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**November**  
**Time for our Annual Meeting**  
**And Conference**

**The meeting is full, but we**  
**have a wait list.**  
**Email Sandra Torrence**  
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**You will be on the list.**

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# A Unique Annual Meeting and Conference

As everyone is aware, 2020 has been a challenging year. Three years ago, the Chapter changed the date of its annual meeting from December to May. And for two years, we had the annual meeting and conference in May at the Shores Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach Shores. And that was our plan for this year. When we cancelled the May conference, we had no idea how we would proceed. Your board spend hours evaluating risks and options to have our Annual Meeting and Conference, formally known as a Annual Meeting and Spring Conference. Maybe we should be calling the meeting “Spring in November.”

At this point, we have carefully planned for this event, taking every precaution to keep everyone safe. As a result, our seating capacity is limited and some will be unable to attend. Although this is beyond our control, we apologize to anyone who attempted to register after we had reached capacity. We do have a wait list in case there are cancellations. To get on the list email Sandra Torrence at [confidential1227@aol.com](mailto:confidential1227@aol.com)

Hopefully, 2021 will see a return to normalcy. At this point, we have not made any definite plans, but the Board will begin looking forward to events we hope to offer in the coming year. All we can say now is “stay tuned.”

Many are not aware of how much effort is expended by our Board. Board members are, without exception hardworking volunteers who are constantly planning chapter events. When the chapter is as large and geographically spread out as we are in Florida, this is quite a challenge. The Board members cannot do it all. We need volunteers to step forward and offer to serve on a committee or participate in other activities that keep the Florida Chapter one of the best chapters in NATP.



## 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

### THURSDAY, NOV. 12 - 8 HOURS CPE

7:15—7:45 AM	Registration, Continental Breakfast	
7:45 —8:00 AM	Annual meeting	
8:00— 9:40 AM	What Is Shareholder Basis?	2 CPE
9:40—10:00 AM	Mid-morning Break (Refreshments provided)	
10:00 —11:40 AM	K-1's Backwards and Forwards	2 CPE
11:40—1:00 PM	Lunch (provided)	
1:00—2:40 PM	CARES Act and Other New Laws	4 CPE
2:40—3:00 PM	Afternoon Break (Refreshments provided)	
3:00—4:40 PM	CARES Act, continued	

### FRIDAY, NOV. 13 - 8 HOURS CPE

7:15—8:00 AM	Registration, Continental Breakfast	
8:00—9:40 AM	Federal Tax Updates	2 CPE
9:40—10:00 AM	Mid-morning Break (Refreshments provided)	
10:00—11:40 AM	Real World Ethics	2 CPE
11:40—12:00PM	Intro of Board Candidates/balloting	
12:00 —1:30 PM	Lunch (provided)	
1:30— 3:10 PM	Casualty Losses—What's New and Different	2 CPE
3:10—3:20 PM	Afternoon Break—Announcement of new Board members	
3:20—5:00 PM	Qualified Business Income Deduction-What's New?	2 CPE

*Masks are required unless seated in the conference room or eating lunch.*

# Join our Facebook Page

## Be Social About our Social Media

Our Facebook Page is a valuable tool for two-way information exchange and getting to know other members. The more members we have participating, the better the page will be. Feel free to post tax questions, tax practice, tax tips, tax news, humorous tax-related stories, and the like. We welcome your participation, but please remember that this is a TAX page. There are plenty of other pages that will provide political and other news, so please keep it tax-related. Also, this is not a place to advertise your business. Help wanted or seeking employment posts are acceptable.

Find us on Facebook at Florida Chapter, National Association Of Tax Professionals. We now have over 325 members. Let's Keep Growing. Thanks for all our members, new and old, who are contributing to the discussion on this page.

We also have a webpage where you can read our newsletter and obtain other information about the Chapter. [www.flnatp.com](http://www.flnatp.com)

And don't forget the NATP National website. [www.natptax.com](http://www.natptax.com) where you can find out what's happening on the national level.



# Don't Lose Your Soul to a Corporation Sole

A client may have approached you about forming a corporation sole. A corporation sole is a legitimate legal entity tracing its roots back many centuries in Europe. Its origin is ecclesiastical, or church-related. Even today, most corporations sole are church-related, but not all. For example, the Office of the Archbishop of Canterbury in Great Britain is organized as a corporation sole. The Archbishop, not the individual holding the office, is the officer of the corporation. The Roman Catholic Church makes extensive use of the corporation sole.

The property of the church or organization is titled to the office, not the individual and avoids the property being treated as part of the estate of the vicar of the church. This ensures the continuation of ownership of the property dedicated to the benefit of a religious organization. Generally, the creditors of a corporation sole may not look to the assets of the individual holding the office nor may the creditors of the individual look to the assets held by the corporation sole.

In the United States only a few states recognize the corporation sole, but all states recognize the corporation sole under common law. Of course, one does not need to reside in a state to form a corporation in that state, so one can be formed regardless of your location within the United States.

However, the corporation sole is being abused by promoters that advocate the use of the corporation sole and will help you form one (for a hefty fee). These promoters are long on promises, but often fail to deliver the promised benefits. Taking advantage of the IRS rather loose definition of a church, these promoters would establish a one-person, nonprofit "religious" corporation. Participants then apply for incorporation under the pretext of being a bishop or other church official in the phony religious organization or society. The promoters falsely claim that the office holder in the corporation sole will be exempt from federal income taxes as would a legitimate church or religious organization under Sec 501(c)(3).

The legal attributes of a corporation sole are usually misrepresented by promoters. Rather than utilizing them for legitimate religious purposes, they are being marketed as devices for personal and business use, including tax immunity, asset protection, and estate planning. In addition to avoiding income taxes, promoters often claim that the corporation sole allows the individual to escape paying child support and other personal debts by hiding assets in a tax exempt entity.

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Like most things that seems too good to be true, that is the case with the corporation sole. The IRS has published warnings regarding corporations sole and is taking aggressive action against these illegitimate organizations. None of the promised benefits can be realized under the corporation sole. There is no asset protection beyond what a typical corporation provides; it does not create any tax savings; money paid to the owner of the corporation is taxable income; foreign accounts must be reported in accordance with FATCA and FBAR rules. In short, violation of the above laws can result in felony criminal penalties. So if you get a “sole” you could lose your “soul” or at least your wealth and freedom.

John Stancil



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