



# *National Association for Proficiency Testing*

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## March 2007 Newsletter

### **NAPT Appreciation Program - Giving Back to Participants**

NAPT is very excited to share with you a new plan that is in the works which will result in a price reduction for ILC/PT participation. The best way for NAPT to give back to the community which has supported NAPT over the years, is to introduce an appreciation program, the NAPT Appreciation Points Plan (NAPT-APP). The program will be an earned points system based on PT participation and the number of ILCs each organization participates in. The objective is for NAPT to give free enrollments back to the labs based on points earned through membership participation, thus reducing the cost of enrollment. NAPT's Board of Directors plans to have the details fully defined early summer 2007, just in time for the NCSLI Conference.

### **NCSLI Conference/NAPT Open House**

NCSLI is coming to Minneapolis/St. Paul, all of us at NAPT are excited about this event coming to Minnesota. We feel it is a great chance to showcase Minnesota in the summer. With the NCSLI Conference being just 4 months away NAPT would like to extend an invitation to our participants, sponsors and honored guests to attend an Open House/Golf Outing planned for Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. If the response to the Golf Outing is suitable, it will be planned for Saturday afternoon with a Barbeque to follow at the NAPT offices. All are welcome to participate in the Golf Event and/or the Barbeque.

We are also extending an invitation to you as a Sponsor. If you would like to assist us in assuring this open house comes to fruition, please contact Judy Newman for further information regarding donations towards this event.

R.S.V.P.s are necessary! 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.

Please contact Judy by phone at (763) 525-1488, or e-mail at [judy@proficiency.org](mailto:judy@proficiency.org) to R.S.V.P for the Golf Outing, the Barbeque and for Sponsorship.

### **New ILC/PT's Now Available**

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

NAPT-AIRFLOW-101	-	Gas Flow Calibrator
NAPT-DMM-206	-	Clamp-on DMM
NAPT-DMM-306	-	Handheld DMM
NAPT-DDTIND-307/317	-	Digital Torque Transducers w/Indicator
NAPT-HGTG-306	-	12' Height Gage



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NAPT-FREQUENCYsHP5342	-	High Stability Frequency Meter
NAPT-SQUARENESS/ANGLE-106	-	Angle Blocks
NAPT-TEMP-ASTM-60C	-	Glass Thermometer Kit
NAPT-TESTBLOCK-106	-	Rockwell Test Blocks
NAPT-VIBRATION-106/206/306	-	Accelerometers
NAPT-TACH/STOPWATCH-107	-	Tachometer – Stopwatch

A full list of NAPT's ILC/PTs can be found on our website at [www.proficiency.org](http://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.

## **Troubles Locating the ILC/PT That You Need?**

NAPT has several options for you when it comes to meeting your proficiency testing requirements. Aside from enrolling in ILC/PTs NAPT already has available, we would like to bring to your attention other means by which NAPT can assist you in meeting your PT requirements.

One option is for you to provide us with a Request to Develop a New ILC/PT. We have an ongoing effort to provide new ILC/PTs to labs as the need arises. Once we receive 6 requests for a particular discipline that is currently not available, we will begin the process of acquiring the artifact and developing the scheme.

Another option is for NAPT to develop an Intra ILC/PT specifically for your lab using your equipment to develop the PT around. This can be a very cost effective way to meet PT requirements and it is accepted by most Accreditation Bodies.

The "Request to Develop a New ILC/PT" form and the "Request to Develop an Intra ILC/PT" form is available by e-mail. Please contact us if you have any questions about either of these options or would like us to provide you with either of these forms.

## **Retired ILC/PT Artifacts Available for Sale**

We have been asked many times what NAPT does with its' retired artifacts. The artifacts that are on loan are returned to the company that had them on loan to NAPT. Artifacts that NAPT has purchased as well as those that have been donated, are available for sale to the public. Also, last fall NAPT acquired the inventory of a PT provider who discontinued business. While many of these artifacts will be utilized by NAPT for PT purposes, there are some that we felt may not be suitable for interlaboratory comparisons but suitable for normal use.

If you have an interest in our retired artifacts or additional items we have in inventory, please let us know. We are considering posting them on Craig's List or E-Bay but would like to give our participants the first opportunity at acquiring them.

Respectively submitted on behalf of the Staff at NAPT.

You are receiving this update because in the past your company has indicated a desire to be kept updated on the activities of NAPT. If you do not wish to receive further updates from NAPT, please respond in the subject line "Remove from Update List".