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Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Members Selected

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WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) today announced the selection of 26 new members to serve on the nationwide Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP). The TAP is a federal advisory committee charged with providing direct taxpayer feedback to the IRS.

The new TAP members will join 56 returning members to round out the panel of 82 volunteers for 2012. The new members were selected from more than 400 interested individuals from across the country who applied during an open recruitment period last spring.

“TAP members play an important role for the nation’s taxpayers,” said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman. “The panelists provide the IRS with insights that help make the tax administration process better for all taxpayers.”

The TAP listens to taxpayers, identifies issues and makes suggestions for improving IRS service and customer satisfaction. Oversight and program support for the TAP are provided by the Taxpayer Advocate Service, an independent organization within the IRS that helps resolve taxpayer problems and make recommendations to avoid future problems.

“It is extremely important that the IRS consider the needs and preferences of America’s taxpayers,” said Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate. “The vital work of these citizen volunteers helps the IRS provide all taxpayers with the top quality service they deserve.”

TAP members work with IRS executives on priority topics, primarily those involving the Wage & Investment and Small Business/Self-Employed operating divisions. Members also serve as a conduit for bringing grassroots concerns raised by the taxpaying public to the attention of the IRS.

TAP members are U.S. citizens who volunteer to serve a three-year appointment and are expected to devote 300 to 500 hours per year to panel activities. TAP members are demographically and geographically diverse, providing balanced representation from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Taxpayers can contact the TAP representative for their geographic area by calling 888-912-1227 (a toll-free call) or via the Internet at www.improveirs.org. Taxpayers can also send written correspondence to the TAP at the following address:

Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP)
TA: TAP, Room 1314
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20224

Individuals interested in volunteering to serve on the TAP for 2013 may submit an application via the website www.improveirs.org during the next open recruiting period, which will begin in March 2012.

A list of the new TAP members by state is included below.

Last name	First Name	City	State
Armstrong	Kenneth	Kalispell	MT
Bentley	Susan	Kihei	HI
Brayton	William	Sheridan	WY
Chivers	Laurie	Dalton	MA
Christopher	William	Winchester	KY
Chulick	Eugene	Dayton	NV
Colby	Lucy	Arlington	VA
Dell	Jack	Hayden	ID
George	Philip	Cos Cob	CT
Goldberg	Allan	Hunter	NY
Gross	Robert	Montpelier	VT
Klug	Terri	West Jordan	UT
McCrummb	Barbara	Newark	DE
Mikhail	Boris	Lindenhurst	NY
Patton	Susan	Lucinda	PA
Pinilis	Russell	Montclair	NJ
Powers	Clarke	Warrenton	OR
Ralph	Thomas	Webster	MA
Rodriguez	Luis	Forest Hills	NY
Santini	Hector	Ponce	PR
Sorich	Samuel	El Dorado Hills	CA
Sykes	Edward	Rose Hill	KS
Tuchi	Ben	Tucson	AZ
Wells	Gary	Anchorage	AK
Wolfsohn	Jonathan	East Rockaway	NY
Zachery	Martha	Inver Grove Heights	MN