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The staff at NAPT would like to take this opportunity to extend our wishes to you and yours for a wonderful Holiday Season!

Holiday Hours

NAPT will be closed starting on 22 December 2006 and will reopen on the 2nd of January 2007. We will be checking voice mail and emails, and following up on emergencies. All of us wish each of you not only a happy holiday season but a joyous New Year. We hope for nothing but the best for all.

MSC

Do you have your plans made yet to attend the 2007 Measurement Science Conference? NAPT will be there, please stop by our booth say hi to the staff and see what is new. Based on the agenda, it appears to be one of the best conferences ever. For more information please visit, <http://www.msc-conf.com/msc/index.html>, we look forward to seeing you in Long Beach.

New Staff

To ensure your needs are met, one thing NAPT does is reinvest membership and participation fees back into your association, one of the ways we do this is by adding staff to the NAPT team as warranted. To ensure your needs are met, we have added two new staff members. They are, Chrissy Wiegand and Jackie Fitzcollins. Chrissy brings extensive customer service experience and is looking forward to settling into the position of scheduling & tracking as well as data entry and report generation. Providing you quality service and reports is Chrissy's main objective. Jackie will be backing up Chrissy in many areas. While customer service is also among the list of Jackie's skills, she will be kept busy generating new test data in our ILC/PT Management Application. For all of you familiar with Lindsey, not to worry she continues to work part time from college. Lindsey processes miscellaneous projects as fast as we assign them her way. Lindsey actually came to NAPT back in May just for the summer to earn tuition before returning to college but since Lindsey was such a quick study and eager to help, we know she is a good fit for all of us and we knew we had to keep her on staff. Judy is looking forward to making contact with each of you as she works to ensure each of your needs are part of our long term plans. You might want to consider giving Judy a call and sharing with her your needs for 2007.



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Feedback / Planning

The success of this association is essentially based on the feedback we get from our members and participants in our accredited ILC/PT programs. We appreciate you keeping us up to date on your needs as we plan and provide new ILC/PT's for the future. We have made available on our website, a "Request to Develop a New ILC/PT" form that will assist us in prioritizing the development of new proficiency tests as directed by the measurement and metrology community. This tool will be very useful in the success of meeting your specific needs.

During this past year NAPT acquired the artifacts of an ILC provider that is no longer in service. While a lot of the artifacts can/will be developed into NAPT sponsored ILC/PTs, many simply had to be thrown away. With these and the many artifacts that are donated to NAPT we have the opportunity to develop new ILC/PTs to assist in meeting your accreditation needs, but we need your feedback to insure we develop the tests you want and need.

New Additions to our Technical Advisor Team

Once again we want to thank our growing list of technical advisors that continue to provide assistance to NAPT. The continued support of our many TAs is invaluable and has played an important part in making us the strongest, largest, and most knowledgeable calibration ILC provider to the metrology community. In 2006, we added 10 new technical advisors. The fact is both the managing director and technical director could not do their jobs without the support of the technical advisors. A simple thank you is just not enough for all the support the TAs provide to NAPT, you are a major reason why NAPT succeeds. Thank You.

If you have an interest in joining our team of advisors, please contact us for more information.

New ILC/PT's Now Available

NAPT has completed the development of the following new ILC/PTs and they are now available for scheduling/participation:

NAPT-DMM-206	-	Clamp-on DMM
NAPT-DMM-306	-	Handheld DMM
NAPT-HGTG-306	-	12' Height Gage
NAPT-FREQUENCYsHP5342	-	High Stability Frequency
NAPT-TEMP-ASTM-60C	-	Glass Thermometer Kit
NAPT-TESTBLOCK-106	-	Rockwell Test Blocks
NAPT-VIBRATION-106/206/306	-	Accelerometers
NAPT-TACHSTOP-107	-	Tachometer – Stopwatch

The schemes listed below are being developed and we hope to have them ready for distribution in the near future. These kits will be developed as demand necessitates



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An additional CMM Inspection Kit, an SWR Kit, an Attenuation Kit (dB loss), a 7mm Verification Kit, another torque sensors Kit (our 3rd), an additional torque wrench kit (our 4th), another gage block kit – (our 6th kit), a RTD and an RTD simulator, another Optical Inspection Kit, a Capacitance Meter and a Inductance Meter Kit.

By constantly developing new proficiency testing programs we ensure that we are offering proficiency testing programs that meet the needs of the metrology community. NAPT collects requests for new ILC/PTs from its' members and participants on an ongoing basis. May we suggest that you review your scope of accreditation to determine the disciplines that your lab may still require proficiency testing for and provide us with detailed information regarding those specifics! This information can be relayed to us via our website or by fax or e-mail. Please keep in mind, the more detailed the information, the better we can meet those needs and develop the proper proficiency testing programs, enabling your organization to meet not only your accreditation requirements but ensures that real value is obtained from participation.

NCSLI Coming to Minneapolis

All of us at NAPT are very excited that the NCSLI's Workshop & Symposium is coming to the Minneapolis-St. Paul in July. It should be great opportunities for all attendees too see why there really is no better place to be in July than Minneapolis. If we can be of any assistance as you make your plans to attend this conference please do not hesitate to ask us.

NAPT Sponsored Golf Outing / Open House

NAPT, with the support of many of its members, will be sponsoring a golf outing and open house on the Saturday before the NCSLI conference starts. While we are still in the planning stage, what we can share with you is that it will be an 18 hole, just for fun event with a barbecue to be held at the NAPT offices. Luckily, the NAPT offices are right across the street from a golf course. So it will be very convenient to play golf, walk across the street, enjoy a barbecue and hopefully dance to live music.

All NAPT members are invited, at no charge, to attend the barbecue.

If you would like to be part of this outing, either as a participant or sponsor we ask that you drop us an e-mail or give us a call.

We will be posting update for this event to our website.

Revised Fee Schedule

Also in development is a plan to facilitate a major revision, actually reduction, in NAPT's fee schedule. We hope to have all the details worked out where all participants will pay less than \$250 per proficiency test. This very aggressive approach to reducing the costs where it is more affordable for all participants to participate in ILCs can only be accomplished with the assistance of the accreditation bodies, sponsors and the metrology community.

We are very confident that we will be able to work out the details with the accreditation bodies, sponsors to this association and via grants from the metrology community, which will make it possible to reduce our enrollment fees. More on this as the finer points develop and become resolved.



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If you are interested in helping us meet this goal, please contact us so we can share with you the details that need to occur in order for this to become a reality.

NAPT's New Website...

The near completion of our new website brings us hope for it's launching the first of the New Year. In making our website more interactive, we experienced coding issues which are now behind us and our programmers are confident in a January 1st completion date. We are looking forward to offering you a more user friendly website.

NAPT 10 Years Strong & Growing

As we close the books on providing our 10th year of service to metrology community, we look back and reflect on how busy and productive a year it has been for NAPT. We image the same can be said for many of you as well. We look forward to continued growth as we partner with you, our members, our participants, our advisors and the metrology community. As always, if there is anything we can do to improve the service we provide to you, please do not hesitate to tell us. Please remember, this association was formed to meet your needs.

Respectively submitted on behalf of the Staff at NAPT

Check NAPT's Website at www.proficiency.org for current ILC/PT's, ILC/PT updates, Regional postings as well as to review our Newsletters !!!

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