



President's Message

August has arrived and schools are starting up again with Labor Day right around the corner and LCAM is soon to follow. There is still time to register to attend in Raleigh, NC from September 19 – 22, 2018.

Executive's Night is here and I am so excited for this event. The event is sure to be a success with all of the amazing Firm Sponsors and Silent Auction items. Anna Brewer is our featured speaker, she is speaking on Human Trafficking and I am looking forward to hearing her speak again to our group. Thank you to all of the ladies who have helped make this event a success to raise Dollars for Scholars.

I hope to see you and your Executives next week!

Sincerely,

Diana Busche
EWI of Omaha President

2017-2018 Officers and Directors

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The 2018-2019 Slate of Officers was presented, voted, and passed on July 25, 2018.

Congratulations to the elected officers!

President:	Rhonda Silvey
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Treasurer:	Hillary Allen
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Communications Director:	Jordan Stocking
Ways & Means Directors:	Melissa Travis and Laura Bonnett Murphy
Director-At-Large:	Gretchen Radler
Board Advisor:	Diana Busche



THRIVE @ FIVE

Sometimes there isn't enough time to chat at our monthly meetings. Thrive @ Five is casual conversations and connections for our Chapter members to meet and get to know each other a little better. We will meet quarterly for just this purpose.

Last meeting for 2018:
Thursday, October 11 at 5:00 p.m. –
Nebraska Brewing Company, Shadow Lake Towne Center

Come join the fun!

The Corner Office

With Steven Grandfield



This is a section of the newsletter where we will put a spotlight on one of our executives from one of our member firms. If you are interested in spotlighting your executive, please let Jordan Stocking know. Thank you!

President and Chief Executive Officer

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA

Steven (Steve) H. Grandfield is president and chief executive officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska (BCBSNE).

Previously, Grandfield served as executive vice president of strategy and innovation, talent, sales, marketing and products, as well as president and chief operations officer for Genesys Innovations, LLC, a company owned by BCBSNE focused on information technology innovations for the health insurance industry.

Before coming to BCBSNE in 2003, Grandfield was senior vice president, general manager at First Data Corporation. He currently belongs to the AIM Institute, in addition to serving on the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association data committee and the Prime Therapeutics Board of Directors.

Grandfield earned his bachelor's degrees in business management from Northwest Missouri State, and in electrical engineering from the University of Nebraska.

Grandfield is active in community service and currently serves on the Ak-Sar-Ben Board of Councillors and the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.



We are very excited to let you know registration for this year's Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting is NOW OPEN!!

This year, we will be hosting our **71st LCAM** in Raleigh, North Carolina. We've attached numerous documents to this email for your review including the following:

- **2018 LCAM Logo** – please use this logo to help promote the event in your chapter communications
- **LCAM 2018 Fact Sheet** – Everything you need to know about LCAM as of right now is included in this document. Please review this with your chapter members to help you plan for conference.
- **LCAM Justification Tool Kit** – For our members seeking firm support to attend conference, please review this document. It will help you prepare to have a discussion with your employer in an effort to support your attendance and travel expenses for LCAM
- **LCAM Sponsorship Packages** – We have revised our sponsorship packages for this year and encourage both firm and chapter support of LCAM 2018. We will be celebrating our 80th Anniversary as an organization. Please see how you, your chapter and your firm can participate in celebrating EWI this year!
- **Requests for Proposals** – This year, we are seeking requests for proposals for Conference Photography Services and Printing Services. We have attached the RFP documents for all members in the event that your firm offers these services and would like to submit a proposal. All RFPs are due by June 8, 2018 and should be emailed to Cortney@ewiconnect.com.
- **Cover Letters** – We have included a letter explaining both sponsorship opportunities and the RFP process for your information.
- **Conference Registration Link** – To register for conference, please visit www.ewiconnect.com/lcam2018 for the link to the conference registration webpage.
- **LCAM Schedule at a Glance** – A Preliminary Schedule of Conference Events and Programming – Subject to Change.

A few items to note about this year's conference:

- We will be hosting a Reading Rally locally in Raleigh this year. This event will take place in the morning on Wednesday, September 19 and is a part of the Leadership Caucus itinerary that day. We encourage all Incoming Presidents and Presidents Elect to travel on Tuesday, September 18 to arrive on time for Wednesday's activities. Please bring books with you from your chapters as we will be donating all books collected to our school!
- We are offering a brand new module for our Academy of Leadership Program. Lori Giovannoni will be our presenter. Information on our topic and what you will learn is included in the LCAM Fact Sheet. This module will be offered to all conference attendees, including Academy Alumni.
- **EARLY BIRD** registration rates are available until June 30, 2018. Rates will increase on July 1, 2018 and remain in effect until Friday, September 14. **Registration closes September 14, 2018.**



Upcoming Chamber Events

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

August 16	How to Recruit Rockstar Sales Reps
September 11	Member Success Orientation
September 13	Speed Networking
September 20	Make / Happen

Please check out this link to find out more details on each event:

<https://www.omahachamber.org/members/events/>

EWI Webinars

**How to Stand Out In Your Organization:
5 Habits That Will Transform
You Through A Challenge**

Presenter: Cornelia Steinberg

**Tuesday, October 2, 2018
3:00 PM EDT / 12:00 PM PDT**



Cornelia Steinberg

ewi PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
WEBINARS

To register for any of the EWI Webinars, go to:
<http://ewiconnect.com/professional-development/webinars>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI® Board Meeting
September 12, 2018

EWI® August Monthly Meeting
Executive's Night
August 22, 2018
The Player's Club at Deer Creek

EWI® September Monthly Meeting
Installation of Officers & Business Meeting
September 26, 2018
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska

2018 Chapter Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendars!

August 22
September 26
October 24
November 14
December 7

SHARE THE NEWS!

