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CTEC Elects Two Modesto Tax Preparers to Board of Directors

One year of soliciting applications. Five final candidates. Two Modesto tax preparers win the vote.

Sacramento, CA (June 27, 2017) — The California Tax Education Council (CTEC) appointed two tax preparers from Modesto to serve on the board of directors.

To be considered for the position, candidates must be a CTEC Registered Tax Preparer (CRTP) in California with at least two years of tax preparation experience.

Five CRTPs with independent tax practices throughout California were interviewed to fill two vacant seats to serve on the council; however, it was two tax preparers from Modesto who won the board vote.

Born in Modesto, Marie Archibeque has been preparing tax returns for 20 years. CTEC will be the second board she serves. She is also President of the California Society of Tax Consultant's Central Valley Chapter.

"I want to help improve relationships with tax preparers and corresponding agencies," Archibeque said. "I have a real passion for it."

Also a Modesto native, Rupinder Bains has been preparing tax returns for more than twelve years. She serves as a board member of the California Society of Tax Consultants and is a member of the National Society of Accountants.

"I believe CTEC it is an organization that is leading the future of the tax industry," Bains said.

California is one of the few states that require tax preparers to be licensed or registered. Paid tax preparers who are not an attorney, certified public accountant or enrolled agent are required by California law to register with CTEC. CRTPs must complete tax education courses each year and obtain a \$5,000 tax preparer surety bond to protect clients against fraud.

The CTEC board is comprised of volunteers appointed by qualified organizations. Of the 14 board members, six seats are reserved for CRTP representatives who are elected to the council.

CTEC board members are responsible for implementing the Tax Preparer Act by establishing tax education standards, reviewing tax education courses and overseeing a registration process for CRTPs. The board also develops and executes public information programs, interacts with the California State Legislature, as well as develops policies and procedures for CTEC.

CTEC is a nonprofit organization that was established in 1997 by the California State Legislature to help protect taxpayers against fraud and incompetent tax preparers. Visit ctec.org to learn more.

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