



National Association for Proficiency Testing

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June 2007 Newsletter

NCSLI Conference/NAPT Open House-Cut Off Date

We're just a couple weeks away from July which means the NCSLI Conference is approaching quickly. The invitation to join NAPT for an Open House/Golf Outing planned for Saturday, July 28th, is nearing the cut off date for R.S.V.P.s. If the response is suitable for the Golf Outing, it will be planned for Saturday afternoon with the Barbecue to follow at the NAPT offices. All are welcome to participate in the Golf Event and/or the Barbeque. R.S.V.P.s must be received by June 29th! We need to hear from you soon so that the proper arrangements can be made. Our intentions are for current NAPT Members to attend the Barbecue free of charge and to have a nominal fee for non-members. The fee, if any, will be determined based on the number of sponsors that support the event.

If you would like to assist us in assuring this open house comes to fruition, please contact Judy Newman for further information regarding Sponsorship towards this event.

To R.S.V.P for the Golf Outing, the Barbeque and for Sponsorship, please contact Judy by phone at (763) 525-1488, or e-mail at judy@proficiency.org.

NAPT Appreciation Program

In our last Newsletter, we announced that NAPT is in the process of developing the NAPT Appreciation Points Plan (NAPT-APP). The NAPT-APP is a program which is structured to give free ILC/PT enrollment back to participating labs based on a point system. The plan development is well underway and as promised, we plan to introduce this added Membership Benefit at the NCSLI Conference this summer. The staff at NAPT appreciates the support from the measurement community and looks forward to continual growth in the service that we offer. We hope that you will find the NAPT-APP to be of great value and invite you to stop by our booth at NCSLI to learn more about the program.

New Reports – Added Value for ILC/PT Participants

As an added benefit to our participants, NAPT has designed a new report that we believe will be a helpful tool for you. The *NAPT ILC/PT Schedule & Results* report will provide an **at-a-glance summary** of your current PT schedule as well as your past ILC/PT participation. The first section of the report lists the ILC/PTs you are currently enrolled in, what the participation date is, and what the current status is whether you are waiting for delivery of the artifact, your results have not been submitted, data is under technical review, etc. The second portion of the report outlines your past participation including the performed date, technician, and a summary of the block results.

This new report can be very helpful for future planning, it can also be helpful as you collect and provide information to your accreditation body. If you would like us to provide you with a report of your ILC/PT participation, please let us know.



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In addition to the *Schedule & Results* report, we have also made improvements to the software used for generating *Proficiency Testing Plan* reports. Based on your scope, the *PT Plan* report breaks down your future ILC/PT participation into a 4 year plan. This is another valuable report to have for planning and providing to your accreditation body. If you would like NAPT to perform a scope review for you to provide you with a new or revised *PT Plan*, just give us a call.

New ILC/PTs Near Completion

Typically NAPT doesn't begin the development process of a new ILC/PT until we have commitments from at least 6 participants, but we felt the following 5 ILC/PTs would definitely meet the needs of many. There are committed participants in each one of these PTs, though we would like to hear from a few more interested parties as we move to the final development phase. Please consider your ILC/PT needs in the following and notify us of your interest level.

NAPT-FREQUENCYsHP5342	-	High Stability Frequency Meter
NAPT-SQUARENESS/ANGLE-106	-	Angle Blocks
NAPT-MASTERCHECK-401	-	12 Inch Height Master
NAPT-VSWR-107	-	SWR
NAPT-SIM-107	-	RTD Simulator

The following ILC/PTs are recent additions to the ILC/PTs that are currently in circulation. If you have an interest in any of the following, please contact Karen (Karen@proficiency.org), she will be happy to provide you with further information or scheduling.

NAPT-DMM-206	-	Clamp-on DMM
NAPT-DMM-306	-	Handheld DMM
NAPT-DDTIND-307/317	-	Digital Torque Transducers w/Indicator
NAPT-TACH/STOPWATCH-107	-	Tachometer – Stopwatch
NAPT-TESTBLOCK-106	-	Rockwell Test Blocks
NAPT-TORQ-407	-	Torque Wrench Set
NAPT-VIBRATION-106/206/306	-	Accelerometers

A full list of NAPT's ILC/PTs can be found on our website at www.proficiency.org. Please plan ahead with your PT needs as availability of some of our ILC/PTs is out 3 to 4 months at this time.

NAPT Summer Hours

During the summer months, NAPT has extended its hours Monday through Thursday, by 1 hour, to 7:30 to 5:00 CST. And Friday's hours are 7:30 to 11:30. We hope this does not cause any inconvenience!

[Check NAPT's Website at www.proficiency.org](http://www.proficiency.org) for Current ILC/PTs, ILC/PT updates, Regional postings as well as to review our Newsletters !!!

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