

President's Message



Hello! I am honored to be serving as your 2016-2017 President! However, this will not be done alone; I have surrounded myself with some amazing women who are making up our Board and together we will lead our Chapter throughout the following year.

I'd like to send a special thank you to the 2015-2016 Board for all their hard work and commitment to EWI of

Omaha. You have set the stage for 2016-2017! Change is always a transition, but change can be as colorful as the fall colors we are **enjoying right now (which are amazing...if you haven't noticed)**. As I said at our installation ceremony, I ask that each and every one of you step out of your comfort zone and be a part of change within our Chapter. By the end of my year, I hope that each one of us will have brought at least one guest to a Chapter meeting. We have a **great organization and there isn't** any better way to grow our membership than by sharing it with others. Also, I ask that everyone becomes a part of EWI of Omaha by stepping up and signing up for a committee. With the team-work of each of us we can have a growing organization and continue to do amazing things in our community!

Congratulations again to the newly installed Board of Directors! I am looking forward to a fabulous year for EWI of Omaha!

Kristin Gochenour

President
EWI of Omaha 2016-2017

2016-2017 Officers and Directors

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October Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

AOI Corporation
8801 S. 137th Circle
Omaha, NE 68138

Firm Night “The Future is Here”

Agenda:

- 5:30pm - Networking/Refreshments (compliments of AOI Corporation)
- 6:00pm - Welcome/Roll Call/Inspirational Reading
- 6:15pm - Dinner (catered by Patrick’s Market)
- 6:45pm - “The Future is Here” presented by Chris Hill, President, AOI Corporation
Followed by tours provided by the AOI Team

Directions from I-80: Go west on I-80 to Exit 440 (Sapp Bros. exit), north to Giles Road, turn right on Giles Road to 137th Circle, turn right again to 8801 S. 137th Circle. Look for the AOI sign on top of the building. Parking is available in the parking lots around the front door.

Menu:

*Apple Cider Mustard Glazed Pork Loin
Roasted Autumn Squash Medley
Creamy Wild Rice
Baked Fruit Crisp
Assorted Beverages*

\$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 8:00AM Friday, October 21, 2016

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Guests: _____

Email: dbusche@blandcpa.com

Subject Line: EWI RSVP

Mail: Diana Busche, Bland & Associates, 450 Regency Parkway, Suite 120, Omaha, NE 68114

REMINDER!!

November meeting date is the 10th

Caring for Aging Parents

by Betty Foster, PhD

Retired Gerontologist, Department of
Internal Medicine, UNMC

Don't forget, our November chapter meeting date has been changed to November 10 to accommodate the EWI Corporate Board being in Omaha for their November Board meeting.

Our November chapter meeting is usually held earlier in the month due to the Thanksgiving holiday, however, our chapter meeting date did not align with their meeting date. Our Corporate Board has been able to attend chapter meetings in other cities and have truly enjoyed the opportunity to meet chapter members.

It will be great for us to meet the individuals who give so much of their time, effort and leadership at the corporate level. So, mark your calendars for November 10 (instead of November 16). SilverStone Group will be hosting us that evening.

Watch for the official meeting details soon!

Dues Reconciliation Update

A note from our Chapter Treasurer

As you may know, due to a software change at the corporate level in regard to dues billings/payments, we have had some challenges with billing invoices not being generated at the correct time or not being received.

We are working with corporate to reconcile and compare the payments received to our membership list, as we have several that appear to not have been paid yet for 2016 renewal. If you did not receive a renewal notice for 2016 yet (renewals for 2016 started in December 2015) and/or know that a payment has not been made to corporate for 2016 dues, please contact Lori Mitera, Treasurer, at lmitera@west.com. Lori will also be reaching out to those that appear to have not received an invoice at the appropriate time.

Renewals for 2017 dues will begin in December 2016, thus we would like to work through the 2016 discrepancies as soon as possible. Thank you.



EWI Omaha Members Volunteer at Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

Several Chapter members volunteered a few hours of their time on a rainy afternoon to help the packet pickup process go smoothly for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

Several Chapter members also participated in the race, a long-standing tradition for EWI Omaha.

