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***Goodbye, August
Hello, September***

Special Annual Meeting And Conference Issue

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Annual Meeting and Conference Set

Your Board of Directors has made the decision to hold an *in-person* conference to support our member's educational needs. We look forward to seeing you there. Join us for two days of great education by our terrific speaker, Randy Lawshe, who will speak on: **The CARES Act, Federal Updates, Section 199A (QBI), Casualty Losses (hurricane season isn't over yet), Shareholder Basis, K-1 Forms, and everyone's favorite required class, Ethics.** The conference is open to all tax practitioners.

Please **register early** because seating will be limited due to space considerations. Your Board has reduced the registration fees in order to help our members during these difficult financial times. One hour of CPE is only \$20 plus we provide lunch on both days. The registration form is included in this newsletter.

We also have arranged Group hotel room rates for you. Please use the special Group registration code **2005NATP** when you book your room. The hotel link is:

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?>

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[tel=17713&Chain=5433&arrive=11/8/2020&depart=11/12/2020&adult=1&child=0&group=2005NATP](https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?tel=17713&Chain=5433&arrive=11/8/2020&depart=11/12/2020&adult=1&child=0&group=2005NATP)

We also recommend you visit the hotel website: www.shoresresort.com.

Click on their "Wellbeing Plan--What to expect when you arrive" .for full details regarding their COVID-19 plan.

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At the conference we will be following the current CDC guidelines by taking your temperature before entering the conference room and requiring that masks be worn while NOT at your conference seat. However, state and federal guidelines continue to evolve. We will be following the guidelines in place at the time of the conference.

Send in your conference registration and make your hotel room reservation now to enjoy some in-person education and beach time, too. It's okay to have sand between your toes.

Cheers and stay safe--See you in November.

Your Florida Board of Directors--Amy, Laura, Doris, Sandi, Ken, Steven, Mark, John and Judy.





REGISTRATION FORM
2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
NOV. 12-13 DAYTONA BEACH SHORES

Name: (please print clearly)

PTIN (required) _____ NATP Member # (required for discount) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL: (required) _____ Phone _____

<u>EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE</u>	<u>ONE DAY</u>	<u>BOTH DAYS</u>
Member	\$ 225	\$ 325
Non-Member	\$ 285	\$ 385

LIMITED SEATING
REGISTER NOW

AFTER OCT. 22 ADD \$25 TO ALL FEES. IF ATTENDING FOR ONE DAY ONLY: 11/12 _____ 11/13 _____

GOING GREEN: Your course materials will be sent to you by email in pdf format on Nov. 5.

PAYMENT METHOD

We accept: Visa, MC, AMEX and Discover cards. Make checks payable to Florida Chapter NATP.

Name as it appears on cc: _____

CC# _____ Exp Date: _____ Security Code _____

Signature: _____

HOW TO REGISTER

Mail to: Florida Chapter NATP, Sandra Torrence, EA, P. O. Box 2280, New Smyrna Beach, FL. 32170

Phone: 386-423-7771 FAX: 386-423-3744

EMAIL: confidential1227@aol.com Note—email does not go to a secure site.

Cancellation Policy: To cancel your registration, notify Sandra Torrence, at confidential1227@aol.com no later than **NOV. 5** to receive a refund. Cancellation fee is \$50. No refunds will be granted after Nov. 5th unless due to extreme circumstances (Covid-19, family death, hospitalization, federally declared disaster area, for example) No-shows will not be granted refunds. Registration substitutions are accepted, provided payment for any difference in membership is paid.

NOTE: Under the current guidelines we will be taking your temperature before entering the conference room and masks are required when not at your seat. However, state and federal guidelines continue to evolve. We will be following the guidelines in place at the time of the conference. If you have a dietary restriction or preference notify us when making your reservation.



National NATP Cancelling all remaining 2020 In-person Events

Dear tax professional,

The NATP national office and the Board of Directors have made the difficult decision to cancel all remaining 2020 in-person events. This includes the Tax Forums, AFTR Workshops and 1040 Workshops. As you might expect, this decision is made due to public health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as varying and ever-changing quarantine and public gathering requirements in each state.

The team at the national office is currently developing virtual alternatives that will deliver the content and updates to meet your needs. Next week, we will be hosting our virtual event, TaxCon, with great confidence that it will be well-received by the attendees. Our goal is to deliver more exceptional virtual education for the remainder of 2020.

