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IRS Announces New Members for ETAAC

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WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service announced today the selection of four new members and a chairperson to the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee (ETAAC).

ETAAC provides an organized forum for discussion of issues in electronic tax administration and supports the goal of increasing electronic transactions between tax professionals and the IRS.

The new members are:

- Shaun Barry, of New York City, is the Principal Solutions Architect in the Financial Crimes organization at SAS Institute. He develops solutions for managing fraud. Barry has 19 years of experience in designing, developing, and implementing technologies to improve tax administration.
- Mark Castro, of Woodinville, Wash., is a certified public accountant and governmental liaison at Petz Enterprises Inc. He promotes operational and compliance issues with regard to the IRS, e-file and tax preparation.
- Steven Lewis, of Sarasota, Fla., is an enrolled agent and a director for Jackson Hewitt Tax Services Inc. He is responsible for the delivery of their Online Tax Software.
- Blair Whitworth, of Charlottesville, Va., is the president of PRO-TAX, the Tax University, and Tax Business Management. His companies provide retail tax preparation services, online tax training and management software for independent tax businesses.
- Alice Burnett, of Atlanta, Ga., has been elected by the members to serve as the Chairperson of ETAAC for 2012-2013. She is a small business owner with experience in addressing private sector and public sector stakeholder interests. Prior to starting her own practice, Burnett held a senior manager level position within a major financial institution for over 20 years, and led the implementation and operation of the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). She has served for two years and is in her final year on ETAAC.

Each June, the ETAAC submits a report to Congress reporting on the progress of the IRS' electronic tax initiatives. ETAAC was created in 1998 by the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 (RRA 98).