



President's Message

Where do I even begin with Executive's Night and Dollars for Scholars?!? We had such an amazing turn out with 115 in attendance. We raised \$14,373.84 that evening and we couldn't have done this without Jonna's challenge for sponsorships and then all of the amazing silent auction baskets. We really out did ourselves this year to be able to fund our scholarships next year. I hope all of your executives and guests enjoyed listening to Anna Brewer speak on Human Trafficking. I know I could listen to her speak on the topic again and learn something new.

The board was recently notified that Akemi Adams would not be enrolling in the 2018-2019 school year to concentrate on work and family. The board discussed the recommendation from the ASIST Scholarship Committee to award Amanda Harvey the scholarship. Amanda will graduate in May 2019 from Nebraska Methodist College.

I really cannot believe that this is my last article as your President for the 2017-2018 term. It has been such a pleasure and honor to serve EWI of Omaha chapter as the President this year.

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I honestly cannot thank my board enough for serving this year, giving me the support, and letting me step back at times to let the board have the important discussions to vote on items that needed to be voted on as a board. This board has been such a wonderful board to work with, they have definitely helped me grow not only as the president, professionally and personally.

It will be my privilege to hand the gavel over to Rhonda Silvey, BlueCross BlueShield of Nebraska at the meeting this month and to transition myself into the Board Advisor role. I know that Rhonda and her board will do some amazing things for our chapter in the 2018-2019 year and her board is top notch.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your leader this last year, it has been such an honor.

Take care,
Diana Busche
EWI of Omaha President



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 Michael R. McFarlin

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!

**Partner, Shareholder,
President, CPA**

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Michael McFarlin holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa and passed the Uniform CPA Examination in 1976. He is president of McFarlin & Brokke, PC and has been president of the company since 1992, when the predecessor firm's president and founder, Jay Quick, retired.

Mike has served on the boards of many Omaha non-profit organizations (Omaha Morning Rotary – past president, Morning Rotary Foundation – treasurer, Visiting Nurses Association – past treasurer, Omaha Home for Boys – audit committee chairman, Omaha Chamber of Commerce – past Central Council chairman). Mr. McFarlin has served on the corporate boards of Marine Bank – Omaha and Core Technologies, Inc. Current professional affiliations include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants and SPN (Senior Partner Network – an affiliation of CPA firms with offices in New York, Massachusetts, Michigan, Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri, Texas and Nebraska).



December Chapter Meeting

Now is the time to reserve your hotel room for the December meeting!

- Where: Lied Lodge in Nebraska City
- Cost: \$89/night
- When: Friday, Dec. 7, 2018
- Website: www.liedlodge.org
- Group Code: 1812EWI(EX)
- Reserve by: October 26, 2018

We currently have 12 rooms booked, so get your reservations in! It is sure to be a fun evening!!

Raffle Donations Needed!

Raffle Donations Needed! We need raffle items for our upcoming chapter meetings to raise money for our ASIST scholarships! If you or your company would like to donate, please contact Melissa Travis - email: melissat@mcbrok.com or at (319) 330-5419.

Thank you in advance!

Congratulations to Cindy Brickey! Cindy will be Sergeant-at-Arms for the EWI Board for the 2018-2019 year!

PRESENTED BY VISIT OMAHA
SEPTEMBER 14-23

Enjoy discounted three-course meals at some of Omaha's best restaurants. There are no tickets, passes or coupons required - simply dine out and savor.

THE 10 TASTIEST DAYS
OmahaRestaurantWeek.com

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A portion of Omaha Restaurant Week proceeds will go to the



Upcoming Chamber Events

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

September 20	Make / Happen
September 21	CreativeMornings/Chaos
September 24	Kitchen Council Presents: An Evening with Willy Theisen
September 25	YP Exchange

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
October 8, 2018

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

EWI® October Monthly Meeting
October 24, 2018
Marriott Capital District

2018 Chapter Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendars!

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



September

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

October

Cheryl Murray	October 2
Kim DiMari	October 4
Sue Burkhard	October 10
Staci Drozda	October 16
Jane Allamong	October 23



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August Meeting Photos



EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL OMAHA CHAPTER

ATTENDANCE REPORT

August 22, 2018

Program: Executive's Night – Dollars for Scholars

<u>Member Firms:</u>	<u>33</u>
Representatives:	42
Life Members:	1
Sustaining Members:	0
<u>Guests:</u>	<u>71</u>
Total Attendance:	114

*Percent of Total Firms:	77%
*Percent of Total Representatives:	81%
Firms	43
Representatives	52
Life Members	11
Sustaining Members	1

July 25, 2018

Program: Past Presidents' Night

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

*Percent of Total Firms:	70%
*Percent of Total Representatives:	65%
Firms	43
Representatives	52
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 – Rachel Jesske, 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>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, The – Jane Heath, Jonna Radtke</i></p> <p><i>Mahogany Prime Steakhouse – Shilo Stueckrath</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 – Donna Faust Aman, 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 – Marcia Hofmann, Michelle Miller</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