



# The Nebraska Independent Accountant Newsletter

Nebraska Affiliate of the National Society of Accountants

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** **By Dawn Liphardt**

I have so much to be thankful for it is overwhelming. As I work my way through another hectic tax season, I am reminded what a blessing it is to have a job that is enjoyable. In these economic times just having a job is a plus, but then to think we are all serving as agents and advisors that have the knowledge and resources to help others makes us unique. Being a member of NSIA makes me thankful that I belong to a group that has years of expertise and knowledge that simply one person like myself could not obtain alone.

NSIA along with NSA is certainly a resource that I tap into much throughout the year. It is a benefit to us all when we have others from our state to connect with. Sometimes I may have a question that I just need an answer to and many NSIA members have been more than willing to help. Other times it may be a national or procedural issue and it is good to know our members are willing to step up to the plate and provide guidance and input.

As you finish your tax season I hope that you take the time to reflect on your role in NSIA. If you are active, thank you for your service. If you are thinking about how to become more involved, please consider joining us at one of our board meetings or contact us for more information.

In the meantime, I wish you each success in finishing your tax season and I hope to see you at our next board meeting.

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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**



NSIA June Board Meeting will be June 3, 2010 at the  
HiMark Golf Course in Lincoln  
(Same location as last year)

Meeting will start at 9:45 am and Tee time will be at 1:15 pm

An agenda will be emailed in April with more details

**LEGISLATURE REPORT**  
**By Ken Brauer**

**Nebraska Board of Public Accountancy  
Hearing Rescheduled**

The policy-making hearing scheduled January 6, 2010 was postponed due to inclement weather conditions and is scheduled for March 18, 2010 at 10:00am at the Board Office in Lincoln. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public testimony on amendments to rules promulgated by the Board of Public Accountancy. There have been a number of previous meetings held by the Board in putting these rules and regulations together and the Board has included the Nebraska CPA Society as well as NSIA in the process. We have also had input from the State Regulation and Oversight Committee of NSA. The State Board has been very cooperative in working with all parties involved to make sure the implementation goes as smoothly as possible. NSIA continues to monitor the activities of the State Board on behalf of our members since our membership consists of both non-licensed accountants and CPA's. If at any time you have any questions or concerns regarding the State Board, feel free to contact Ken Brauer at [kenbrauer@windstream.net](mailto:kenbrauer@windstream.net) or at (402) 488-2400.

**2010 Nebraska Legislative Session Kept Extra Busy**

With the 2010 Session a little over half way completed, the Legislature has a lot of work left to do. The Nebraska economy continues to provide extra challenges in finding ways to control spending and not raise taxes. There are many bills being proposed which continue to add more work and responsibility on businesses, both large and small. Bill Mueller's office continues to provide us with information on the status of various legislative bills. If anyone is interested in more details on current legislative activity or is interested in assisting in monitoring legislative activities, please contact Ken Brauer.



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EASTER*

*April 4, 2010*

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT**  
**By Mandy David**

Another tax season is about over. Every year they seem to go by quicker and always have new challenges. I hope everyone is enjoying and surviving their last few weeks.

Enclosed is the registration form for the FREE IRS practitioner symposium on May 6, 2010. **Michelle Paschke would like you to please mark on the registration form if you are a NSIA member.**

I look forward to seeing everyone at our June 3rd board meeting!

**2010 Practitioner Symposium  
May 6, 2010**

FREE to Participants

Registration begins at 7:30 am  
Symposium: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Speakers:

Office of Professional Responsibility

Examination

Collection

Treasury Inspector General

Taxpayer Advocate Service

Tax Commissioner, Nebraska  
Department of Revenue

IRS Governmental Liaison

IRS - Return Preparer Coordinator

Stakeholder Liasion

Please complete the enclosed form to register.  
Michelle Paschke from the IRS is  
in charge of registration

**Nebraska PRACTITIONER SYMPOSIUM  
May 6, 2010**

**8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.  
REGISTRATION FORM**

Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, 28500 West Park Hwy, Ashland, NE 68003  
Peter Kiewit Lodge, Red Oak and Cedar meeting rooms

The sponsors, Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants and Nebraska Society of Independent Accountants, are providing the parking and refreshments at breaks.

**Name of Firm:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return the completed form to Michelle Paschke by email, fax or mail:

**Email** [Michelle.A.Paschke@irs.gov](mailto:Michelle.A.Paschke@irs.gov)

**Fax:** 402-233-7478

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1616 Capitol Ave.  
Omaha, NE, 68102

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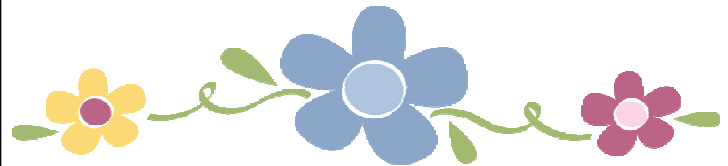
If you are an Enrolled Agent you can earn eight (8) hours of continuing professional education (CPE) credits. This event meets CPE requirements for enrolled agents established by the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR). If you are a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or a member of another professional group, continuing education credit *may* be available for this seminar. As with all our seminars, CPAs and other professional groups should consult with their respective licensing agencies regarding acceptability of credit, as well as whether fractional hours of instruction will count toward the minimum hour's requirement within the renewal period.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2010:

<b>May 6</b>	IRS Practitioner Symposium Mahoney State Park Ashland, NE
<b>June 3</b>	NSIA Board Meeting HiMark Golf Course Lincoln, NE
<b>August 18-21</b>	NSA National Convention Arlington, VA
<b>September 22</b> <b>September 23</b> <b>September 24</b>	NSIA Board Meeting NSIA Annual Meeting Business Entity Seminar Marina Inn South Sioux City, NE
<b>November 4-5</b>	Gear-Up 1040 Seminar Downtown Holiday Inn Lincoln, NE



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