



President's Message

Dr. Seuss once said “Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.” As I write my final letter as President of EWI Omaha, I **can’t help but smile.** This year for EWI Omaha has been full of challenges, opportunities to engage and ignite others and full of accolades. I am humbled and honored to have served as your CEO for the **past year. Of course I couldn’t have made it** through without all of the ladies of EWI Omaha but especially my Board of Directors,

Patty Bain – Co-chair Fundraising, Chris Buckingham – Director of Recruiting and Retention, Diana Busche – Sergeant at Arms, Gwen Christensen - Secretary, Sheila Fitzgerald – Co-Chair Programs, Christine Fortier – Director of Communications, Kristin Gochenour – Vice President/President Elect, Cheryl McCall – Board Advisor, Lori Mitera – Interim Treasurer and Sharon Mize – Co-Chair Fundraising. Thank you so much for your support, your ear, your shoulder and your unending dedication to making this Chapter the best it can be! And of course thank you to Darlis Vauble for her service on the Corporate Board as a Director. Her **term extends into this next year so let’s continue to offer our support** as she continues on this journey with our new Corporate President Jill Gaffney of EWI Spokane.

Speaking of Spokane, we are so excited to have 6 members from the EWI Omaha chapter attending the 2016 LCAM this week. We are anxious to hear the plan for the present and the future of EWI and to drink up all of the knowledge and inspiration that is offered to us during the conference. This trip will give us the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and the chance to make new ones from all over the country. We will be re-ignited with energy, enthusiasm and fresh ideas to bring back to EWI Omaha. I know Kristin Gochenour, your incoming President, will have all sorts of creative and **innovative plans that will stem from her experience at this year’s LCAM.**

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2015-2016 Officers and Directors

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Patty Bain, Lodging Dynamics
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September Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Greater Omaha Chamber
1301 Harney St
Omaha, NE 68102

Installation of Officers & Business Meeting

Agenda:

- 5:30pm - Networking/Refreshments/Cash Bar
- 6:00pm - Welcome/Roll Call/Inspirational Reading
- 6:15pm - Dinner
- 6:45pm – Installation of Officers for 2016-2017 and Chapter Business Meeting

Parking is available in the Omaha Park Two garage located on the corner of 14th & Harney. Enter from 14th Street using access code 13010# for garage entry and exit.

Menu:

Champagne Chicken
(pan fried chicken breast smothered in delicate champagne and
Mushroom cream sauce, topped w/toasted almonds)
Seasonal Sautéed Vegetables
Roasted Baby Red Potatoes
Dinner Rolls & Butter
Assorted Homemade Cookies

\$30.00 per person

Checks payable to: Executive Women International
If your reservation is not cancelled within 48 hours of the event, you will be responsible for payment.

RSVP by Friday, August 23, 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

President's Message (continued from Page 1)

Please join us for the September Business Meeting followed by the Installation of the new Board at the Greater Omaha Chamber on Wednesday, September 28!

Finally, thank you for your continued commitment to EWI. Our Chapter is strong, growing and continuing to turn heads all over the EWI world.

“It’s not goodbye, it’s see you later.”

Jamie Borman

President, EWI Omaha

Introducing Griffin Hartwig!

Born on September 1, 2016, weighing 7lbs. 9oz., 20.5 inches long. Griffin is a healthy baby boy with two proud older sisters, Mara age 8 and Amelia age 5 and happy parents Jason and Alecia Hartwig. Alecia is a member of EWI representing McCarthy Capital.



Reviving the EWI Omaha Website

Calling all Geeks!

Do you have experience with website design and maintenance – or an interest in learning? EWI Omaha is in need of assistance getting our website updated and back online.

Sound like something you'd like to find out more about? If so, please contact Diana Busche at DBusche@blandcpa.com.

DATES TO NOTE

September 28, 2016
Installation of Officers & Business Meeting at Greater Omaha Chamber.

October 26, 2016
Firm Night at AOI Corporation.

November 10, 2016
Caring for Aging Parents at SilverStone Group (*note date change*).

December 14, 2016
Holiday Social/Philanthropic Activity – location TBD.

Burlington Capital Group Chairman Emeritus Mike Yanney Featured Speaker at Business Ethics Alliance Event



Michael B. Yanney, Chairman Emeritus of Burlington Capital was interviewed by his daughter Lisa Roakens, Chairman & CEO of Burlington Capital at the Business Ethics Alliance Fall Executive Breakfast at the Holland Center on Tuesday, September 6.