Send submissions for the chapter newsletter to:

Contact: Jordan Stocking
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This includes any Awards/KUDOS/Special Events

ATTENTION MEMBERS: If you are NOT receiving the Corporate EWI Connect, which is emailed monthly, please let Cheryl McCall know and she will follow up with corporate to get you on the distribution list. Her email address is cmccall@accessbank.com. Thank you.

PLEASE SHARE!

Forward this copy of the EWI Omaha Connect to your Firm Executive and let them know that the EWI Omaha Chapter is promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement!

If your firm is interested in hosting an EWI of Omaha Chapter meeting, please reach out to our Program Director, Melissa Swan at melissa_swan@us.aflac.com

If you know of an occasion where we need to send a card on behalf of our membership, please email Sharon Mize at sharon.mize@gpreinc.com



August

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| Rhonda Silvey | August 1 |
| Janet Schawang | August 3 |
| Kathie Reilly | August 8 |
| Lenore Honke | August 14 |
| Karla Keegan | August 15 |
| Ruth Utman | August 19 |
| Susan Hussey | August 26 |
| Cindy Brickey | August 28 |
| Sally Komrofske | August 31 |

September

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| Laura Bonnett-Murphy | September 4 |
| Amy Hansen | September 10 |
| Deanna Garcia | September 19 |
| Lori Mitera | September 20 |



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July Meeting Photos



EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL OMAHA CHAPTER

ATTENDANCE REPORT

July 25, 2018

Program: Past Presidents' Night

Member Firms:	30
Representatives:	34
Life Members:	2
Sustaining Members:	1
Guests:	6
Total Attendance:	43

*Percent of Total Firms:	70%
*Percent of Total Representatives:	65%
Firms	43
Representatives	52
Life Members	11
Sustaining Members	1

June 27, 2018

Program: ASIST Scholarship Banquet

Member Firms:	27
Representatives:	32
Individual Member	1
Life Members:	1
Sustaining Members:	1
Guests:	25
Total Attendance:	60

*Percent of Total Firms:	61%
*Percent of Total Representatives:	62%
*Percent of Individual Members	100 %
Firms	44
Representatives	52
Individual Members	1
Life Members	11
Sustaining Members	1

Submitted by: Sharon Mize, EWI Sergeant-at-Arms

EWI – Omaha Chapter Member Firms and Representatives

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| <p><i>A New Leaf – Sheila Fitzgerald</i></p> <p><i>Access Bank – Cheryl McCall</i></p> <p><i>Aflac – Melissa Swan</i></p> <p><i>AOI Corporation – Janet Schawang</i></p> <p><i>Bland & Associates, PC – Hilary Allen, Diana Busche</i></p> <p><i>Bloom Companion Care – Gretchen Radler</i></p> <p><i>Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska – Julie Pendegraft, Rhonda Silvey</i></p> <p><i>Borsheims – Chris Buckingham</i></p> <p><i>Burlington Capital – Ruth Utman</i></p> <p><i>CareerArc – Caroline Vernon</i></p> <p><i>CHI Health – Susan Hussey</i></p> <p><i>Doubletree Hotel by Hilton – Staci Drozda</i></p> <p><i>Element Omaha Midtown Crossing – Kayla Jones</i></p> <p><i>First Westroads Bank – Amy Hansen</i></p> <p><i>Girls Incorporated of Omaha – Laura Bonnett-Murphy</i></p> <p><i>Greater Omaha Chamber – Lindsay Christiansen, Kim DiMari, Ashly Van Houten</i></p> <p><i>Green Plains, Inc. – Sharon Mize</i></p> <p><i>Habitat for Humanity – Jennifer Worth</i></p> <p><i>HDR – Paula Cooper</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>Lund Company – Jane Heath, Jonna Radtke</i></p> <p><i>Manpower – Karla Keegan</i></p> <p><i>Marriott Downtown at Capital District – Patty Bain</i></p> | <p><i>McFarlin & Brokke, P.C. – Melissa Travis</i></p> <p><i>Methodist Health System – Kathie Reilly</i></p> <p><i>Midwest Maintenance – Itzel Gonzalez</i></p> <p><i>Mutual of Omaha Bank – Amy Ayer, Audrey Farley</i></p> <p><i>Ollie Webb Center, Inc. – Jordan Stocking</i></p> <p><i>Omaha Steaks – Kristin Gochenour</i></p> <p><i>Omaha Symphony – Deanna Garcia</i></p> <p><i>Outlook Nebraska – Susanne Waltermeyer</i></p> <p><i>Partnership 4 Kids – Cheryl Murray</i></p> <p><i>Renaissance Financial – TBD</i></p> <p><i>Signature Performance – Angie Murphy, Stacie Robertson</i></p> <p><i>Silverstone Group – Michelle Miller, Marcia Hofmann</i></p> <p><i>Tenaska – Lauren Clark</i></p> <p><i>Tero International – Becky Rupiper-Greene</i></p> <p><i>Travel and Transport – Karin Holmes</i></p> <p><i>United Republic Bank – Amy Keltner</i></p> <p><i>United Way of the Midlands – Glenda Land</i></p> <p><i>Visit Omaha – Cindy Brickey</i></p> <p><i>West Corporation – Lori Mitera</i></p> <p><i>WoodmenLife – Darlis Vauble</i></p> <p><i>Sustaining Member – Carolyn McClean</i></p> <p><i>Transitional Member – Jamie Borman</i></p> <p><i>Life Members- Jane Allamong, Carol Armstrong, Cathy Bodammer, Sue Burkhard, Loy Flanagan, Lenore Honke, Marlene Johnson, Sally Komrofske, Patricia Leonard, Patty McElderry, Ellie Morrow</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.



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

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