

California Chapter of the National Association of Tax Professionals  
Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting – 09/18/2015

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**Call to Order: at 1:08 p.m. by Rich Moring III, President**

**A quorum of the Registered Conference Attendees – a quorum being “fifty percent (50%) of the members registered to attend any part of the Association Annual Conference” – was present.**

Jim Vann moved, Carmen Nieves seconded, motion carries

*CA NATP approve the Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting held September 19, 2014.*

**Treasurer’s Report by Barbara Sonin** – A Revenue & Expense statement was provided to all present.

The beginning bank balance on January 1, 2014 was \$14,458.

Total receipts were \$19,529.78.

Total disbursements were \$24,076.41.

The ending balance on December 31, 2014, was \$9,911.37.

**Announcements by Rich Moring III, President** – The Chapter receives \$5 for each research book ordered through National; please purchase your research books (TaxBook, QuickFinder) using our unique Chapter code and help earn money for CA NATP.

CA NATP plans to hold the 2016 Annual Conference & Meeting in the Los Angeles area. Please watch for that announcement in Chapter News, on our website [califnatp.com](http://califnatp.com), and via direct eMail. Future conferences will move between the north and south to afford our 1300 members across the state an opportunity to attend a conference in their home vicinity.

**Neighborhoods by Farid Kanji** – We have held several Neighborhood Meetings across the state during 2015, and more are planned for October 26 – November 26. Individuals are encouraged to host a meeting in their neighborhood – with the help of one of our Chapter Directors. The next Neighborhood meeting topic will be “*Getting Ready for the 2015 Tax Season*” and will include software choices, how to get the office ready, how to stay motivated, etc. Those interested in helping to organize an event are asked to contact Farid Kanji at [neighborhoods@califnatp.com](mailto:neighborhoods@califnatp.com).

**Nominations by Rich Moring III, President** – Members were briefed on the National vote – that Rich would cast a single vote on behalf of the California Chapter in the National elections based on the outcome of the National election held here with those members present.

Presentation to Rebecca Nielson for her outstanding service on the CA NATP Board; Becky is not running for another term.

Presentation to the immediate Past President Laura Strombom for her outstanding service on the CA NATP Board through 2013.

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Presentation to Barbara Sonin for her outstanding service on the CA NATP Board; Barbara has announced she will be stepping off the Board to advance her career.

*(Ballots were passed out for the National Election.)*

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**Chapter Showcase by Jim Vann** - We have a "California Dreamin' 2020" theme with the idea of hosting a National Convention in California by 2020. Thank you to Becky for making our tie-die *California Dreamin' 2020* t-shirts. The 2016 NATP Convention will be in Indianapolis; The 2017 NATP Convention will be in Washington DC. California has hosted twice in San Francisco and once in San Diego. We encourage our membership to support our *California Dreamin' 2020* model.

**National Representative – Kim Loewer, EA, ATA, Weybridge, VT** – Kim acknowledged the leadership of the California Chapter and presented President Rich Moring III with the **2015 Chapter Showcase** award. To our surprise Kim also awarded California with the **2014 Administration & Leadership** category award for *Chapter of the Year*. Kim noted that California has an enormous membership – 1,341 – as compared to other Chapters – such as his own state, Vermont, which has 141 members. The age range for the California Chapter is 21-96; the average age is 59. Location of membership: Los Angeles 28% San Francisco 15%, San Diego 8%. Kim pointed out that California is unique in that our Chapter focuses on providing state specific education rather than federal education.

Kim answered the question, "What does the National Board do?" National is currently working to revise the Mission, the Vision, and the Strategic objectives of NATP so that it best meets the needs of their 23,000+ membership over 39 active chapters; these are the working drafts:

**Mission (draft)** – Support tax professionals with the knowledge, training and resources necessary for their professional success; and to protect the integrity and future of the profession.

**Vision (draft)** – As the tax professional's trusted partner, NATP will continue to be the first choice for the highest quality education, information, tools and resources for their business needs. Tax professionals will recognize membership in NATP as necessary for their success.

**Strategic vs Operational** – The Board works to accomplish the Mission and Vision of NATP, but the Strategic priorities are accomplished by the staff in Appleton. Some of those priorities are:

1. Product & service innovation
2. Educational leadership
3. Partnership & collaboration with other national organizations, state taxation agencies, & the Internal Revenue Service
4. Advocacy and member representation
5. Fiduciary excellence
6. Expertise of quality education and tax research

Kim also reviewed the benefits of membership – personal growth & credibility, networking, member discounts, and web resources – and highlighted Tax Store, Publications, and telephone help from other

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tax professionals. He noted that all indications are that NATP members look to their Chapters for quality education on state tax issues.

Kim is the current Nominations Chair for National and he discussed the value of giving back to the organization by serving on the National Board as well as serving on the Chapter Board. Kim encouraged all attendees to get involved – at any level – and work together to make NATP a championship organization.

**Election Results:**

**California Chapter:** Elected are Jim Vann, Carmen Nieves, & Tim Powell

**NATP:** The members present have voted to have the California Chapter President, Rich Moring III, cast a vote in the National election for: Melissa Bowman, Rich Ganong, Sherri Hoskisson, & Melissa Lewis

Jim Vann moved, Carmen Nieves seconded, motion carries

*Move to Adjourn*

Meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.



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