Yanney spoke to an audience of approximately 170 people about among other topics the ethical conflicts he has encountered throughout his career, including working with individuals in Russia.

The Omaha World-Herald published an article on the interview, the full article can be read [here](#).

EWI Book Nook

Volunteer opportunity

We are in need of volunteers the EWI Book Nook at the Open Door Mission on October 13 from 6:30 – 7:30. Volunteers check the bookshelves and straighten and restock as needed, 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 you're able to help out, please contact Cheryl McCall at cmccall@accessbank.com or 402-763-6006.**

A Note of Condolence

EWI Omaha expresses our deepest condolences to the family of Sally Rose Burns. Sally was retired from Guaranteed Mutual Insurance (now Lincoln Financial Group) and a former life member of EWI Omaha.

Congratulations Sue & Jim

Sue Burkhard was married to her long-time sweetheart Jim Stejskal on September 4, 2016. Sue shares that this is the second time around for the two of them. Sue is a member of EWI representing Westwood Holdings.



CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

EWI® Board Meeting:
October 11, 2016

**EWI® October Monthly
Meeting/ Firm Night**

October 26, 2016
AOI Corp.
8801 S 137th Circle



September

Jennifer Chleboun-Soukup September 4
Lori Mitera September 20

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

If you know of an occasion where we need to send a card on behalf of our membership, please email Diana Busche at dbusche@blandcpa.com

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SHARE THE NEWS!

Send submissions for the Chapter Newsletter to:

Contact: Christine Fortier
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*Executive Women International
Firm Night*

“The Future is Here”

at

AOI Corporation

8801 S. 137th Circle, Omaha, NE 68138

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

5:30PM – 7:30PM

Come and see all of AOI’s solutions for the built environment
and meet the change makers at their newly remodeled offices.


(FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW)



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August Meeting Highlights



	<p>FORM 18 Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting Omaha Chapter EWI® August 9, 2016</p>	
<p>Call to Order:</p>	<p>Access Bank Called to order at 5:10pm by Jamie Borman.</p>	
<p>Roll Call:</p>	<p>Gwen Christensen, Cheryl McCall, Patty Bain, Chris Buckingham, Lori Mitera, Diana Busche, Kristin Gochenour, Sharon Mize. Excused: Christine Fortier, Sheila Fitzgerald Guests:</p>	
Minutes:		
<p>The minutes from the July 2016 Board Meeting are attached. Is there a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes? Motion made by Kristin Gochenour. Seconded by Diane Busche. All in favor? Yes</p> <p>Are there any corrections? No</p> <p>Is there a motion to approve the July 2016 Board Meeting minutes? Motion made by Sharon Mize. Seconded by Kristin Gochenour. All in Favor? Yes</p>		
Treasurer's Report:		
<p>The Treasurer's Report has been disbursed. The balance in the General Account is \$8,346.99. The balance in the EWI Foundation account is \$897.12 cash on hand and \$84,755.38 in investments for a total of \$85,652.50.</p>		
Presentation of Statements:		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EWI Corporate Office	LCAM delegate fee	\$100.00
Hap Abraham Catering	Exec Night catering - July meeting	\$3,066.62
Sharon Mize	reimbursement for items purchased with	\$79.99
	Travel & Transport donation for silent auction basket items	
Patty Bain	reimbursement for frames used for Silent	\$36.14
	Auction - frames kept for future use	
Chad Rutar	reimbursement for Jamie Borman's LCAM registration	\$625.00
Jamie Borman	reimbursement for LCAM airfare	\$350.46
Greater Omaha Chamber	reimbursement for President's Pin for Jamie Borman	\$192.60
Kristin Gochenour	reimbursement for luggage fee for WWF	\$35.00
Diana Busche	reimbursement for WWF expenses (hotel,	\$313.26
	Uber, parking and luggage fee)	
EWI Corporate	Chapter Insurance (D&O, Liability and State fees)	\$360.00
Host Omaha	Website fees	\$47.40
<p>Is there a motion to approve payment of these statements? Motion made by Diana Busche. Seconded by Kristin Gochenour. All in favor? Yes</p>		

August Recommendations:

15 President **Due to the Corporate Office:**
 Delegate Notification, **Form AND Fees** this has been completed

31 Vice President/President Elect

Due to the Corporate Office (Electronic copy. Email to: ewi@ewiconnect.com): Corporate Notification of Chapter Officers and Directors

