



## The Nebraska Independent Accountant Newsletter

Nebraska Affiliate of the National Society of Accountants

May 2009

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**By Ray Scholl**

I haven't heard anything to the contrary so I assume everyone made it through the tax season with some degree of sanity left. I sure hope so!

The next thing on the NSIA Agenda is the Board Meeting on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at HiMark Golf Course in Lincoln. Remember, the Board Meeting is open to all NSIA members. The meeting is from 9:45 a.m. 'til Noon. As is customary with our June meeting we will have a golf outing in the afternoon with tee times prior to 1:30. There is a restaurant at the Clubhouse so catching a bite to eat prior to golfing will not be a problem. The fee for 18 holes of golf including cart is \$20.00 per person.

If you are going to golf with the NSIA 'pros' be sure to let me (Ray) know as soon as possible. I need to make sure we have enough tee times.

Two important items on the meeting agenda are who will be going to the NSA Convention in San Diego and who will be the candidates for the offices that are up for election at our Annual Meeting in September.

The NSIA representation at the IRS Seminar at Mahoney Park was great. I felt it was an excellent seminar and Barb Pritchard (IRS) did an excellent job of lining it up.

With all the tax changes occurring, it is vital that we do our best to be aware of these changes. IRS E-News for Tax Professionals is an excellent source for this information. Barb Pritchard really stressed subscribing to this source of information. You can do so by going to [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

NSA also has very excellent sources of information available to us. The NSAlert and NSA Memberlink are just two of many. If you haven't read the May 8th NSAlert, you might do so. I found it interesting.

In closing I would like to mention an article by Nancy Friedman in the NSA Members Only section. It is "6 Skills of Listening". With all the changes in the tax laws, it is very important to be a good listener when dealing with our clients. This article is good!

Have a super summer!

## LEGISLATURE REPORT

By Ken Brauer

### Many Legislative Bills Affecting Businesses

With 2009 being the Nebraska Legislature's long session, Bill Mueller and his office have been extremely busy monitoring numerous bills. Many of them will have an impact on our clients. We will provide a more complete update after the current legislative session has ended.

One bill we will continue to monitor is LB 385 sponsored by Senator Rich Pahls. The bill would have eliminated all sales tax exemptions. Senator Pahls has introduced a legislative resolution calling for an interim study on the subject of taxation. The study is extremely broad as it requests a look at all major sources of state and local tax revenue, including sales and use taxes, income taxes, and property taxes. It will look at the major tax sources, identifying what is taxed and what is not taxed and who pays and who does not pay, by sector and by demographics under each source of revenue and in total. The hearings on the study will be conducted by the Revenue Committee after the current legislative session has concluded and before the next session commences in January 2010.

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## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

By Mandy David

If you are able to read this newsletter that means you have survived yet another tax season!

We had our first seminar of 2009 last week at Mahoney State Park. I was unable to attend this meeting, but from what I have heard it well attended by both members and non-members of NSIA and was very informative. Please feel free to give us your feedback if you were able to attend the IRS liaison meeting. Your response let's us know if we should continue offering this free seminar in the future.

Enclosed you will find the agenda for the June board meeting. It sounds like Ray has set up a fun-filled day for us. Hopefully the weather will be better than last year. I don't feel like putting up with another flood. (And I think I speak for Jon Tonniges too!)

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in June and I hope you have a safe Memorial Day weekend.

## NSA STATE DIRECTORS MESSAGE

By Eric Hansen

Don't most clients think our workload completely stops on April 15<sup>th</sup>? We know better don't we! Anyway, after finishing our 1040 tax season, preparing quarterly payroll returns and submitting property tax return schedules many NSIA and NSA members hit the ground running.

For example, this was the third year NSIA co-sponsored with the Nebraska Society of CPA's the IRS Practitioners Symposium. It was held earlier this month at Mahoney State Park to a packed room; in fact additional tables were needed. We had speakers from the Social Security Administration, Taxpayer Advocates, Nebraska Department of Revenue and multiple topics covered by IRS representatives. Attendees had the ability to ask questions, discuss problem areas and inform officials how they could help our clients and tax professionals. All members of NSIA should be proud of this co-sponsorship and also thank NSIA Board members for continuing to approve and support this event.

Members of the NSA Leadership Development Committee updated their ASO Survey from 2004. Questions are posed on membership, education, finances, legislative contacts and various other topics. Mandy David and I discussed the answers (she did most of the work) and then Mandy went to the NSA website to enter NSIA and related NSA answers. Results from the ASO Survey should be available on or about June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The NSA Executive Committee approved spending \$10,000 in Alabama to assist the Alabama Assn. of Accountants in preventing enactment of a bill which would require the registration and testing of tax preparers. This bill is thought to be a model bill to be used nationwide. NSA believes the bill is poorly worded and could actually do more harm than good as written.

Later this month I will be attending the NSA Board of Governors meeting in Oklahoma City. Marcy will join me and will attempt to keep me on the "straight and narrow". Good luck to her! The leadership committee team is also holding its meeting to prep for the 2-day LDC/LSC Training conference to be held later this year in Baltimore. Is there an NSIA member who is interested in attending?

Lastly (is that a word?) I would like to invite you to San Diego, the location of the NSA Annual Meeting. It's in August from the 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. I'm looking forward to attending and would like to see you there, also.



**NSIA BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA  
Thursday, June 4, 2009**

Location: HiMark Golf Course  
8901 Augusta Dr  
Lincoln, NE  
(402) 488-7888  
www.himarkgolf.com

Directions: ½ mile south of 84<sup>th</sup> & Pioneer or  
½ mile north of 84<sup>th</sup> & Old Cheney  
(turn east off of south 84<sup>th</sup> onto  
Augusta Drive and keep going until  
you get to HiMark)

Golf Outing: Same location  
Tee time prior to 1:30 p.m.  
18 holes of golf  
\$20.00 per person (including cart)

**Call Ray Scholl ASAP if you plan on golfing at (402) 462-9532**

9:45 a.m. Call Meeting to Order – President Ray Scholl  
Approve Agenda  
Minutes of November 5, 2008 Meeting – Eric Hansen  
Treasurers Report – Jon Tonniges  
Executive Secretary Report – Mandy David  
Seminars Report – Jeff Bring  
NSA State Directors Report – Eric Hansen  
Presidents Report – Ray Scholl  
-Annual Meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents Report – Dawn Liphardt  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents Report – Steve Douglas  
District Directors & Directors at Large Report -  
Harvey Breasch, Larry Heyen, Randy Straatmann,  
Ken Brauer, Jeff Bring, Carol Child, Mandy David,  
Jamie Douglas, Leota Janousek, Scott Masek, Donna Trompke  
Legislative Report – Ken Brauer  
Appointing Nominating Committee  
Elect 3 Delegates to NSA Convention in San Diego, CA  
Appointment of Auditors  
Recognize Visitors  
Old Business – 1040 Brochures  
New Business  
Open Discussion  
Adjourn  
12:00 p.m. Lunch & Golf

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## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2009:

**August 12-15** NSA National Convention  
San Diego, California

**September 23**  
**September 24** NSIA Annual Meeting  
Andy Biebl Farm Seminar  
Divots Conference Center  
Norfolk, NE

**November 5-6** Gear-Up 1040 Seminar  
Downtown Holiday Inn  
Lincoln, NE



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