

Payroll News

IRS Updates

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Upcoming Events:

- Montly Meeting - 4/13 at 5:30 PM
- APA Capital Summit - Omni Shoreham Hotel Washington, DC March 27-28, 2017
- Monthly Meeting – 5/11 at 7:30 AM
- 35 Annual Congress – Orlando World Center Marriott Hotel Orlando, FL May 16-20

The IRS recently warned of scam emails to taxpayers that appear to be from their tax software provider or others asking them to update online accounts in an attempt to obtain their password. Please remember that the IRS will not email a taxpayer asking for sensitive information. ([IR-2017-64](#))

Tax Time Guide

The IRS has developed a series of tips to help taxpayers to navigate common tax issues as the April 18, 2017 deadline approaches that they call the [Tax Time Guide](#). This page will update regularly with valuable information to complete your 2016 tax return.

Federal Refund Status

Most federal tax refunds are issued in 21 days or less, some refunds may take longer. Many factors can affect the timing of a refund after the IRS receives the return.



Find tips on:

IRS.gov Tools to Answer Tax Questions. See [IR-2017-42](#).

Free Filing, either online at IRS.gov/FreeFile or through the mobile app, IRS2Go. See [IR-2017-45](#).

IRS Publication 17 a free, comprehensive tax guide. See [IR-2017-52](#).

Service at IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers is now by appointment only. See [IR-2017-54](#).

Electronic Payment / Payment Agreement Options Available. See [IR-2017-59](#).

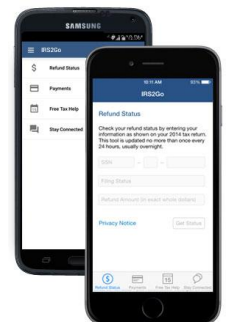
The best way to check the status of a refund is online through the [“Where’s My Refund?” tool](#) at IRS.gov or via the [IRS2Go mobile app](#).



Member Profiles

Please take a moment to update your member profile to include a photo of yourself, ensure your contact information is up to date along with a brief bio so we can get to know each other.

We would like to use the info to start a member spotlight section in the newsletter.



Get to Know Your Officer Nominees

President Elect



Before becoming a Payroll Rock star, John Hunt wore a lot of hats with the Atlanta Chapter. While he attended some meetings in 1998-1999, he did not really get involved until the summer of 2006, when he was part of the Study Group. John passed the CPP in the spring of 2007 and was forced by his employer to attend Congress, and has been an APA advocate ever since. He has helped with NPW promotions and Statewide conferences, served as Government Liaison Officer, Webmaster, on the Atlanta Chapter Board of Directors, and was the chair for the 2015 Georgia Statewide conference.

A graduate of the University of West Florida with a BS in Computer Programming and Business, John started his career as a PC programmer. That did not last long, as the only commercially available program on that PC was for payroll. (Yes, he is that old... he walked both ways to school, too!) He has made paychecks for resorts and people with disabilities, was payroll technical support for Peachtree Accounting software and currently works for the City of Alpharetta. John is willing to try something new, and thus frequently finds himself out of his comfort zone. And that's when you will find him looking for another hat to put on his head.

Board Position



Lisa Vandervelden, CPP is currently the Human Resources Manager for Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP – a Labor and Employment law firm here in Atlanta. She has been in Payroll for 32 years, received her CPP in 1995 and has been a National member of the American Payroll Association for over 15 years. Previously she was a Payroll Manager for AT&T and an energy management company with Prenova, Inc. She is currently on the Government Relations Task Force, Garnishment Sub-Committee, and the Strategic Payroll Leadership Task Force with the APA as well as a member of the APA Hotline group. She has given presentations in the past, as well as lead several CPP study groups for the local Atlanta chapters.

Board Position



Dorothy Waits, CPP has been a member of the Atlanta Chapter since 1992. She has served as the Government Liaison Officer and Co-Chaired the Statewide - The Theme was the ABC's of Payroll. We had 83 participants that year.

She works for DS Services of America, Inc. America's Favorite Water, Coffee, and Filtration company. She is a Compliance Analyst and has worked there for 20 years, with a small break to work for Wise Consulting Associates out of Maryland.

Her specialties are in the taxation area and calculation of overtime's regular rate of pay for the company's many commissioned associates.

She enjoys doing crafts and needlework.

Volunteering

Our Chapter has several committees for members to be a part of. This is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer your time and skills to benefit the Chapter. The committees are made up of a Committee Chairperson that is determined by the President and the Board of Directors (must be a National APA member) and Committee Members. The Committee Members are volunteers who are active members in good

standing with the Atlanta Chapter of the APA and must attend 50% of the monthly chapter meetings.

Take a moment to review the committees and their functions on our [website](#). You may find a great fit for your skills and we can always use the extra hands! It is a great way to get to know your fellow members better too.

Keep an eye on your emails and our social networks for volunteer

activities for yourself and often the family as well.

A few organizations we support are:



35th Annual Congress



Be sure to vote daily in the final [Battle of the Bands contest](#) on Facebook. You may vote until March 31st! Remember that we have a Chapter member in 2 of the 5 bands.



Will YOU Help Us?

We are currently in the planning stages preparing for our **Study Group!**

We would like our members to volunteer to teach a class at any session. Review the Payroll Source, determine what you would like to teach and then reach out to

[CJ Easterling.](#)



Meeting Speakers and Partnership

Do you have a vendor or contact that would be willing to speak at one of our meetings? Please speak with [CJ Easterling](#) to coordinate this.

We welcome partnership from businesses and higher education institutions.

If interested in being a partner, please review our [partnership opportunities](#) page.



You must register for meetings on the website so we can have an accurate count of attendees.

**ATLANTA CHAPTER
OF THE APA**

Meetings held the second
Thursday of the month at
Crowne Plaza Ravinia
Hotel

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Road, Atlanta, GA 30346

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See us at:

<http://apaatlantachapter.com/index.php>

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About Our Organization



We are a nonprofit organization centered on providing continuing education to payroll, accounting and human resource professionals. Along with education, we offer community service opportunities for all members.

We are an autonomous and independent Chapter of the American Payroll Association.