



Letter from President

Just about the time I thought that spring had truly arrived, Oklahoma had a record snowfall and it felt like winter had made a comeback. It appears that even Mother Nature has road blocks to her master plan. We all sometimes face road blocks in our efforts to move forward. We just need to remember that we can turn those road blocks into stepping stones if we

use them as learning opportunities.

There are a lot of good things going on within our chapter, and our board and committee members are working on the various activities that help make this a strong organization. The website is taking on a new look. The directory has been updated. EWISP and ASIST scholarship applications have been received. Philanthropic efforts to meet the needs of our community are underway. Nearly all of the committees are actively working on projects right now. This is a very busy time for our chapter, and it is inspiring to see the way our representatives work together and support each other in their efforts to fulfill the mission of EWIC.

One of the highlights of the year is the annual Scholarship Awards Dinner which is scheduled for April 14, 2009 at Oklahoma City University. We will recognize and honor local high school students who have achieved excellence in their academic performance. We also recognize and honor those adult students who have chosen to better their lives by continuing their educations. Our chapter can take pride in knowing that we are providing assistance to the students in our community by helping them continue their educations.

The EWIC Tee-Off Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2009 at Twin Hills Golf & Country Club. This is the only major fundraising event held by the EWIC-OKC chapter, and all proceeds are used to fund our EWISP and ASIST scholarship programs and philanthropic projects. Please promote the tournament to your executive and also other firms within the community. You do not have to be an EWIC member firm to participate in the golf tournament.

Plans are underway for our chapter's 50th anniversary celebration. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, July 14, and plan to attend to help us celebrate and honor those who have been a part of making this an outstanding chapter through the last 50 years and take a look forward to another 50 years of success.

Hope to see you April 14th.

Ann McVey

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16th Annual EWI-OKC Tee Off Monday, May 18, 2009

Twin Hills Golf & Country Club

- 9:30 a.m.** *Registration*
- 10:00 a.m.** *Putting Contest – 3 Putting Contest entries are included with registration cost. Additional putting contest chances can be purchased at the tournament.*
- 11:00 a.m.** *Practice Range is open*
- 12 Noon** *Putting Contest Finals*
- 12:30 p.m.** *Shotgun Start*
- 5:30 p.m.** *19th Hole Reception and Awards Presentation Dinner at conclusion of the tournament*

Two Hole-in-One Prizes

- **Rolex Watch, courtesy of B.C. Clark Jewelers**
- **Two Year Lease of Lexus IS 2009**
 Courtesy of Eskridge Lexus
 Plus prizes for two proximity holes

Upcoming Events

April 14, 2009

Scholarship Awards Dinner
Hosted by Oklahoma City University

April 16, 2009

Lunch 'n Learn for New Representatives - OPUBCO

May 18, 2009

16th Annual OKC EWI Tee-Off
Twin Hills Golf & Country Club

May 21, 2009

Lunch 'n Learn for New Representatives – Skirvin Hotel

May 26, 2009

Board Meeting
Lisa Riggs, Host

August 7-8, 2009

Texoma Board Forum
Houston, Texas

September 24-26, 2009

Leadership Conference &
Annual Meeting
September 24-26, 2009
Louisville Marriott Downtown

March Business Meeting



Janice Klemm and Pat Nash



Gloria Williams and Linda Tharp



Druanne Durrett, Jean Forsberg, Nancy Pennell, Joan Cunningham and Ann West

Lisa Jones, Niki Millager and Suzanne Mickel



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The Oklahoma Publishing Company
 - Philanthropy Co-Chair
Joan Cunningham
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 - Philanthropy Co-Chair
Ann West
Express Travel Service

Member Firms

American Guaranty Title Co.
 Associated Wholesale Grocers
 AT&T
 B.C. Clark Jewelers
 Blackmon-Mooring Steamatic
 Byron's Liquor Warehouse
 Calvert's Plant Interiors
 Central Liquor Company
 Chesapeake Energy Corporation
 Cleary Petroleum Corporation
 CoorsTek, Inc.
 Dean McGee Eye Institute
 Dearing Sales, Inc.
 Downtown OKC, Inc.
 Emrick's Van & Storage
 Eskridge Lexus of Oklahoma City
 Express Employment Professionals
 Express Event Center
 Express Travel Service
 First Maintenance Company
 Flintco, Inc.
 Frankfurt-Short-Bruza Associates, P.C.
 Fred Jones Companies
 Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum
 Gerald L. Gamble Company, Inc.
 Greater OKC Chamber of Commerce
 Hahn-Cook/Street & Draper Funeral Service
 Jordan Associates, Inc.
 Maschino, Hudelson & Associates

