

President's Message



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The holiday season always brings back fond memories of growing up, tradition is a big part of the holidays for my family. Traditions truly are the bridge that connect me to wonderful memories and relationships of years past.

Thank you to our member firm Hyatt Place Omaha & Trish Bauermeister, the firm representative, for hosting

our December chapter meeting. I think we may have started our own tradition, the white elephant exchange was a hit! Not to mention the amazing fleece tie blankets we made for the Visiting Nurse Association.

January's meeting is going to be just as awesome! We will be having an 'EWI 101 – how to get the most out of your membership'. This will be a 'Speed Networking' type of event and a great opportunity to interact with our peers one-on-one...so don't forget your business cards. I hope you all are able to make the January 25th meeting being held at member firm Hampton Inn Old Mill.

As you relish the goodies, decorate every nook and corner of your home

and enjoy the get-togethers...

May the joy and festivities continue to radiate in your lives, long after Christmas is gone.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Kristin Gochenour

President

EWI of Omaha 2016-2017

2016-2017 Officers and Directors

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2017 Chapter Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendars!

January 25 @ Hampton Inn,
Old Mill

February 22 @ Blue Cross
Blue Shield of Nebraska

March 22

April 26

May 24 – ASIST Scholarship Banquet

June 28

July 26

August 23 – Executive's Night

September 27 – Installation of Officers & Business
Meeting

October 25

November 15 (early due to Thanksgiving)

December 13 (early due to Christmas)

If your firm is interested in hosting an EWI Omaha chapter meeting please reach out to one of our program directors, Kayla Jones, kayla.jones@elementomaha.com or Patty Bain, patty.bain@ldhg.com



Welcome New Members!

EWI of Omaha is pleased to welcome a new member firm, **Jet Linx** and new member firm representative Elizabeth Schneider, and new firm representative for **Westwood Holding Group**, Vicki Shanahan.

We look forward to getting to know you at our upcoming meetings.

EWI Book Nook

Volunteers Needed

We're back from our November and December break and are in need of volunteers in January to visit the EWI Book Nook at the Open Door Mission. Our next scheduled visit is **Thursday, January 12 from 6:30 – 7:30pm**. We'd like to have two (or more) volunteers for our reserved time. Volunteers check the bookshelves, straighten and restock as need, then select a book or two to read to the children. Activities and/or snacks are always welcome (these are at your own expense) and appreciated by the children.

If the scheduled time in January doesn't work for you, please consider another month to volunteer. EWI has a commitment with the Open Door Mission through June 2017 to volunteer at the Book Nook on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30pm.

Please contact Glenda Land at 402-522-7955 or gland@uwmidlands.org if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Thank You!

Member Firms in the News

Burlington Capital's Mike Yanney received the Woodrow Wilson ward for Corporate Citizenship at a November 30 banquet held in Washington D.C.

The award is presented to individuals in both the public sphere and business who have shown an outstanding commitment to President Woodrow Wilson's dream of integrating politics, scholarship, and policy for the common good.

Click [here](#) to read the full article.

Has your firm been in the news or celebrated a recent milestone or other newsworthy event that should be included in the newsletter? Please let Christine Fortier know, so it can be in the next newsletter.

December Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

**Hyatt Place
540 South 12th St.
Omaha, NE 68102**

Agenda:

5:30pm - Networking/Refreshments

6:00pm - Welcome/Roll Call/Inspirational Reading

6:15pm - Dinner

6:45pm - Fleece blanket activity for Visiting Nurses Association. Please bring fabric shears if you have them.

Donations welcomed to help with the cost of the fleece.

- White Elephant Gift Exchange – instructions attached!

Parking is available in the Hyatt Place Parking Garage on Jackson St. between 12th and 13th. Enter the garage, take a ticket, and the Hyatt Place will provide a key to exit the garage free of charge.

Menu:

Petite Filet

Winter Salad

Shredded Potatoes with Blue Cheese

Roasted Asparagus

Bananas Foster Cheesecake

\$30.00 per person

Checks payable to: Executive Women International

If you do not cancel your reservation with 48 hours of the event, you will be responsible for payment.

RSVP by Friday, December 9, 2016

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Guests: _____

Email: melissat@mcbrok.com

Subject Line: EWI RSVP

Mail: Melissa Travis, McFarlin & Brokke, P.C., 1910 S. 72nd. St., Ste. 200, Omaha, NE 68124

Help Save Lives on Friday, January 20

On Friday, January 20, employees of Bland & Associates, P.C. will roll up their sleeves to help save lives, and they invite you to join them! On this day they will partner with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive. The Red Cross has over 130 years of experience providing humanitarian aid – including more than 710 years of supplying blood to those in need.