LCAM 2016 – My First Experience

by: *Diana Busche*

EWI Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting 2016, in Spokane Washington, was my first national EWI meeting. Going into this conference, I really had no expectations, other than to learn, meet new women of EWI, and get to know the others from our chapter.

Kristin and I arrived on Tuesday so we could attend the Leadership Caucus on Wednesday. This caucus is intended for the President-Elect and incoming President-Elect to attend. During this course we covered the different roles of the Board and their specific duties. We were also split into our regions and completed a team building project as a region. Mark Sanborn surprised us at the end of the day, by speaking to the group and signing his book that was given to each of us. My head was swimming with information and ideas at the end of this day and I **couldn't wait to** put my ideas to paper.

I know I have many ideas heading into this new year to support and learn from Kristin. We are looking into bonus nights of EWI for learning, engaging, and inspiring our chapter and to grow together.

All the speakers were top notch, from Mark Sanborn and Sheila Robinson-Kiss and Lori G for Academy of Leadership (AOL). It was exciting for me to see Cheryl graduate from AOL. All the breakout sessions were great as well. All of us from our chapter, divided and conquered those, so that we could take in as much information as possible.

My first Annual Meeting was good.... Not much to report on besides being able to see Dar installed for her 2nd term as a Corporate Board of Director.

The LCAM experience was a mind blowing one for me with learning about EWI as a whole, meeting new people, and bonding with the other members of our chapter. **As they all say “Once you drink the Kool-Aid, you will be hooked”.**

I look forward to this upcoming year and serving as Kristin's President-Elect to support her, in her initiatives for this upcoming year.

Thank you to the entire chapter for sending me to LCAM 2016!



September Chapter Meeting & 2016-2017 Board installation

At the September Chapter meeting we thanked the 2015-2016 Board for their service and installed the 2016-2017 Board.

Much appreciation to our 2015-2016 board members:

- Jamie Borman, President
- Kristin Gochenour, Vice President/President-Elect
- Gwen Christensen, Secretary
- Lori Mitera, Acting Treasurer
- Diana Busche, Sergeant-At-Arms
- Lori Miter & Sheila Fitzgerald, Program
- Christine Fortier, Communications
- Chris Buckingham, Membership
- Patty Bain & Sharon Mize, Fundraising

EWI Omaha leadership for the coming year includes:

- Kristin Gochenour, President
- Diana Busche, Vice President, President-Elect
- Chris Buckingham, Secretary
- Lori Mitera, Treasurer
- Melissa Travis, Sergeant-At-Arms
- Kayla Jones and Patty Bain, Program
- Christine Fortier, Communications
- Karla Keegan, Membership
- Melissa Swan, Fundraising
- Glenda Land, Director At-Large





Welcome New Members!

We welcomed four new member firms at the September chapter meeting. A great big, warm **HELLO** to:

Bloom Companion Care, Gretchen Radler

Hyatt Place Omaha, Trish Bauermeister

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

Marriott Regency, Lori Kaser

We're all looking forward to getting to know you all, and the great things you'll bring to EWI Omaha.

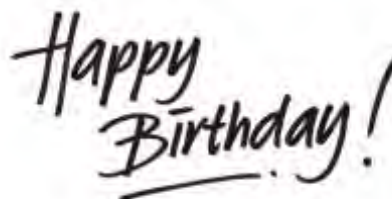
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI® November Monthly Meeting

November 10, 2016

SilverStone Group
11516 Miracle Hills Drive

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



October

Gwen Christensen	October 2
Christine Fortier	October 4
Sue Burkhard	October 10
Jane Allamong	October 23

November

Alecia Hartwig	November 4
Patty Bain	November 7
Glenda Land	November 7
Carol Armstrong	November 13
Sheila Fitzgerald	November 19
Kayla Jones	November 19
Cheryl McCall	November 27
Jonna Radtke	November 30

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

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Send submissions for the Chapter Newsletter to:

