

Membership Information



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Meet the New Mexico Society of Enrolled Agents (NMSEA)!

WHAT IS NMSEA?

The New Mexico Society of Enrolled Agents (NMSEA) is an organization whose Members are tax experts. NMSEA is an affiliate chapter of NAEA (National Association of Enrolled Agents). NMSEA works closely with NAEA to promote the Enrolled Agent (EA) designation, and to further the public's recognition of EA's as **THE** Tax Professionals. The website provides important information for taxpayers who are searching for the right tax professional to prepare their returns, or to resolve their tax problems.

NOTE: You **do not** have to be an Enrolled Agent to join NAEA/NMSEA. Anyone is welcome as an Associate Member! Associate Members are entitled to all the same benefits as Enrolled Agent members.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING NMSEA?

There are many benefits to membership, including:

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Meetings

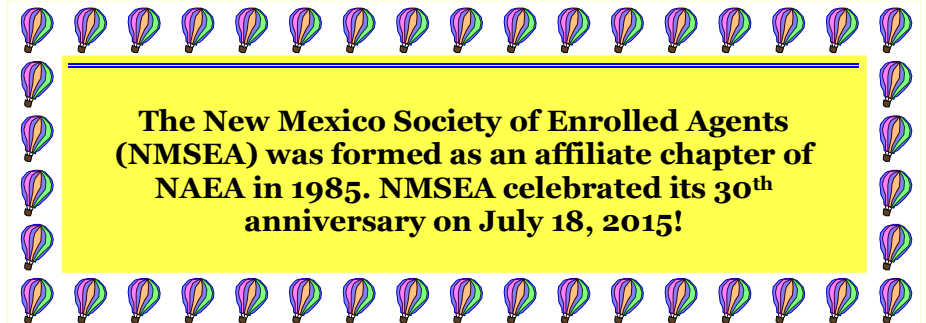
NMSEA holds a lunch meeting the 3rd Friday of each month from May through November. At each meeting there is an educational presentation for which you will earn one CPE credit. We recruit speakers from our community to present topics ranging from taxes to representation to the tax related aspects of banking and insurance.

The History of Enrolled Agents

EA is the professional designation for an Enrolled Agent. After the Civil War, many citizens had problems settling claims with the government for horses and other property confiscated for use in the war effort. After many petitions and much pleading, in 1884 Congress endowed Enrolled Agents with the power of advocacy to prepare claims against the government and to seek equitable justice for the citizenry. For many years, the purpose of the Enrolled Agents was to act in this capacity.

In 1913, when the income tax was passed, the job of the Enrolled Agent was expanded to include claims for monetary relief for citizens whose taxes had become inequitable. As the income tax, estate, gift and other sources of tax collections became more complex, the role of the Enrolled Agent continued to expand to include the preparation of the many tax forms that were required. Additionally, as audits became more prevalent, their role evolved into taxpayer advocacy, negotiating with the Internal Revenue Service on behalf of their clients.

In 1972, EA's united to form a national association to represent the needs and interests of EA's and the rights of taxpayers. Today that association is called the National Association of Enrolled Agents, or NAEA. Through their national association and state affiliates, Enrolled Agents have successfully defended their rights to practice and furthered the passage of legislation and administrative rules that benefit both tax practitioners and ordinary citizens.



Networking Opportunities

- Be part of a national system with 40 state affiliates and more than 11,000 members.
- NAEA Tax Community - get a second opinion from your peers on NAEA's web board.

Tools for Building Your Business

- Services/benefits you can rely on to support your business:
 - Insurance programs
 - Credit card processing
 - Rental car and shipping discounts
 - Software and publication discounts
- Self-promotion tips of the trade - learn from NAEA's successful members.
- 'Find an EA' directory and referral service - members are listed on-line and through a telephone referral system.
- Use of the NAEA logo - a visible indication of your commitment to quality and your dedication to the profession through continuous learning.

Public Awareness Efforts

- National and local radio advertisements
- Bi-monthly press releases that increase the media and general public's understanding of the EA designation.
- NAEA's website - helping the general public understand the important work that EA's do.

Need more information? Contact NAEA's Membership Department at (202) 822-NAEA (6232), or membership@naea.org. Visit the website at www.naea.org

Tax Seminars

Each fall, 4-hour exclusive NMSEA Special Seminars are scheduled in November at a very reasonable cost to members. These seminars also qualify for CPE credits. Registration fee includes lunch.

Annual Convention

Our annual 3-day Tax & Accounting Convention usually takes place the week in early October before the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta begins. NMSEA members receive a discount on the registration fees. In addition to 18 hours of CPE credit, the society provides lunch and snacks both days.

Annual New Mexico State Tax Update

Each year in December the society offers a four-hour update for New Mexico income tax changes. Representatives from the NM Taxation and Revenue Department present the material and field questions from the attendees.

Ethics

2-hour Ethics seminars are available during the convention and on the same date as the annual New Mexico State Tax Update Seminar in December. Remember, the Internal Revenue Service requires all EA's to complete Ethics training each year!

NEWSLETTER

From May through December, members of NMSEA receive a monthly, email newsletter containing current happenings in NAEA and NMSEA, information about educational opportunities, reminders of the next monthly meeting, and more.

From January through April, members will receive short, email 'E-blasts' news alerts, containing valuable information about tax law changes and updates for both the IRS and NM Taxation & Revenue Department.

The NMSEA motto is EA's Serving the Community. In particular, NMSEA continues to strongly support the Title 1 Homeless Project through Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) with donations and Shred-Fests in Albuquerque and Santa Fe (open to our clients) usually scheduled in August and September.

NMSEA & NAEA MEMBER 'EXTRAS'

Educational Discounts

NAEA membership entitles you to discounts on other educational opportunities, including seminars offered by NATP, IRS Regional Practitioner Meetings, and the IRS Tax Forums.

Quickfinder Handbook Order

Each fall NMSEA distributes order forms for Quickfinder tax handbooks. The society submits the orders in bulk and receives a quantity discount, which is passed on to those who order the books. Quickfinder's products are available, including the tax handbooks, tax tables and Annual Tax Updates, as well as any new products that may be introduced each year.

NAEA Client Newsletters

The NAEA website offers downloadable client newsletters that tax professionals can mail to clients. This is only one of many free services available through the NAEA website, and is available only to NAEA members.

You must join NAEA to qualify for membership in NMSEA!

WHY SHOULD I JOIN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ENROLLED AGENTS?

Advocacy

- Capitol Hill - NAEA promotes legislation that is beneficial for EA's and good for taxpayers. NAEA represents your interests as an Enrolled Agent, and protects your right to practice. NAEA is the only national organization that represents the needs of Enrolled Agents solely;
- IRS - NAEA meets regularly with IRS officials to make certain that your voice is heard, and works closely with the IRS to ensure that the tax code is well administered and reasonable enforced.

Information & Education

- Meeting - Learn from the best and network with your colleagues in the field of representation
- CPE - fulfill your CPE requirements cost-effectively and conveniently through NAEA's online programs and the EA Journal's home CPE tests.