Each pint of blood collected can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. What a great way to pay it forward and make an impact on people in our community and across the country.

Bland & Associates, P.C. Semi-Annual Blood Drive

When: Friday, January 20, 2017
Time: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Where: 450 Regency Parkway Ste 120
Appointments: Contact Diana Busche at 402.397.4029 to schedule an appointment

Networking Over Blankets!

At the December Chapter Meeting

Networking over blankets! We were able to complete 6 blankets and talk at the same time! The blankets we made were delivered to the Visiting Nurses Association on Thursday, December 15. Celeste from VNA said they really have a need for families as well as the elderly. She said it is wonderful to see someone's face light up when they receive a soft cozy blanket!

Jamie Borman is donating the fleece material we were unable to use to her child's school as they are making blankets as a service project this week. So what we did not finish, some young hands will have the opportunity to do good for our community too! Thank you to all who donated fleece and dollars!



Upcoming Chamber Events

Take advantage of EWI Omaha's Chamber membership and attend these events:

Careerockit Creative Proposal Workshop and Info Session – Thursday, January 12, 11:30 – 1:00

CreativeMornings – Mystery – Friday, January 13, 8:00 – 9:30am

Chamber Orientation – Tuesday, January 17, 7:30 - 9:00am

Maximize your Chamber membership and learn first-hand the benefits your membership brings.

DIG Kickoff – Wednesday, January 25, 3:00 – 4:30pm

A new initiative in partnership with Inclusive Communities aimed at supporting and enhancing the growth of employee resource groups, diverse leadership and inclusive cultures.

Annual Meeting – Tuesday, January 31, 4:00-6:30pm

With keynote speaker Jim Collins, author of *Good to Great*.

These events and more can be found on the Chamber's website. www.OmahaChamber.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI® Board Meeting

January 9, 2017

EWI® January Monthly Meeting

January 25, 2017

**Hampton Inn, Old Mill
11201 Davenport Street**

If you know of an occasion
where we need to send a card on
behalf of our membership,
please email Melissa Travis at
melissat@mcbrok.com

*Happy
Birthday!*

December

Diana Busche	December 9
Sharon Mize	December 10
Jordan Stocking	December 10
Darlis Vauble	December 12
Patty McElderry	December 17
Melissa Swan	December 27

January

Teri Corcoran	January 2
Stacie Robertson	January 9
Gretchen Radler	January 20
Chris Buckingham	January 24
Lori Kaser	January 31

February

Bobbie Tvrdik	February 9
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SHARE THE NEWS!

Send submissions for the Chapter Newsletter to:

Contact: Christine Fortier

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November Chapter Meeting photos



		FORM 18 Agenda for the Board of Directors Meeting Omaha Chapter EWI® November 02, 2016
Call to Order:	Meeting held at West Corp. called to order at 5:12 by Kristin Gochenour.	
Roll Call:	Lori Mitera, Diana Busche, Chris Buckingham, Christine Fortier, Glenda Land, Karla Keegan, Kayla Jones, Melissa Swan, Melissa Travis, Jamie Borman, Patty Bain Excused: Guests:	
Minutes:		
The minutes from the October 2016 Board Meeting are attached. Is there a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes? Motion made by Melissa Swan. Seconded by Melissa Travis. All in favor? Yes Are there any corrections? Location of November 2nd Board of Directors meeting should be West Corporation. Is there a motion to approve the October 2016 Board Meeting minutes? Motion made by Christina Fortier. Seconded by Patty Bain. All in Favor? Yes		
Treasurer's Report:		
The Treasurer's Report has been disbursed. The balance in the General Account is \$4,848.51. The balance in the EWI Foundation account is \$10,737.39 cash on hand and \$80,404.74 in investments for a total of \$ 91,142.13.		
Presentation of Statements:		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AOI Corporation	Reimbursement for catering for October Meeting	\$ 1,002.73
Diana Busche	Reimbursement for birthday cards for chapter use	\$ 92.29
Greater Omaha Chamber	Annual Dues	\$ 350.00
Reviewed Omaha Chapter Proposed 2016/2017 Budget for Fiscal Year October 1-September 30, General Fund, Foundation Account, Year to Year Comparisons and Calculation for Proposed Membership Dues Income for 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 years. Further review and discussion at the December meeting. The Investment Committee is looking for a non-EWI person. Patti Bain will find a person to fill the position. The next Investment Committee meeting is the first week of December. The committee meets twice a year. Is there a motion to approve payment of these statements? Motion made by Christine Fortier. Seconded by Patti Bain All in Favor? Yes		
November Recommendations:		

