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President's Message - Timothy Dilworth, EA, CPA June 2011

Greetings fellow Enrolled Agents!

It is my honor and privilege to serve as President of the Michigan Society of Enrolled Agents during this exciting time for EA's. The past few years have seen many new developments here in Michigan as we try to better serve our members and provide a product that is attractive to current and prospective members of our organization.

We set up a website three years ago and last year retooled it again in an effort to have something that is useful, easy to use, timely, and relevant to you. Please take the opportunity to check out the rest of our website and see what we have to offer. It contains our complete education schedule, current board members, links to important tax information, information on enrolled agents and on how and why to become one. There are web-based CPE opportunities offered by our website sponsor, Fast Forward Academy. They also offer SEE prep classes that have been proven to be successful.

On our website you will find our full slate of educational opportunities for the 2011 calendar year. In an effort to reach as many of our members as possible, we are providing offerings around the state in locations such as Troy, Grand Rapids, Lansing and Frankenmuth. Check out our website for updates to the event schedule. Our first event in June had a record turnout! Come see what all the excitement is about with our timely topics and top notch speakers. Our Annual Conference this year features Jerry Joyce, EA, a long-time speaker and advocate for EA's and a member of the NAEA board of directors. You won't be disappointed!

We are rolling out a new membership program this year as well. Each member that refers a new member will get a coupon for a free monthly seminar (does not include Annual Conference or Fall Update). Membership applications can be accessed through our website (www.misea.org) or at www.naea.org. (Continued on page 2)



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If you are an enrolled agent and are not taking part in NAEA, you are missing a great opportunity to make a difference to your profession. NAEA is very well respected in Washington D. C. and has the ear of the commissioner at the IRS. They take our views and opinions seriously when making decisions about issues that are important to EA's, including tax administration, regulations, and most importantly to many of us, Circular 230 and practitioner issues. We were offered the chance to make a recommendation on a name change this year, and after a year and a half of debate on the issue, it came down to a 6-5 vote of the NAEA board against making a change. This is just one example, but with a margin that slim it is readily apparent that your opinion and voice can make a difference. The first step to having a real voice in Washington is to join (if you're not a member) or volunteer for the board (if you are a member). We are always looking for fresh perspectives and enthusiastic people to join our crew on the MiSEA board. If you are interested in becoming more involved, you can contact anyone on the board (listed on the website) or just come up and talk to us at one of the meetings. Elections happen at our Annual Conference in East Lansing in September this year. There is at least one position coming open, so act soon if you are interested. See you soon!

Timothy Dilworth EA, CPA
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