Contact: Christine Fortier

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	<p>FORM 18 Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting Omaha Chapter EWI® September 12, 2016</p>
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Call to Order:	Bland & Associates P.C. Called to order at 5:19 p.m. by Jamie Borman.
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Roll Call:	Cheryl McCall, Chris Buckingham, Diana Busche, Kristin Gochenour, Sharon Mize Excused: Gwen Christensen, Patty Bain, Lori Mitera, Sheila Fitzgerald Guests:
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Minutes:

The minutes from the August 2016 Board Meeting are attached. Is there a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes? Motion made by Kristin Gochenour. Seconded by Chris Buckingham. All in favor? **Yes**

Are there any corrections? **No**

Is there a motion to approve the August 2016 Board Meeting minutes? Motion made by Diana Busche. Seconded by Christine Fortier. All in Favor? **Yes**

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report has been disbursed. The balance in the General Account is **\$12,191.67**. The balance in the EWI Foundation account is **\$23,539.57** cash on hand and **\$63,043.71** in investments for a total of **\$86,583.28**.

Presentation of Statements:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Champions Run	Catering for August meeting	\$2,753.75
Chris Buckingham	Reimbursement for membership pins for new members	\$36.85
J.P. Cooke	Name badges	\$85.65
Lori Mitera	Reimbursement for supplies for Past President's Night	\$23.49
EWI Foundation Account	Proceeds from Executives' Night, move from general fund to foundation account	\$5,395.01

Is there a motion to approve payment of these statements? Motion made by Diana Busche. Seconded by Christine Fortier. All in favor? **Yes**

In Lori's absence Jamie reported the following footnotes to the Treasurer's Report.

\$5,395.01 of the funds in the general account represent proceeds from Executive's Night (firm sponsorships minus the meal costs associated with their sponsorship and the remaining donation from Travel & Transport above what was used to purchase basket items) and needs to be transferred to the Foundation Account.

\$21,685.80 of the funds in the foundation account represent proceeds from closing the Clipper Fund account. With checks written out of the account for scholarship recipients, the Gail McWilliams' event and the deposit from the general fund, the balance in the foundation account will be \$7,048.78. We typically have a balance on hand in this account of approximately \$10,000 for funding of scholarships each year. A motion was made by Chris Buckingham

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and seconded by Sharon Mize that funds be retained in the account to reach a balance of \$10,000, with the remaining funds to be transferred to the Vanguard account for investments. The motion was unanimously approved.

September Recommendations:

- Program Director :Survey members for feedback on programs, interest in holding firm night (*it was noted there were no plans to conduct a survey this year as our membership provides adequate input on the programs offered.*)
- Vice President/President Elect : Assist outgoing President with plans for installation meeting
- Vice President/President Elect : Communicate Board retreat goals and strategy to Board at October meeting
- Philanthropy/Literacy/ Reading Rally Chair: Finalize plans for Reading Rally (*our Book Nook commitment fulfills this recommendation. Jamie will complete and return the form to Corporate.*)
- Vice President/President Elect :Obtain proper bank resolution forms for execution immediately after installation (*Cheryl will obtain the appropriate forms for execution.*)
- Secretary: Official notice of annual Chapter business meeting prepared and sent to membership (*Gwen will send the April reports to all board members to complete.*)
- Program Director: Open meeting/Business Meeting/Annual Meeting and Installation (if held in September)
- Vice President/President Elect : Preparation for Board Retreat to include review of strategic plan, membership goal and transfer of Chapter files to new Board members

Committee Reports:

Sergeant-at-Arms – Diana Busche: There were 25 member firms represented by 31 representatives, 0 individual members, 3 life members, 1 sustaining members, and 37 guests for a total of 97 present at the August Meeting. Percent of total firms represented was 63%, percent of total representatives was 67% and percentage of individual members was 0%.

Communications – Christine Fortier – Publication deadline for newsletter items is Friday, September 16th. Christine will also send an email to the membership for additional items for the newsletter.

We are in need of assistance in getting the website updated and current. A request will be sent to the membership for assistance. A thank-you note will be sent to Patti Hayden to show our appreciation for the years she maintained the website for the Chapter.