- 15 President: Prepare a thank you letter and list of objectives for the coming year to be sent prior to Corporate dues renewal invoices as Anniversary Dates arise.
- 30 Philanthropy/Literacy/ Reading Rally Chair **Due to the Corporate Office: (Electronic copy. Email to ewi@ewiconnect.com)**
Share Your Reading Rally Event Form (include photos, publicity, and write up of event)
- 30 Treasurer **Due to the Corporate Office: (Electronic copy. Email to: Kristine@ewiconnect.com)**
 - Annual Operating Financial Report
 - Annual B/C/DP Financial Report
 - ****Bank Statements need to be included**** (For period October 1, 2015-September 30, 2016)
- Fundraising Director Fundraising Committee meets to determine fundraising plans for upcoming year
- Treasurer Provide Chapter members with proposed Chapter budget information

Committee Reports:

Sergeant-at-Arms – Melissa Travis: There were 25 member firms represented by 30 representatives, 0 individual members, 1 life members, 0 sustaining members, and 11 guests for a total of 42 present at the October Meeting. Percent of total firms represented was 61 percent of total representatives and percentage of individual members was 0.

Communications – Christine Fortier – Christine asked for clarification on who should receive e-mails and newsletters. The consensus was that all past presidents and ASI/ST Scholarship winners will receive the newsletters. It was suggested and agreed upon that a EWI Google e-mail account be set up for all chapter correspondence. Access to this account will be transferred to future Communication Directors. All correspondence to EWI Representatives should be approved by Kristen Gochenour and sent out by Christine.

Publication due date is November 18th.

Retention and Recruitment – Karla Keegan – Did not present a written report. Karla is working on contacting prospects. Kristine will reach out to members that have missed several meetings.

Program – Kayla Jones: Next meeting will be December 14th at Hyatt Place. Fleece blankets will be made at the meeting and donated to the Visiting Nurses Association. Patty will get fleece. Corporate will chip in \$175 for the fleece to make 7 blankets. Will ask everyone to bring their own scissors. There will be a white elephant gift exchange.

Kayla and Patti continue to work on the program schedule.

Fundraising – Melissa Swan: \$171 was raised from the raffle item of dinner for 2 to the Broiler Room and a bottle of wine. She is asking all firms to consider donating to future raffles and will be contacting the representatives.

Unfinished Business:

Dues Reconciliation Update

Lori Mitera - In regards to 2016 Chapter Annual Dues, 7 people didn't get invoiced. Kristen, with EWI Corporate said she sent invoices to the 7. Lori continues to reconcile the Chapter Annual Dues and will report to the board.

Website Update –Alecia is working on it. She is going to do some research on different website building products to determine what we should be using

New Business:

Incoming Board Retreat - Consider doing a board dinner in conjunction with board meeting on Dec. 6, 2016. - The dinner time will be 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Location TBD Chamber Membership Renewal — Board approved renewal of annual membership due December 1st. Jamie Borman will check to see if chapter has to vote to renew.	
Announcements:	
Publication Deadline: November 18th, 2016 Next Board Meeting: December 6, 2016 Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, November 10, 2016 SilverStone Group	
Adjournment:	
Time: 6:30 p.m.	
Approved:	Submitted:
Kristin Gochenour, President	Chris Buckingham, Secretary

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER
TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
December 6, 2016**

Period: November 1 - November 30, 2016

CASH ON HAND: November 1, 2016 **\$ 4,848.51**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	0.43
Dues Income	125.00
October Raffle income	171.00
October Meeting Fees	1,260.00
November Raffle Income	132.50
November Meeting Fees	1,080.00
Tshirt payments from members	43.00
Total Income	\$ 2,811.93

EXPENSES

AOI Corp - reimbursement for catering for October meeting	1,002.73
Diana Busche - reimbursement for birthday cards for chapter use	92.29
Greater Omaha Chamber - membership renewal	350.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,445.02

Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended November 30, 2016 **1,366.91**