We thank you in advance for your flexibility and patience as we shift plans. We will be updating you in the near future with more details on things to come.

We hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Scott Artman, CPA
NATP Executive Director

Brett Rosser, EA
NATP Board President

Upcoming Board Elections

A vital component of our Annual Conference is the election of three members to the Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for planning educational and other events for the chapter. We have met, and determined a date for these events, November 12-13, 2020.

Chapter members who are at least 18 years of age and in good standing are eligible to be nominated as Director Candidates. The period for recommendations to the Nomination Committee shall close on August 31, 2020, and the report of the Nomination Committee's nominees shall be sent to each Member in good standing at least 15 days before the election.

Currently, there are nine members of the Board, with three being elected each year to a three-year term. The Board holds several meetings each year, either in person or via teleconference. If you would like additional information about board membership, feel free to contact any member of the Board.

If you wish to be considered for board membership, you must submit an application which is included on the following page. If you are not ready to serve on the board, you might consider serving on a committee. Committee membership is by appointment by the Board. If you are interested in serving in this capacity contact the President or any Board member for more information. Member participation is vital to maintaining an ongoing quality state chapter.





Application to participate in the Florida Chapter
As a Board Member - an elected office
Or as a Committee member - election not required

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address _____ **Phone number** _____

I have been a member of NATP for _____ **years. Membership #** _____

I am a: CPA ____ EA ____ Tax Practitioner ____ Other (describe) _____

I have been a tax/accounting professional for _____ **years. My PTIN is** _____

Name of firm or practice _____

Address _____

I am interested in serving on the Florida Board: Yes _____ **No** _____.

Or I am interested in serving on a Florida committee:

Education ____ **Membership** ____ **Nominations** ____ **Other** _____.

Comments or additional information _____

Please attach a list of your involvement and or attendance at NATP events, local or national, over the last three years. A resume would also be appreciated.

Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Please mail your application to: Kenneth D. Dowdall, EA
5433 NW 88th Terr
Coral Springs FL 33067-2854
Or fax to 954 941-1160

The John and Bibi Rudestedt Chapter Growth Scholarship Fund FAQs

[Application form for the scholarship](#)

What is the purpose? This scholarship fund is to help tax professionals in the State of Florida obtain continuing education through the Florida NATP Chapter, and to help introduce tax professionals to our Chapter. As with everything else relating to the Annual Meeting and Conference, the details of awarding a scholarship are undecided. However, please feel free to submit an application

What is involved in the scholarship? The scholarship will cover the cost of registration to one FL NATP Conference. In order to be considered, you must complete an application and send it to us by the application deadline. Depending on the availability of funds, there may be more than one scholarship offered each year. Note that the scholarship covers only the registration fee. The winner is responsible for travel, meals, lodging and other incidentals.

How can we afford to do this? To fund the scholarships we hold fundraisers and take donations. We hold a raffle at each conference with items donated by various members or companies. The proceeds are placed in the scholarship fund.

Who are John and Bibi Rudestedt? Both John and Bibi have been very active within our chapter as well as nationally in NATP. They have dedicated much time and effort toward the growth of the Florida Chapter. Education is an important aspect of the tax profession so we want to enable tax professionals to have access to outstanding education. They have worked hard to provide this education and we are honoring and continuing their efforts through this scholarship.



JOHN & BIBI RUDESTEDT
CHAPTER GROWTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Qualifications for the Scholarship

- The scholarship award is a free Registration only for a Florida NATP conference.
- Membership in NATP is not required. An applicant, however, must not have attended a Florida NATP conference in the past three years.
- All applicants must have a valid PTIN number.
- Application deadline for the upcoming conference is **September 30**.
- Registration winner will be drawn at random from the submitted applications on October 1.
- The winner will be notified via e-mail and in an at-large Chapter email.
- To enter: E-mail your completed application to: Doris Dimon, Scholarship Committee Chair at doris.dimon@gmail.com or mail it to her at Harbor Bookkeeping & Tax Preparation, Inc., 2807 Wesleyan Dr. Palm Harbor, FL 34684.

Name: _____

NATP Member: ____ Yes ____ No PTIN: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Please tell us about yourself, including the number of years in the tax profession and any credentials: _____

Explain why you feel you should be chosen for the Scholarship:

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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 300 members. Let's Keep Growing.

We also have a webpage where you can read our newsletter and obtain other information about the Chapter. www.flnatp.com

And don't forget the NATP National website. www.natptax.com where you can find out what's happening on the national level.



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