Retention and Recruitment – Chris Buckingham – Chris reviewed her monthly report on new and replacement firms, active prospects and mentors assigned to new members. We have received verbal approval that the request to extend our boundaries to include Otoe County was approved. We have been advised to wait until we receive official notification before notifying prospective member firm Lied Lodge in Nebraska City.

Program – Lori Mitera/Sheila Fitzgerald – Jamie reviewed the current program calendar in Lori's and Sheila's absence. Lori will coordinate with Kayla on Save-the-Date cards and arrangements for Firm Night in October. She also reminded everyone of the date change for the November meeting so that the Corporate board can attend our meeting.

Fundraising – Patty Bain/Sharon Mize – Sharon reported in Patti's absence. \$125 was raised from the August raffle.

Unfinished Business:

P4K Bike Presentation Dates – Jamie will email the schedule of available dates to the board for volunteers. We need to attend a presentation and take pictures to send to Corporate for the matching donation we received.

Dues Reconciliation Update – We are still unable to get a report from Corporate so that we can reconcile the membership dues received from Corporate and what we should have received according to our membership renewal schedule. An email was sent to the membership requesting information on when dues were paid for renewals.

Website Update – As noted above, volunteers are needed to help update the website and bring it current. In the interim all are asked to steer any prospective members to our Facebook page.

T-shirt Update – Shirts should be delivered by Friday. Kristin will notify all who have ordered as soon and they come in and will make arrangements for delivery/pick-up.

LCAM 2016 – Spokane September 21-24 – Chapter Sponsorship \$250? A motion was made by Kristin Gochenour and seconded by Chris Buckingham to send \$250 for a Chapter sponsorship to LCAM in Spokane. The motion was unanimously approved. Jamie will contact Corporate to let them know of the sponsorship and a check will be sent.

Boundary Extension Update – We have received verbal notification that Corporate has approved extending the Omaha Chapter’s boundaries to include Otoe County. We have been asked to wait until we receive written notification before contacting prospective member firm Lied Lodge in Nebraska City.

New Business:

Sue Burkhard – Life Member Request. The board was asked to consider a lifetime membership for Sue as the firm will not support three reps and they have a new employee in their firm whom Sue would like to have join EWI as a member rep. Sue is working part time and will be further decreasing her hours but does not wish to lose her membership in EWI. A motion was made by Diana Busche and seconded by Sharon Mize to bring to the membership for a vote the possibility of awarding Sue a life membership. The motion was unanimously approved.

Announcements:

Publication Deadline: September 16, 2016

Next Board Meeting: TBD

Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 Installation of new Board

Adjournment:

Time:

Approved:

Jamie Borman

Submitted:

Cheryl McCall for Gwen Christensen

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER
TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
October 17, 2016**

Period: September 1 - September 30, 2016

CASH ON HAND: September 1, 2016	\$ 12,191.67
 INCOME & RECEIPTS	
Bank Interest	1.02
Dues Income - Trish B & Stacie R	235.00
Silent Auction basket items from Travel & Transport	125.00
August Raffle income	125.00
August Meeting Fees	2,065.00
September Raffle Income	59.00
Executives' Night - individual tickets	250.00
Executives' Night - Firm Sponsorships	500.00
Total Income	\$ 3,360.02
 EXPENSES	
Champions Run - August catering	2,753.75
Chris Buckingham - reimbursement for membership pins	36.85
J.P. Cooke - name badges	85.65
Lori Mitera - reimbursement for Past President's Night supplies	23.49
EWI Foundation Account - proceeds from Executive's Night	5,395.01
EWI Corporate - LCAM chapter sponsorship	250.00
Total Expenses	\$ 8,544.75
 Net Decrease in Funds for Period Ended September 30, 2016	 (5,184.73)
 CASH ON HAND: September 30, 2016	 \$ 7,006.94

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Program - Business Meeting & Installation of Officers

Member Firms	24
Representative	28
Individual Member	0
Life Members:	0
Sustaining:	1
Guests:	0
Total Attendance:	29

*Percent of Total Firms: 60%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 61%

