



National Association for Proficiency Testing

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May 2008 Newsletter

Minnesota Regional Event Planned for October of 2008

The 3M Corporate Metrology Laboratory located in St. Paul, has offered to host a Regional Event October 14, 15 & 16, 2008. PTs being offered are the Analytical Balance, Bench Scale, Optical Comparator, Granite Surface Plate, Hardness Test and Calibration of a CMM. The scheduling of this event will depend on the response we receive for participation. Please notify NAPT as soon as possible of your interest to participate. Contact can be made via website, email (karen@proficiency.org) or phone (952)303-6126.

A Big "THANK YOU" to NAPT Regional Hosts & Participants

NAPT partnered with four of our members during the month of April to offer regional ILC/PT's to neighboring labs. We would like to thank *Bobier Tool Supply* of Flint, MI, *Dwight Calibration & Instrument* of Lyndhurst, NJ, *Master Gage & Tool* of Danville, VA and *Johnson Controls - Metrology Group* of Louisville, KY for their efforts in making these Regional Events happen. We would also like to thank each of the hosts on behalf of all participating labs for helping to make it possible for them to meet their proficiency testing requirements. Making your facility available to the metrology community was an invaluable contribution!

And thank you to all the participating labs that contributed to making the regional events a success. Your dedication and professionalism projected through ILC/PT participation is a credit to your company as you continue to provide a quality product to your customers. NAPT is happy to be of service to you in any way that we can as we continue to meet and provide for your proficiency testing needs.

Scope Review – Proficiency Testing Plan

If you would like assistance in determining which proficiency tests (ILC/PTs) your calibration lab should be participating in, let NAPT develop a Proposed Proficiency Test Plan for you. We can review your scope, current or proposed, and develop a PT plan to identify the ILCs you could participate in to satisfy your accreditation body's requirements. Send your request via our website www.proficiency.org or email judy@proficiency.org directly.

Here Is Your Opportunity – Let Your Voice Be Heard!

NAPT's Technical Director has set his site on developing 10 additional ILC/PTs before the close of 2008. In addition to current PTs in the final development stages, this will bring NAPT's list of ILC/PTs it has to offer to well over 80!!!



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This is your opportunity to have a say in what PT is next on the drawing board! Making us aware of your needs brings us one step closer to fulfilling them. If the PT you are looking for is not on our current list of offerings, *Let Us Know!* Give us a call to discuss the details or fill out the "Request to Develop a New ILC/PT" form found under the "Participation" tab on our website.

NAPT begins the process by locating the necessary artifact and enlisting the expertise of a highly qualified Technical Advisor to assist in its' development. If you have an interest in being involved in the development of a new ILC/PT with NAPT, please contact our Technical Director at 952-303-6126 to learn more about the process.

Additional interested parties in a Sound Meter and/or Infra Red Meter ILC/PT are required before moving forward with their development. If you or anyone you know has a need for either of these PTs, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Don't forget -

If your PT needs are of a more urgent nature, NAPT can develop an Intra ILC/PT to meet your specific needs within a very short time frame. Having NAPT administer your Intra ILCs will save you valuable time and money as you comply with your accreditation requirements. If you would like more information regarding this process or the fees involved, please contact us. A request form for developing Intras can be found on NAPT's website as well.

2008 – 3rd Quarter Featured ILC/PTs

The following ILC/PTs are offered at a reduced rate through the Appreciation Points Program during the 3rd quarter of 2008:

NAPT-ELECTRICALs732B	10 Volt DC Reference Standard
NAPT-DMM-306	Handheld DMM
NAPT-ELECTRICAL _M TDS544A	Oscilloscope
NAPT-ATNR-100	Attenuator Set
NAPT-ELECTRICAL HP5342A	High Stability Frequency Counter
NAPT-WIRE-102	Thread Wires Set
NAPT-GAGE-201	Gage Blocks
NAPT-TESTBLOCK-106	Hardness Test Blocks
NAPT-TEMP-ASTM-60C	Glass Thermometer Kit

The *NAPT Appreciation Points Program(NAPT-APP)* is an additional membership benefit which NAPT implemented for the purpose of giving back to the community that has supported NAPT over the years. Points earned through the NAPT-APP are accumulated with the purpose of earning free ILC/PT participation. If you would like to learn more about this program, we would be happy to tell you all about it! The staff at NAPT appreciates the support from the measurement community and looks forward to continued growth in the service that we offer.



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Respectfully 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".