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North Central Chapter Newsletter
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The North Central Chapter of NSAC had a successful November conference with over 80 attendees. This was a first meeting for 10 members. Speakers on sales tax, inventory valuations, and the state of the ethanol industry were well received. We finished up our meeting with Michelle Blomberg telling us how to find the “tao” in our company.

After a social hour, we moved to the Whirlyball center in Maple Grove. If you need a fast paced, team building, fun activity for your company or family, this is the place to go. Two 5-person teams chased a whiffle ball around a small basketball court with a small plastic six-inch basket with a handle – WHILE driving a bumper card with their other hand. You couldn’t touch the ball with your hand – only the plastic basket. The object of the game was to loft the whiffle ball from your hand held basket onto the basketball backboard hard enough to make it light up. There was a winning team of our tournament. We found that we have some very competitive members. Even those not on the winning team found others that wanted to play again.

**THANKS to those members that stepped up to help bring this meeting together. Your help made this day possible.**

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We are always looking for new members for our group. Our semi-annual meetings provide up to date information for you, plus provide a venue for our CPAs to earn their CPE credits for the year. Our meetings provide an opportunity to network with others in the co-op world. The National website provides good information for all of us. Look around your office or in your clients’ offices for others than can benefit from our group.

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John Dauwalter is a new member to our organization and has volunteered to be part of our Membership committee. He is a CPA with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP in Minneapolis. Thanks, John.

We are also looking for a volunteer to provide a quarterly newsletter for our members. It can be short and sweet such as this one or as elaborate as you want to make it. The National website also has templates for our use. Please contact a board member if you are interested.

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The Board is in the process of planning our Spring 2015 meeting. Our tentative plans are to cover topics including tax, audit/accounting, and legislative updates along with the state of the oil and hedging world and a human resource session on the current hiring market. The comments from our last meeting were very positive, so we plan to hold our meeting on Wednesday, May 27th at the Crown Plaza in Plymouth. Yes, this is the same location as last fall, but the comments regarding the venue and food was excellent. We have asked for a larger room as requested by some members. Our after meeting entertainment will be at the same location. PLEASE WATCH YOUR E-MAIL FOR REGISTRATION.

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NSAC provides group-live teleconference training to both members and non-members. They give you the opportunity to train your employees without the cost of travel and time away from your offices. There is always a listing under EVENTS on the National website. There are currently five seminars planned in March and April including:

Washington Update

NSAC – 3 hour Advanced Co-op Accounting Course

Getting More Done in Less Time

Cloud Computing

COSO: From Treadway to the Cube, Fighting Fraud and Corruption in the Co-op Environment

Check out the National website for details on these seminars and as new ones are added. CPE credits are available with these classes. Your employees can share the seminar – just pay an extra fee for additional CPE certificates.

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For those of you that have planned events such as our meetings, you know that we are obligated to provide (in advance) the numbers of attendees to the facility. Our number last fall was GREAT at over 80 members, but only 20 had responded by the due date. Please take a look at the registration when you get it – check your calendar and if you can join us, please submit your form and payment to Matt. We appreciate the numbers we have enjoyed for so many years and hope you will join us.

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Please feel free to contact any of our board directors with questions, suggestion, or comments.

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