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IRS Announces Eight New Members for Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee

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WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today announced the selection of eight new members for the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC).

The new appointees will join 19 returning members. Committee members represent the taxpaying public, tax professionals, small and large businesses, the financial industry and payroll providers.

"Information reporting is key to sound tax administration and members of IRPAC provide important insight to the IRS," said Steven T. Miller, IRS Acting Commissioner.

The following people have been appointed to serve on the committee beginning in 2013:

Paul Banker, of Minnetonka, Minn., is Vice President of Client Management at Convey Compliance Systems. He has more than 19 years of experience within the tax information reporting sector providing solutions and services to financial clients. He has also had significant experience with 1099-K and 1099-B (Cost Basis) filers.

Frederic M. Bousquet, CPA, of Boston, is a Vice President in the Finance Division, Product Tax Department at State Street Bank and Trust Company. He has 15 years of experience with tax withholding and information reporting both globally and nationally. Bousquet is a member of the Association of Global Custodians FATCA Working Group and the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Tax Compliance Committee.

Mark Druckman, of New York, N.Y., is a Director in the Corporate Tax Department at JPMorgan Chase with over 20 years' experience in information reporting and withholding. He is a founding member of the TINs Subcommittee of the New York Clearing House Association. Druckman is a member of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association.

Graciela Gutierrez, of Dallas, is the Manager of Operations at Southwest Securities Inc. She has been in the securities business for more than 24 years focusing on retirement plans and government reporting. Gutierrez has been involved in the implementation of Form 1099 DIV changes, the reporting of the Widely Held Fixed Investment Trust (WHFIT) products and the new Cost Basis regulations. She is a member of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, holds a FINRA Series 99 License and is designated as a Certified IRA Professional (CIP) with Ascensus.

Mary Kallewaard, of Ann Arbor, Mich., is a principal at COKALA Tax Information Reporting Solutions. Her focus has been on tax information reporting for nearly 17 years. Kallewaard is a member of the American Accounts Payable Association (an organization affiliated with the American Payroll Association) and is co-author of the AAPA Guide to Accounts Payable.

Victoria Kaner, JD, CPA, of Seattle, is the tax information reporting manager for Amazon.com and its affiliates. She spends a significant amount of time working with business owners to understand their product lines and evaluate activities with respect to information reporting. In addition she leads a team which provides customer service for questions related to tax identity collection and information reporting. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Jonathan A. Sambur, JD, of Washington, D.C., is a partner at Mayer Brown LLP, where he advises non-U.S. financial institutions with regard to the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act and and other U.S. information reporting and withholding tax rules.

Julia E. Shanahan, JD, of Seattle, is Tax Director and Associate Director of Payroll at the University of Washington. She advises campus departments including the medical school, medical center and affiliated hospitals on tax and payroll matters. She is a member of the Tax Council of the National Association of College and University Business Officers, a member of the Washington State Bar Association, and a member and former Board Member of Washington Women Lawyers. She is a volunteer in the University of Washington Tax Clinic.

The 2013 IRPAC Chairman is Jeffrey Mason, Tax Counsel with Wells Fargo & Co., Corporate Tax Department, in Winston-Salem, N.C. Mason has more than 10 years of experience ensuring compliance with information reporting requirements in the banking and brokerage industries. Mason is a member of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Tax Compliance Committee.

The IRPAC was established in 1991. The committee’s purpose is to provide an organized public forum for discussion of relevant tax administration issues between IRS officials and representatives of the public.