Program Director Survey members for feedback on programs, interest in holding firm night

President Copies of proposed Corporate budget provided to delegates/chapter votes to determine if Delegates are 'informed and uninstructed' or 'informed and instructed'

Public Relations Chair Promote Leadership Caucus to incoming Chapter Presidents and Vice President/President Elects

Committee Reports:

Sergeant-at-Arms – Diana Busche: There were **28** member firms represented by **30** representatives, **0** individual members, **1** life members, 0 sustaining members, and **49** guests for a total of **81** present at the **July** Meeting. Percent of total firms represented was **70**, percent of total representatives was **73** and percentage of individual members was **0**.

Communications – Christine Fortier – Absent

Retention and Recruitment – Chris Buckingham –
 Motion put to the floor to extend our boundaries to include Otoe County in Nebraska. Motion made by **Gwen Christensen**. Seconded by **Patty Bain**. All in favor? **Yes**

Program – Lori Mitera/Sheila Fitzgerald: Update on meeting locations

Fundraising – Patty Bain/Sharon Mize: Silent Auction results **\$2,230.00**

Unfinished Business:

Past President's Night Details

LCAM 2016 – Spokane September 21-24th - attendees

New Business:

Volunteers for Recruiting Booth – August Meeting

Announcements:

Publication Deadline: August 12, 2016

Next Board Meeting: September 12, 2016 Jobber's Canyon - Bland & Associates Office

Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 Gail McWilliams and Past President's Night

Adjournment:

Time: 6:34pm

Approved:

Jamie Borman

Submitted:

Gwen Christensen

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER
TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
September 12, 2016**

Period: August 1 - August 31, 2016

CASH ON HAND: August 1, 2016 **\$ 8,346.99**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

Bank Interest	1.15
Dues Income - Lori Kaser	100.00
Executives' Night - individual tickets	1,450.00
Executives' Night - Firm Sponsorships	7,500.00
Total Income	\$ 9,051.15

EXPENSES

EWI Corporate - delegate fees	100.00
Hap Abraham - catering for July Executives' Night	3,066.62
Sharon Mize - reimbursement for silent auction basket items using Travel & Transport's donation	79.99
Patty Bain - reimbursement for frames for Executives' Night silent auction	36.14
Chad Rutar - reimbursement for LCAM registration for Jamie Borman	625.00
Jamie Borman - reimbursement for LCAM airfare	350.46
Greater Omaha Chamber - reimbursement for president's pin for Jamie	192.60
Kristin Gochenour - luggage fee for Wild West Forum	35.00
Diana Busche - Wild West Forum expenses (hotel, taxi, parking, luggage fee)	313.26
EWI Corporate - chapter insurance	360.00
Host Omaha - chapter website hosting fee	47.40
Total Expenses	\$ 5,206.47

Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended August 31, 2016 **3,844.68**

CASH ON HAND: August 31, 2016 **\$ 12,191.67**

***NOTE: \$5,395.01 of this cash on hand is the profit from Executives' 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 for scholarships in September.*

EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL OMAHA CHAPTER

ATTENDANCE REPORT

August 24, 2016

Program: Past President's Night and Gail McWilliams

Member Firms:	25
Representatives:	31
Individual Member	0
Life Members:	3
Sustaining Members:	1
Guests:	37
Total Attendance:	72

*Percent of Total Firms: 63%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 67%

*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

Submitted by:

**Diana Busche
EWI Sergeant-at-Arms**

EWI – Omaha Chapter Member Firms and Representatives

Access Bank – Cheryl McCall

Alorica – Gwen Christensen, TBD

Aflac – Melissa Swan

AOI Corporation – Janet Schawang

Baird Holm LLP – Jenny Kelley

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

Blooms – Sheila Fitzgerald

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

Days Inn & Suites – TBD

Doubletree Hotel Downtown – TBD

Element Omaha Midtown Crossing – Kayla Jones

Girls Incorporated of Omaha – TBD

Goodwill Industries, Inc. – Tashana Barrios Magurno

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

Green Plains, Inc. – Sharon Mize

*Hyatt Place Omaha, Downtown Old Market – Trish
Bauermeister*

Joslyn Art Museum – TBD

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 – TBD

Renaissance Financial – Jamie Borman

Signature Performance – Staci 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, Sally Rose Burns,
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.



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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