made to combine the May and October into one 2-day event in October. It has also been suggested that we move the seminars to different parts of the state. We would appreciate your input.

1. Do you prefer in person or online events? Online could include state tax training/online roundtable/practice mgmt./social gatherings. NATP does not allow chapters to offer federal courses online.

2. Do you have suggestions for course content other than what we usually provide?

3. Speaker recommendations?

4. Do you prefer 3 events per year, or would you prefer one two-day and one local?

5. Do you have facility or location recommendations?

6. Other recommendations?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. **PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR OUR BOARD!!!**

December 1, 2022, Seminar

On **December 1, 2022**, the NH chapter of NATP put together the perfect ensemble of education for tax preparers in New Hampshire. Although this convention was intended for local chapter members, attendees for this event came from New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. The training covered tax updates in New Hampshire, Maine, and at the Federal level.

The updates for NH were presented by Robert LaBrecque, Field Audit Manager, and Cory Rayner, EA, In-State Audit Manager from the NH Department of Revenue Administration. Though both Robert & Cory presented the updates in an engaging manner it was refreshing how Cory a former tax preparer was able to connect with attendees from a preparer's perspective. Their presentation covered common mistakes, form changes, GTC, and technical information releases.

Some of the highlights:

NOL's conforming to IRS standards

Decrease of BPT to 7.6%

Decrease of BET to .55%

Raising the BPT filing threshold from \$50 to \$92k

Raising the BET filing threshold to \$250k for receipts and enterprise value

Updates for the State of Maine came from Jeffrey Bragdon, Tax Section Manager from the DOR. Jeffrey had much to share, but was able to present the material clearly and with appropriate reference material.

Here are a few of the updates:

COVID relief payments of \$850 for Maine residents

Earned Income Credit for Maine residents equal to 25% of federal amount

\$25,000 income deduction for non-military retirements

Educational credits of up to \$2,500 (non-stem) and \$3,500 (stem) for qualified students

Property tax fairness credit increased by 1% and up to \$1,500 for seniors.

From the IRS we heard from Odette Turenne, Senior Stakeholder Liaison who provided a wonderful overview of current updates at the federal level. Odette began by reminding tax preparers of their duty to protect client information by implementing a data security plan. She followed that up with popular phishing scams that the IRS is aware of. "Don't forget to renew your PTIN", was her comment to preparer's.

In addition to the tax education, this event provided opportunities to connect with other tax preparers. A different kind of education that I don't know how to quantify or describe. Here are a few highlights from what I learned:

- There are tax preparers that charge a lot more than I do!
- Unfortunately, others work harder, get paid less, and are killing themselves doing taxes!
- Some work from home while others have an office.
- ProSeries and ProFx cost over 10k while Drake tax only cost 1.5k.

These are just a few of the things I learned. I don't want to give it all away. You should come and join us, learn, grow, improve your relationships and your business. Let the rising tide of our professionalism raise the prices and respect our industry deserves. I have heard it said that New England has the

highest property taxes, and utility costs, wouldn't it be great if we could say New Hampshire has the highest tax preparation fees!!

The event was planned and put on by the board members of the NH Chapter of NATP. Hat's off to this wonderful group of people. Come and join the team to plan the next event, and to make NATP the best organization it can be.

Respectfully,
David M. Menard, CPA

December 1, 2022, Seminar Survey Results

Odette Turenne, Senior Stakeholder Liaison for NH and RI, had the most popular topic of the day with a 95% excellent (5) rating. Her presentation **Security & WISP (Written Information Security Plan)** gave attendees excellent information. Below is partial quote from IR-2022-147 which Odette suggested attendees read.

IR-2022-147, August 9, 2022

WASHINGTON — The Security Summit partners today unveiled a special new sample security plan designed to help tax professionals, especially those with smaller practices, protect their data and information.

The special plan, called a Written Information Security Plan or WISP, is outlined in [Publication 5708, Creating a Written Information Security Plan for your Tax & Accounting Practice PDF](#), a 29-page document that's been worked on by members of the Security Summit, including tax professionals, software and industry partners, representatives from state tax groups and the IRS.

Federal law requires all professional tax preparers to create and implement a data security plan. The Security Summit group – a public-private partnership between the IRS, states and the nation's tax industry – has noticed that some tax professionals continue to struggle with developing a written security plan.

Everyone loved Odette and some want her to come back every year!

Every other presentation, with the exception of Volunteer 603-Legal Aid, received excellent ratings. The Volunteer 603-Legal Aid presentation was seen by many as a request for preparers for the VITA program.

The presentation by Jeffrey Bragdon from the State of Maine was the very first time NH NATP had a remote presentation. Thanks to Susan and Scott for making it happen so well.

New England IRS/Tax Pros Update Monthly Zoom Meeting

On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, The IRS has a New England IRS/Tax Pros Update Monthly Zoom Meeting. Contact Odette Turenne at Odette.Turenne@irs.gov to be put on the email notification list. The instructions for accessing the meeting will also be included in the email. This meeting gives the IRS the opportunity to give updates to the tax preparers. It also gives the tax preparers the opportunity to ask questions.

New Things to Know

Residential Clean Energy Credit, which was reduced to 26% for 2020 and 2021, goes back to 30% until 2033.

SALT limitation, which was due to expire in 2025, is extended from 2025 to 2026.

New Form:

1098F for Fines and Penalties. Tells you total amount of the fine and breaks it down to what each part of the fine is for. Restitution, Violation etc.

Fines, penalties and other amounts paid to a government are not deductible by a taxpayer, except when a payment counts as restitution (Box 3 in the new form) or paid to come into compliance with law (Box 4 of the new form), which may be deductible.

As always, there are exceptions to the restitution and compliance taxability law so make sure you research exactly what the fine/penalty was for.

1099K Pitfalls

We've all seen it the past couple of years. You get a 1099K and something on it is incorrect. Here are some of the potential pitfalls to watch out for on those 1099K forms. (Request a corrected 1099K whenever possible)

More than one person using same cc account (Square etc.). Issue a 1099 to each person who shared your terminal and expense those payments to them from your business.

Biz bought or sold during the year. Is the 1099K only for the portion of the year that your client owned that business? Request a corrected 1099K.

S Corp, C Corp or Partnership receiving form in individual's name and SSN. Now what do you do with this 1099K. It has to go somewhere but the IRS will be looking for it on the client's individual return. So put it there on Schedule 1, Line 8z as a positive number and then again on with reference to the business entity and Tax ID. Then include that income in the business entity.

Biz changed structure during the year. Issue a Nominee 1099K or 1099Misc to the other entity.

Allowing cash back with debit card purchases. This one will increase the total income on the 1099 but it isn't really income. To avoid confusion, record the entire 1099K income and then take a "cash back expense" or some such as a deduction. Keep good records of cash back payments should that item be audited.

The Officers and Directors of the NH Chapter of NATP send Holiday Greetings.



The Officers and Directors also wish everyone an easy and profitable tax season!



Your editors,

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