* Percent of Individual Members 0%

*Based from Membership Report

Firms	40
Representatives	46
Individual Members	0
Life Members	12
Transitional Members	0
Sustaining Members	2

EWI Attendance: 2016

Missed 2 or more meetings in 3 months: July, August, and September

3 Months:	
Name	Last Meeting Attended
Gall Thompson	Aug-15
Becky Rupiper-Green	March-16
2 Months:	
Name	Last Meeting Attended
Sheila Fitzgerald	July-16
Alecia Hartwig	July-16
2016 Total Attendance	
July (Executives Night)	81
August (Past President's Night)	72
September	29
2015 Total Attendance	
July	29
August	27
September	29

EWI – Omaha Chapter Member Firms and Representatives

<p><i>Access Bank – Cheryl McCall</i></p> <p><i>Aflac – Melissa Swan</i></p> <p><i>Alorica – Gwen Christensen</i></p> <p><i>AOI Corporation – Janet Schawang</i></p> <p><i>Baird Holm LLP – Jenny Kelley</i></p> <p><i>Bland & Associates, P.C. – Hilary Allen, Diana Busche</i></p> <p><i>Blooms – Sheila Fitzgerald</i></p> <p><i>Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska – Rhonda Silvey</i></p> <p><i>Borsheims – Chris Buckingham</i></p> <p><i>Burlington Capital Group, LLC – Ruth Utman</i></p> <p><i>CHI Health Immanuel – Linda Franco</i></p> <p><i>College of Saint Mary – Gail Thompson</i></p> <p><i>Creighton University – Michele Graham</i></p> <p><i>Doubletree Hotel Downtown – TBD</i></p> <p><i>Element Omaha Midtown Crossing – Kayla Jones</i></p> <p><i>Girls Incorporated of Omaha – Laura Bonnett-Murphy</i></p> <p><i>Goodwill Industries, Inc. – Tashana Barrios Magurno</i></p> <p><i>Greater Omaha Chamber – Kristin Gochenour, Jordan Stocking, Christine Fortier</i></p> <p><i>Green Plains, Inc. – Sharon Mize</i></p> <p><i>Hyatt Place Omaha, Downtown Old Market – Trish Bauermeister</i></p> <p><i>Lied Lodge & Conference Center/Arbor Day Foundation – Rachel Schizas</i></p> <p><i>Lodging Dynamics Hospitality Group - Patty Bain</i></p>	<p><i>Lund Company – Jane Heath, Jonna Radtke</i></p> <p><i>Manpower – Karla Keegan</i></p> <p><i>McCarthy Capital Corp. – Alecia Hartwig</i></p> <p><i>McFarlin & Brokke, P.C. – Melissa Travis</i></p> <p><i>Methodist Health System – Kathie Reilly</i></p> <p><i>Omaha Marriott Hotel, Regency – Lori Kaser</i></p> <p><i>OPPD – TBD</i></p> <p><i>Partnership 4 Kids – TBD</i></p> <p><i>Renaissance Financial – Jamie Borman</i></p> <p><i>Signature Performance – Staci Robertson</i></p> <p><i>Silverstone Group, Inc. – Michelle Miller, Marcia Hofmann</i></p> <p><i>Tero International – Becky Rupiper-Greene</i></p> <p><i>Travel and Transport – Karin Holmes</i></p> <p><i>United Way of the Midlands – Glenda Land</i></p> <p><i>West Corporation – Lori Mitera</i></p> <p><i>Western Douglas County Chamber of Commerce – Jennifer Chleboun Soukup</i></p> <p><i>Westwood Holdings Group Inc. – Sue Burkhard, Teri Corcoran</i></p> <p><i>WoodmenLife – Darlis Vauble</i></p> <p><i>Life Members- Sally Komrofske, Loy Flanagan, Sally Rose Burns, Patricia Leonard, Lenore Honke, Marlene Johnson, Eille Morrow, Cathy Bodammer, Patty McElderry, Jane Allamong, Linda Hammond, Carol Armstrong</i></p> <p><i>Sustaining Member – Bobbie Tvrdik, Carolyn McClean</i></p>
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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