CASH ON HAND: November 30, 2016 **\$ 6,215.42**

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER
TREASURER'S REPORT - EWI FOUNDATION ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
December 6, 2016**

Period: November 1 - November 30, 2016

CASH ON HAND: November 1, 2016 **\$ 10,737.39**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

Interest Earned	0.88
Total Income & Receipts	\$ 0.88

EXPENSES

None	-
Total Expenses	\$ -

Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended November 30, 2016 **0.88**

CASH ON HAND: November 30, 2016 **\$ 10,738.27**

INVESTMENTS ON HAND: November 30, 2016

Vanguard US Growth Fund	\$ 18,024.39
Vanguard Intermediate Bond Fund	21,901.35
Vanguard Balanced Index Fund	33,588.59
Vanguard Morgan Growth Fund	6,871.61

Total Investments **\$ 80,385.94**

Total Cash **10,738.27**

TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS ON HAND: November 30, 2016 **\$ 91,124.21**

EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL OMAHA CHAPTER

ATTENDANCE REPORT

November 10, 2016

Program: Caring for Aging Parents

<u>Member Firms:</u>	<u>24</u>
Representatives:	29
Individual Member	0
Life Members:	0
Sustaining Members:	1
<u>Guests:</u>	<u>11</u>
Total Attendance:	41

*Percent of Total Firms: 59%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 64%

*Percent of Individual Members 0%

*Based from Membership Report

Firms	41
Representatives	45
Individual Members	0
Life Members	12
Transitional Members	0
Sustaining Members	2

Submitted by:

**Melissa Travis
EWI Sergeant-at-Arms**

EWI – Omaha Chapter Member Firms and Representatives

Access Bank – Cheryl McCall

Aflac – Melissa Swan

Alorica – Gwen Christensen

AOI Corporation – Janet Schawang

Baird Holm LLP – Jenny Kelley

Bland & Associates, P.C. – Hilary Allen, Diana Busche

Blooms – Sheila Fitzgerald

Bloom Companion Care – Gretchen Radler

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska – Rhonda Silvey

Borsheims – Chris Buckingham

Burlington Capital Group, LLC – Ruth Utman

CHI Health Immanuel – Linda Franco

College of Saint Mary – Gail Thompson

Creighton University – Michele Graham

Doubletree Hotel Downtown – Missy Fischer

Element Omaha Midtown Crossing – Kayla Jones

Girls Incorporated of Omaha – Laura Bonnett-Murphy

Goodwill Industries, Inc. – TBD

Greater Omaha Chamber – Kristin Gochenour,
Jordan Stocking, Christine Fortier

Green Plains, Inc. – Sharon Mize

Hyatt Place Omaha, Downtown Old Market – Trish
Bauermeister

Jet Linx – Elizabeth Schneider

Lied Lodge & Conference Center/Arbor Day
Foundation – Rachel Schizas

Lodging Dynamics Hospitality Group - Patty Bain

Lund Company – Jane Heath, Jonna Radtke

Manpower – Karla Keegan

McCarthy Capital Corp. – Alecia Hartwig

McFarlin & Brokke, P.C. – Melissa Travis

Methodist Health System – Kathie Reilly

Omaha Marriott Hotel, Regency – Lori Kaser

OPPD – TBD

Partnership 4 Kids – Cheryl Murray

Renaissance Financial – Jamie Borman

Signature Performance – Stacie Robertson

Silverstone Group, Inc. – Michelle Miller,
Marcia Hofmann

Tero International – Becky Rupiper-Greene

Travel and Transport – Karin Holmes

United Way of the Midlands – Glenda Land

West Corporation – Lori Mitera

Western Douglas County Chamber of Commerce – Jennifer
Chleboun Soukup

Westwood Holdings Group Inc. – Sue Burkhard, Teri Corcoran

WoodmenLife – Darlis Vauble

Life Members- Sally Komrofske, Loy Flanagan, Patricia Leonard,
Lenore Honke, Marlene Johnson, Ellie Morrow, Cathy
Bodammer, Patty McElderry, Jane Allamong, Linda
Hammond, Carol Armstrong

Sustaining Member – Bobbie Tvrdik, Carolyn McClean

Our Mission

Executive Women International (EWI) brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement.



Our Vision

To be a global women's organization of 5,000 engaged members empowering others for positive change.

Our Values

Integrity | Excellence | Respect | Collaboration