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President's Message

Greetings EWI Friends! Hard to believe it is October already and we had our first snowfall. I, for one, am not ready for winter yet!! And, what happened to FALL? I am ready for 2020 to be over and hope that

2021 will bring some normalcy back into our lives...., we can only hope.

I am confident that, with the help of my wonderful Board of Directors, we will make this a great year for EWI Omaha. We have discussed finding new ways to keep us motivated and connected, even if we have to stay virtual for a bit longer. Please invite your friends and business acquaintances to come and join us for a meeting and encourage them to join.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve as your EWI Omaha Chapter President this year. I want to thank Jonna for her wisdom, humor, and guidance during this past year. She took us all into our new virtual world and did an amazing job. Thank you to Rhonda Silvey for conducting the virtual installation of our 2020-2021 Board. And thank you to all of our EWI members for taking time out of your busy lives to spend time with us.

EWI Corporate has set up the MyEWI Mentor Match program for all members. This program reflects their commitment to you and your professional development. This unique online networking and career development tool helps you find, connect and share experiences with others. Your mentor or mentee can be in the same city or on the other side of the continent. You can apply to the MyEWI Mentor Match program by going to the my.ewiconnect.com website.

My theme this year is "One Person Can Make a Difference" – maybe it will be you! Our world is a crazy place right now, and we never really know what the person next to us is going through in their lives. Maybe a nice word, kind deed, or helping hand from you will make all of the difference to them. Maybe they will pass that along to the next person, and so on. Please strive to be that person and be the one person to make a difference.

Sharon Mize President EWI of Omaha 2020-2021

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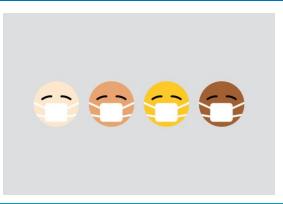
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All proceeds benefit our ASIST Scholarship Fund!

The 2020/2021 Proposed Operating Budget was approved by the delegates by majority vote. Key changes due to the budget being approved include the following for EWI members beginning Thursday, October 1, 2020:

Membership Rate Changes

- New Member Admin Fees at the Corporate Level will no longer be charged.
- Credit Card Convenience Fees at the Corporate Level will no longer be charged.
- New Member Corporate Dues are \$200.
- Renewing Member Corporate Dues are \$165.

Please be aware that all changes to Corporate Dues should be communicated as soon as possible to your Chapter Members. October renewal invoices will reflect updated membership fees.

NOVEMBER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Elevating the Conversation around Self-Expression

Presenter: Tisha Hammond

The Small Business Cheerleader

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 3:00 PM ET / 12:00 PM PT



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EWI® Board Meeting November 9, 2020

EWI October Monthly Meeting October 28, 2020

If you missed the LCAM 2020 EWI Awards Scholarships Presentation, or maybe wanted to watch the Membership Retention or Recruitment presentations, the links are now out on EWIconnect.

They can be found at

my.ewiconnect.com/communities/community-home or you can click on the links below to access.

You may have to login to watch them:

https://my.ewiconnect.com/viewdocument/2020-ewi-awards-scholarships-pres?CommunityKey=78a3278a-68f2-4f62-a139-79e12a8e5039&tab=librarydocuments

https://my.ewiconnect.com/viewdocument/membership-retention-finding-your?CommunityKey=78a3278a-68f2-4f62-a139-79e12a8e5039&tab=librarydocuments

https://my.ewiconnect.com/viewdocument/membership-recruitment-no-more-be?CommunityKey=78a3278a-68f2-4f62-a139-79e12a8e5039&tab=librarydocuments

2020 Chapter Meeting Schedule

Mark your calendars!

October 28 November 18 December - TBD

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 Directors, Patty Bain at pattybain@marcushotels.com and Gillian Austin at gaustin@omahameca.com.



If you know of an occasion where we need to send a card on behalf of our membership, please email Paula Cooper at paula.cooper@hdrinc.com



October

Cheryl MurrayOctober 2Brenda TharpOctober 4Sue BurkhardOctober 10Natalie KotrcOctober 18Jane AllamongOctober 23

November

Patty Bain
Glenda Land
November 7
Lindsay Christiansen
November 11
Carol Armstrong
Sheila Fitzgerald
Cheryl McCall
Jonna Radtke
November 30



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Access Bank - Cheryl McCall

AOI Corporation - Janet Schawang

Bland & Associates, PC – Hilary Allen, Diana Busche

Bloom Companion Care - Gretchen Radler

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska – Jessica Corrado, Susan Hussey, Rhonda Silvey

Borsheims - Chris Buckingham

Burlington Capital – Rachel Jesske, Missy Peters, Ruth Utman

CHI Health - Samantha Kafka

Elegant Edge Events - Natalie Kotrc, Brenda Tharp

First Westroads Bank - Amy Hansen

Flood Communications - Janet Noll

Greater Omaha Chamber - Sandy Spady

Green Plains Inc. - Sharon Mize

Habitat for Humanity - TBD

HDR - Paula Cooper

Hyatt Place Omaha, Downtown Old Market -

Trish Bauermeister

Lund Company, The - Jane Heath, Jonna Radtke

Marriott Downtown at Capitol District - Patty Bain

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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 enhance professional growth and development within a diverse group of women while empowering them to make a difference as they inspire others.

Our Values

Integrity | Excellence | Respect | Collaboration