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 MidFirst Trust Company
 MTM Recognition
 The Mull Corporation
 National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
 OCAST
 OGE Energy Corp
 Office of the Governor
 Oklahoma Allergy & Asthma Clinic
 Oklahoma Blood Institute
 Oklahoma Business Roundtable
 Oklahoma City Redhawks
 Oklahoma City University
 OMRF
 Oklahoma Natural Gas Company
 The Oklahoma Publishing Company
 Oklahoma State Fair, Inc.
 Painted Door & Nonna's
 Pension Solutions
 Sarkeys Foundation
 Skirvin Hilton Hotel
 SSM Health Care of Oklahoma
 Southwestern Stationers, Inc.
 Southwestern Stationery & Bank Supply, Inc.
 The State Chamber of Oklahoma
 United Parcel Service (UPS)
 United Way of Central Oklahoma
 YWCA of Oklahoma City

Mission Statement

Executive Women International® is an organization which brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of:

- Promoting member firms
- Enhancing personal and professional development, and
- Encouraging community involvement

Vision

To be the Leading Connection for Business Professionals

March Board Digest

The March Board meeting was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2009, and was hosted by Sharon Trotter and Pension Solutions and was held at their offices at 9400 N. Broadway, Oklahoma City.

The Consent Docket and the Minutes of the February 16, 2009 Board meeting were approved as published.

REPORTS (presented orally)

DIRECTOR AT LARGE

ASIST COMMITTEE

The ASIST scholarship applications have been received. 13 applications were sent in, but only 10 applicants will be scheduled for interviews as some of the applications were incomplete. The Committee did review the information contained in the packets on March 9, 2009, and the interviews are being scheduled for March 23, 2009. A press release is being developed which will be sent out prior to the presentations of the scholarships on April 14, 2009.

EWISP COMMITTEE

No applications have been received to date.

To date, Ann Felton, Habitat for Humanity, has confirmed that she will be able to serve as the civic sector judge. Terri Silver, Oklahoma Board of Education, will be the education sector judge, leaving only the business sector vacant. (Janice Klemm reported that the opening for the business sector judge has been filled, but she did not have the name of the individual.)

Devin Newsom, 2007 EWISP winner was featured in a Daily Oklahoman article announcing the Oklahoma Heritage Association's scholarship winner. Several have expressed that it would be special to have a few words from him at our 2009 Scholarship Awards banquet. This program tends to get lengthy and every effort will be made to keep it brief and concise. But, after discussion by the Board, it was decided that we would invite Devin Newsom to participate in our 50th anniversary program to be held later in the year.

GOLF COMMITTEE

The Golf Committee met again on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at the State Fair Grounds hosted by Angela McKinzie. In attendance were Sharon Trotter, Angela McKinzie, Lori Bedford, Rhonda Wells, Kay Lacey, Kelly Hamilton, Suzy Cason, Carmen Praizner and Gloria Williams.

The contract with Twin Hills has been signed and mailed along with the \$1000.00 deposit. Responsibility Sheets were given to each Committee Member which outlines their duties for the golf tournament from start to finish as well as copies of all other Committee Members responsibility sheets. Judy Dearing has agreed to oversee the putting contest, and Chuck Dearing has agreed to provide the team photographer. Both B.C. Clark Jewelers and Eskridge Lexis of Oklahoma City have agreed to sponsor the Hole in One prize. Carol Lane from Express Employment Professional has agreed to provide the bag tags. Janice Klemm from Blackmon-Mooring has agreed to provide the water. Angela McKinzie confirmed that Ben Buckland agreed to emcee the 19th Hole Party. The "Save the Date" postcard was mailed to all executives and representatives on Thursday, February 19th. A letter to the representatives, a copy of the executive letter and the registration form was e-mailed to the membership on Tuesday, March 3rd and the letter to the executives and the registration form was sent on Friday, March 6th.

PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE

The clothing and toys that were donated by Representatives at the December meeting were delivered to Positive Tomorrow's for use by their students.

The committee met on March 4 at the office of American Guaranty Title Co. to discuss ideas for the rest of this year. Proposed projects we are seeking additional information on are:

- Secure a "wish list" of items from Green Pasteur's school in order to determine how we might help financially.
- Visit with Green Pasteur's about a possible field trip for 5th grade students, and possibly 4th graders, before end of this school year.
- Secure a "wish list" from Positive Tomorrows School.
- Visit with YWCA to see how we might be able to help them financially, and to ask about their program for the use of old cell phones.
- Check into the Adult Literacy programs in Oklahoma City to determine what financial assistant we might be able to lend.

EWI has supported Positive Tomorrows at our annual Thanksgiving luncheon for the past several years, and it's always a heart-warming, yet eye-opening, experience to see first hand the plight of these "homeless" children. Positive Tomorrows has sent us a wish list of their current needs, as stated below:

- 3rd through 5th graders need an electric pencil sharpener. The teacher asked for one from Lakeshore Learning Center, and it costs approximately \$60. There are less expensive sharpeners available, but their experience is that they do not last very long.
- Bean Bag Chairs – for K through 5th grade
- Boy toys for ages 5-13 years old (these toys are used for birthday party gifts and in the token store)
- Small electronics for the home (coffee pots, irons, alarm clocks, etc.)
- Linens, towels (bath and wash cloths), sheets

Motion was made on behalf of the Philanthropy Committee to request Board approval that no more than \$500 of their unused budget be used to purchase some of the above items for Positive Tomorrows. It would be the Committee's intention to purchase the pencil sharpener, some bean bag chairs (best cost will be researched) and possibly some toys for the boy age group mentioned above. All efforts will be made to secure the best price, best quality and most items possible with the \$500. The motion passed.

A second motion was made on behalf of the Philanthropy committee to request Board approval for them to secure a "wish list" from Green Pastures Elementary School, the YWCA and the Adult Literacy Program to see if it is feasible to assist them with the leftover money in the Committee's budget. The motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

NEW MEMBER FIRM

No new firms have been posted this month.

Posted Firms Feb 27, 2009**Cornerstone Planning**

Executive: Jerry Kiefer
 Representative: Beth Sawyer
 Major: Financial
 Minor: Stockbrokers
Recommended by Sharon Trotter

Delta Dental

Executive: Brian M. Wall
 Representative: TBD
 Major: Insurance
 Minor: Dental
Recommended by Cathy Borjas

Devon Corporation

Executive: Janice Dobbs
 Representative: TBD
 Major: Petroleum Industry
 Minor: Oil Exploration/Production
Linda placed a courtesy call to Chesapeake Energy and Cleary Petroleum. They did not have objection.

Posted Firms Status - Dec 10th, 2008

The following firms have been posted and approved and are being contacted for membership.

American Fidelity Assurance Company

Executive: Bill Cameron
 Representative: Janie Hink
 Major: Insurance
 Minor: Life, Health, Disabilities, Annuities

Dolese Brothers Co

Executive: Kermit Frank
 Representative: TBD
 Major: Cement/Concrete Industry
 Minor: Natural Resources/Aggregates,
 Construction Materials & Misc

KWTV Channel 9

Executive: Kelly Ogle
 Representative: TBD
 Major: Media-Television
 Minor: Local News Station

OKC Thunder NBA Team

Executive: Christine Berney
 Representative: Macay McComas
 Major: Recreation - Amusement
 Minor: Basketball/Professional

IngenuitE, Inc.

