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## IRS AND SECURITY SUMMIT LAUNCH SUMMER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT TAX SCAMS

Submitted by Jacy Zimmerman

On July 1, the IRS and its Security Summit partners launched the summer “Protect Your Client, Protect Yourself” awareness campaign. This five-week initiative provides biweekly tips aimed at helping tax professionals prevent scammers from stealing sensitive data.

Fraudsters commonly use email, phone calls, or other tactics to obtain Employer Identification Numbers (EINs), Centralized Authorization File (CAF) numbers, computer and e-Services passwords. In some cases, they may attempt to gain remote control of entire computer systems.

The campaign highlights current threats and scams and urges tax professionals to report any data breach to their local IRS Stakeholder Liaison. Contact information for these liaisons can be found at: <https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/stakeholder-liaison-local-contacts>.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Cary G. Wikoff, President

As we move into August and our final full month of summer, my term as president nears its end. It's hard to believe that it was nearly a year ago that I was elected at the Organizations annual convention in Kansas City. It's truly been an eye-opening and rewarding experience. I've been a member of PAAK for nearly thirty years and never realized how much truly goes on behind the scenes.

I owe a big thank you to my fellow Officers, Past Presidents, Committee Members, Board of Directors and our current membership. I very much appreciate all of the encouragement and support with not only the day-to-day operations of the organization, but also the quarterly Officers' Meetings and Board Meetings.

I also want to thank Heather Poore for all her help. Still in her first year as PAAK's Administrative Secretary, she was tasked with the difficult job of keeping me on schedule and making sure I completed the duties of the President by the necessary deadlines. Thank you, Heather, for your reminders, your prodding and your encouragement.

PAAK's annual Convention will be held August 20 th through the 23rd, in Salina. I would like to extend an invitation to take some time away from the office and join us for this year's Convention. The Convention Committee has a fantastic lineup of activities planned for us and I would love to see you there. It's a great way to get to know fellow members and forge lifelong friendships.

I hope to see you all at Convention and I thank you for allowing me to serve as your President.

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Key scams highlighted in the campaign include:

- Fake texts or phone calls offering false IRS refunds to steal personal information
- Misleading social media posts promoting inaccurate tax information and fraudulent credits
- AI-generated fake IRS letters used to trick taxpayers into providing sensitive data
- The fraudulent “Zero Tax” program, which seeks Social Security numbers under the guise of tax debt relief
- Often includes misleading offers from so-called relief services
- Scammers posing as prospective clients to launch phishing attacks on tax professionals

The campaign emphasizes the importance of collaboration with the message: “No one can fight this crime alone. It takes all of us, working together.”

A colleague recently shared that she reviews these alerts not only with her clients but also with her family. Staying informed and proactive is crucial for everyone—both personally and professionally—in the fight against cyber criminals.

More information can be found at: <https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/protect-your-clients-protect-yourself>.

Sign Up Now!

## The 77 th Annual Convention and Members' Meeting August 20 – 23, 2025 in Salina, Kansas

This year's Annual Convention and Members' Meeting is just around the corner! This cornerstone event brings our members together to connect and enjoy interactive opportunities, reflect on the past year, celebrate our successes, plan for the new year, and install newly elected Officers and Board of Directors. Whether you've attended several or this will be your first, you are encouraged to join us from August 20th through August 23rd at the Homewood Suites by Hilton in Salina, Kansas for an unforgettable experience.

### **Schedule of Events:**

#### **Day 1 – Wednesday, August 20th**

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Registration; Welcome Reception

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Dinner & Entertainment by Stevauni the Magician (Homewood Suites)

#### **Day 2 – Thursday, August 21st**

6:30 AM – 7:30 AM | Board of Directors Meeting

8:30 AM – 1:30 PM | Golf (Salina Country Club)

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Brunch & Bubbles Cooking Demo (Salina Art Center)

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Bowling (The Alley)

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Dinner & Museum Tour (The Garage Automotive Museum)

#### **Day 3 – Friday, August 22nd (Homewood Suites)**

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM | Past Presidents' Breakfast

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Annual Meeting

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Make & Take Body Care Party

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | Lunch

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM | Awards Ceremony

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM | Social Hour

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM | Dinner & Ceremony for Installation of Officers' and Board of Directors

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM | Dance

#### **Day 4 – Saturday, August 23rd (Homewood Suites)**

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM | Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Farewell

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CPAs who are scheduled to renew your permits this year with the State of Kansas, please note you must have completed 80 hours (including carryover) of acceptable CE at the time you submit your renewal application and be in possession of proof of attendance or completion of the CE hours claimed before you submit the renewal.

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*Happy Anniversary*

Congratulations to the following members who have been members for 20 years or longer: George W. Coleman, Thomas E. Bax, Roger D. Kough, Richard E. Ripper, Ronald E. Schneweis and George Voss.



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