



# 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

## RUN-OFF ELECTION FOR THE NSTP BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Stacey Creighton**  
**EA, Tax Consultant**  
Portland, Oregon

### **My fellow NSTP members,**

I am writing to you today to express my sincerest gratitude. I am very thankful to have earned so many of your votes, and it is an honor to be standing among these other capable candidates for the Board of Directors.

My passion for tax and my commitment to advocacy have led me to run for this position with NSTP. I offer a strong work ethic and enthusiasm for the role, and I am eager to contribute more actively if afforded the opportunity to do so. It is my intention to make a positive impact at NSTP and I would be honored to become a member of the Board.

Thank you again for your support and I look forward to working with all of you.

Sincerely,

Stacey Creighton

### **Please outline the specific skills you bring or contributions you hope to make to the NSTP Board**

I believe that I possess the necessary skills, knowledge, and experience to participate on the Board. I am a dedicated tax professional with a versatile skill-set developed through education, experience, and perspective.

I am enrolled to practice before the IRS and maintain an Oregon Tax Consultant license. Additionally, I am fluent with business practices and offer advanced skills in operations and logistics. My work history has necessitated that I cultivate my communication and team building skills, and it has seasoned the depth of my customer service abilities.

### **Briefly describe your relationships and associations with other organizations**

I choose to be an NSTP member because I value the benefits associated with membership. I use the hotline. I've attended seminars. I subscribe to the newsletters.

I also choose to be a member of the National Treasury Employees Union. I believe our future relies upon our ability to work together.



**Serge Gautron**  
**EA**  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

### **Please outline the specific skills you bring or contributions you hope to make to the NSTP Board**

I have practiced both U.S. and Canadian tax for 25 years. I am an Enrolled Agent and I have taught tax courses including NSTP's class on Foreign Tax Issues in relation to reporting Canadian income on a US tax return and topics on Canadian taxation for the practicing artist at the University of Manitoba. I am well versed in Tax Treaty provisions.

I have leadership skills and I am able to build strong interpersonal relationships. Furthermore, I share in the vision for future success of NSTP.

### **Briefly describe your relationships and associations with other organizations**

I am a member of NAEA, I believe that it is important to support an organization that specifically backs my credentials. NAEA is committed to advocating on behalf of EAs on legislative and administrative issues and I want my credentials to be supported since I have worked hard to achieve this designation.

### **List Other Relevant Experience**

I currently serve on the NSTP Advisory Committee where I bring suggestions and input to the NSTP Board of Directors. I help in the planning for the next steps in the evolution of this fine organization.

I have served as Treasurer on 2 other boards.

### **Please share any other information you feel important for consideration of your application to serve as an NSTP Board member**

I have attended NSTP education events consistently since 2011; I have attended the Williamsburg RTRP training, several Napa Grand events, as well as an EA Boot Camp and a Federal Tax Update courses. Being a long time member of NSTP has given me both educational opportunities as well as developing lasting professional relationships with other great NSTP members.

## Stacey Creighton, EA, Tax Consultant Continued

### List Other Relevant Experience

- I have a BA and post-bac Accounting certificate from Portland State University.
- I was trained and employed by the IRS many years ago. I addressed inquiries from taxpayers and tax professionals alike at the call site in Portland, Oregon.
- I am currently self-employed as a Tax Consultant in Portland, Oregon. My business is registered with the Oregon State Board of Tax Practitioners.

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- I am an authorized e-file provider.
- Though I was not required, I did participate in the IRS Annual Filing Season Program.
- Return preparers who are active registrants of the Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners exceed AFSP requirements.
- I attended the 2013 and 2016 IRS Nationwide Tax Forums.
- I trained and volunteered with the AARP Tax-Aide Program years ago.

### Personal biography

Stacey is a Portland native. Aside from brief absences, she has lived in the Pacific Northwest her entire life. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Anthropology from Portland State University. Upon graduation, she went to work for a large pharmacy retailer and gained valuable experience doing so. Stacey later enjoyed working for a business broker, but found her term at the IRS to be most rewarding. Drawn to the tax profession, Stacey returned to PSU for her post-baccalaureate accounting certificate. Despite an arduous licensing and certification process, she now practices as a tax professional full time. Stacey loves learning and is committed to advocacy. She is married with one daughter, enjoys gardening and travels often with her family.

## Serge Gautron, EA Continued

I can continue to assist in the organization's growth. It is important for NSTP to examine and determine who is the ideal NSTP member, and find new ways to attract this important market into membership.

I pride myself on being able to evaluate both sides of an issue. I find it important to carefully balance the pros and cons, the right and the left, prior to making a decision or taking a stand.

NSTP's association with supportive affinity partners and vendor partners is important. It must be nurtured and strengthened. With their help, we can bring additional benefits and value to members. Supporting and strengthening the education offered by NSTP is a must. There is an existing base on a great foundation upon which we can build.

I look forward to making a long-term contribution to the NSTP organization helping strengthen existing membership relationships and increase the membership numbers. I see myself helping the board over several terms. I am the person the membership and the board can rely on to be dedicated to these goals.

We need to look ahead at what the tax practice and preparer of the future looks like. Properly positioned, NSTP can be instrumental in helping the Tax Professional of the future.

I have much to offer to NSTP in terms of my varied leadership experience.

### Personal biography

I built a US tax practice in Canada from the ground up. I sold this in order to move to the United States where I will continue to be an entrepreneur.

I am the published author of Franklin's Way, which is a short book based on Benjamin Franklin's success principles. I currently run a social media marketing agency, this expertise would be invaluable to NSTP membership in bringing in the next generation of Tax Professionals and building a greater social presence for NSTP.

I am a family man, husband of 17 years and father of three young daughters. I am a renaissance man! I have worked in several industries including machining, renovation construction, retail and restaurant. I have 2 patents pending on some of my inventions and am working on new applications this year.

I am young, energetic and I am just getting started. I have a lot to offer, and look forward to stepping into all aspects of NSTP such as education, membership, affinity partners, procedures and policy.