Executive: Tammie Brannon
 Representative: TBD
 Major: Data Processing/Computers
 Minor: Consultants

Posted February 22, 2008**Marriott ExecuStay**

Executive: J Paul Crone
 Representative: TBD
 Major: Hotels
 Minor: Commercial

Interested in attending meeting(s) prior to membership. 10-13-08 Paul has included request for EWI membership in budget for 2009. 1-09: Received information form Paul that his firm is considering membership in June of 2009.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**Executive Changes**

DOWNTOWN OKC – Delete Brett Hamm

Add Jane Jenkins

OKLAHOMA BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE – Add J. Blake Wade

Representative Changes

OKLAHOMA PUBLISHING CO - Delete Barbara Murcer-Green

SKIRVIN HOTEL - Delete Niki Millager

PAINTED DOOR & NONNA'S – Delete Niki Vastardis

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP (List Attached):

58	Member Firms
98	Executives
67	Representatives
14	Sustaining
1	Life
1	Honorary

Because the Marriott ExecuStay was posted over a year ago, and because they are still considering membership in June 2009, a motion was made on behalf of the Membership Committee for Board approval to re-post this firm for membership. After brief discussion, the motion passed.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee brought two items before the board for consideration and discussion.

- (1) Executives' Gifts: Who makes the decision for 2009 as to whether to continue the \$3,000 Executives' Scholarship or to purchase individual gifts for the executives? The Board advised that it is the Program Committee's option to do what they want to do in this particular matter.
- (2) The second item had to do with moving Executives' Night from September 8 to another date due to that date being the Tuesday following Labor Day and it might affect attendance. The majority of the Board felt that the holiday wouldn't affect attendance at Executives' Night.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

The March business meeting was sponsored by MidFirst Bank and was held at The Reserve at Paseo Grill. There were 55 reservations with 46 in attendance. The complete reservation and attendance reports have been submitted to the President. There are 21 representatives with perfect attendance through March 2009.

There was some discussion regarding Elizabeth Milam, sustaining member, and the fact that her membership is pending. Ramona Carey and Linda Tharp volunteered to see if they could locate her (she may possibly be in an assisted living center).

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP as of March 11, 2009

58	Member Firms
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67	Representatives
15	Sustaining
1	Life
1	Honorary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2009 was presented. February balances are as follows:

General Operating Account – Midfirst Bank Checking Account #1405 = \$83,411.95; less receivables of \$2,400; checking account total \$81,991.95; plus Midfirst Bank CD #5735 = \$37,256.20; Total General Operating Account = \$119,248.15.

B/C/DP Account – Midfirst Checking Account #1014 = 53,011.74; Midfirst Bank CD #5834 = \$38,188.92; Total B/C/DP Account = \$91,200.66.

Vote was taken to approve ratification of checks 2197 through 2213 on the Operating Account. Motion made by Lynn Fielding, seconded by Kelly Hamilton-Coyer, and the motion passed.

There were no checks written on the B/C/DP Account during this time period. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Sharon Trotter, Treasurer, reported on the 2008 audit which is in progress. The auditing of each member firm's account is underway. Membership dues have been sent to the Corporate office.

OLD BUSINESS**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee was polled by email on Friday, March 13, 2009, for the purpose of selecting an alternate delegate to replace Tracy Crook who is now unable to accept and attend the September 2009 Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY. Kay Lacey had expressed her willingness to attend and serve as our 2nd Alternate. Each of the committee members approved this nomination.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Board approval was requested to add Kay Lacey as 2nd Alternate to represent the Oklahoma City Chapter at the 2009 LCAM Meeting. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS**Proposed Amendments to Corporate ByLaws**

The Minneapolis Chapter has emailed to all Chapter presidents a proposed amendment to the Chapter Bylaws which would change the Chapter board term from the present dates of October 1 to September 30, to the calendar year dates, January 1 to December 31 (as it had been prior to 2002). This is not a vote of any kind; just an inquiry as to whether our chapter would support this change if presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting. After lengthy discussion, it was unanimous that our board would support such a change.

Request from NAWBO

Ann McVey received a request from NAWBO (National Association of Women Business Owners) asking if the Chapter would distribute material to its membership of their upcoming luncheon event to be held on March 27, 2009. After discussion, the Board approved forwarding the information to our membership for their consideration.

INFORMATION

Please notify Linda Snodgrass or Marsha Lewis, Membership Co-Directors, of all changes regarding a firm's membership or changes to the Membership Directory. The Membership Committee will notify the Board and Committee Chairmen of these changes, and the Publication Director will place them in the newsletter.