

VA Chapter/National Association of Tax Professionals
Application for Board Candidate

Candidate Name: Justin Smith

1. How long have you been a member of NATP, and what is your involvement with the Virginia Chapter?

I have been a member of NATP since June 29, 2017. I currently serve as the Treasurer for the Virginia Chapter and am an active member of the Education Committee, where I assist in facilitating our annual conference and other educational events throughout the year.

2. What is your tax background, and how do you stay current?

I have over 10 years of experience in tax preparation and have prepared thousands of individuals and business tax returns over the course of my career. To stay current with ever-changing tax laws and regulations, I actively participate in continuing education through webinars and conferences hosted by both the Virginia Chapter of NATP and the National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP). I also make it a point to attend NATP's national conference each year to stay up to date on new developments, best practices, and industry standards.

3. What do you feel that you can contribute to the Board of Directors of the VA/NATP?

With over 10 years of experience in tax preparation and nearly a decade of involvement with NATP, I believe I can bring both practical experience and organizational insight to the Board of Directors. As the current Treasurer and a member of the Education Committee, I've developed a strong understanding of the chapter's goals and operations. I enjoy collaborating with other members to promote education and engagement within our tax professional community. I'm confident that my experience, reliability, and commitment to continuous learning will allow me to make a positive contribution to the Board and help further the mission of the Virginia Chapter.

4. What do you see as the primary role of the Board of Directors, and where do you see a need for change?

I believe the primary role of the Board of Directors is to provide leadership, guidance, and support that strengthen the mission and values of the Virginia Chapter—fostering education, collaboration, and professional growth among tax professionals. Throughout my years serving on the Board, I’ve seen firsthand that our chapter is heading full steam ahead in the right direction, and I would love to help keep that momentum going.

The biggest area where I see opportunities for growth is in expanding our focus beyond traditional education. While continuing to provide high-quality educational events is essential, I believe we can further support members by creating a collaborative community, one that helps practitioners navigate complex tax situations and develop the tools needed to lead strong, successful firms.

5. Have you received the “Chapter Leadership Manual” (listing the duties of each Board member) and been advised on all that is required to be a Director on the Board?

Yes

No

6. Will you be available to perform all duties, attend all meetings and conference calls?

Yes

No