

President's Message



It seems appropriate in these uncertain times, that we take advantage of the full value of our membership in EWI. If you are reading this message, it shows that your firm does see the value in EWI and wanted to continue its membership, even when budgets are tightening and expenditures are being scrutinized.

Consider reflecting on how you can use your membership in EWI to benefit not only yourself, but your organization. Let's look at EWI – The Perfect Fit.

Connections – Expand your global network of business professionals. We learned in January about the value of a professional on-line network, but how valuable is it when you have a connection with that individual through an organization such as EWI? Look at the International Directory and see if firms that your company wants to do business with are members of EWI. Reach out and make that connection!

Promote your firm through the *Chapter Pulse*. It costs nothing! Does your firm have something that you think our membership could benefit from? A special rate on a particular product or service? A class that is being offered in the community? Maybe someone in your organization, or your organization itself, received a special award or recognition? It is good to promote each other and do business with our member firms.

Careers – Did you know EWI has a scholarship available for our members as well? It is the EWI Fellows Scholarship. It awards financial assistance to active EWI representatives. There are all kinds

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March:

EWI Board Meeting
McCarthy Group, 1125 South 103rd Street
4:00pm, March 10, 2009

EWI Monthly Meeting:
UNO Thompson Alumni Center,
69th & Dodge Street
5:30pm, March 25, 2009

Birthdays:

Hilary Allen	March 12
Ellie Morrow	March 18
Mary Jane Taylor	March 25

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



WELCOME NEW REPS!

We are excited to have the following new reps in our chapter!

- Brianne Wilde – Daugherty Foundation (new member firm)
- Stacie Robertson – West Asset Management (3rd rep)
- Margaret “Sam” Rutherford – Bridges Investment Counsel (replacement rep)
- Sheryl Martin – AAA Rents & Event Services (replacement rep)

We hope to see you often!

Thank you to everyone that donated items for the Hearts of Hope Baby Shower to Benefit the Lydia House! The generous women of the EWI Omaha Chapter gave over four shopping bags of needed items and a baby swing.

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of leadership development programs available at the corporate level, and of course our monthly local chapter meetings offer a variety of programs and networking opportunities.

Communities – Get involved in the local community. We recently visited the Lydia House and donated baby items to women in need. Our ASIST Scholarship is most rewarding when we see individuals in need become successful students and have a new beginning in a career that they worked hard for. Our annual Reading Rally recently benefited the Open Door Mission, and our own Girls Incorporated always welcomes volunteers who would like to read to the girls. Goodwill Industries, also a member firm, would love to hear from one of our organizations that might be able to offer employment for disadvantaged adults.

Please promote our EWI Party with a Purpose ASIST Fundraiser this month within your circles. It will be a fun networking event as well as a benefit for ASIST. You will be receiving a flyer that you can forward. The more, the better! See you there!

Patty Bain

FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



March Chapter Meeting

Party with a Purpose! *2009 ASIST Scholarship Fundraiser*

March 25, 2009

UNO Thompson Alumni Center
69th & Dodge Street

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Appetizers, Cash Bar, Networking and SHOPPING!
(see separate flyer for more details)

Sponsored by EWI Member Firms
\$20 per representative

We are asking each EWI representative to consider contributing \$20 to help sponsor this event. We encourage you to invite individuals outside our organization to participate and we will not be asking our guests for admission. Your contribution to help sponsor this fundraiser will ensure a successful event. Any additional contributions from member firms would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds to go to the EWI ASIST Scholarship Fund!

RSVP by Friday, March 20

- Yes, I will attend – sponsorship of \$20.00
- No, I cannot attend, but would like to donate to the ASIST Scholarship Program. (A receipt for tax deductible purposes is available upon request.)

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Email: jennifer.chleboun@ameristar.com

Subject Line: EWI RSVP

Mail: Jennifer Chleboun
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Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Mentors for New Reps

It is very important that we make our new member reps feel welcome and help them acclimate to our chapter and its activities. The Membership Committee is asking every chapter rep who has been a member for one year or longer to consider being a mentor to one of our new reps. A mentor is asked to contact the new rep shortly after she joins to introduce herself to the new rep and answer any questions she may have. The mentor is also asked to make the new rep feel welcome at chapter meetings and encourage her to become involved in any of the chapter committees that interest her. The mentor can assist the new member by introducing her to the chair of any committee in which she is interested and help ensure that the new rep meets as many chapter reps as possible.

Cathy Bodammer has the distinction of being our first mentor this year! She will be mentoring Sheryl Martin, the new rep from AAA Rents. Thank you, Cathy!

If you would like to be a mentor this year, please contact Sue Burkhard, Membership Chair, at 361-2015 or sburkhard@mccarthyadvisors.com. Thank you for considering this worthwhile endeavor for the benefit of our chapter!

SAVE THE DATE!

WHAT: EWI MONTHLY MEETING
WHEN: EVENING OF APRIL 22ND
WHERE: JOSLYN ART MUSEUM
PROGRAM: APPETITE FOR ART
MARK YOUR CALENDAR. WE HAVE AN
EXCITING VENUE FOR OUR APRIL
MEETING!

Membership Committee Request

If you will be bringing a prospective member to this month's chapter meeting, please notify Sue Burkhard, Membership Chair, in advance of the meeting. The Membership Committee members will then make certain that your guest is welcomed on behalf of the Omaha Chapter and can visit with her about the membership process and answer any questions. Membership information kits will also be available for your guest to take if she is interested. Thanks for your help in introducing prospective members to our chapter!



FORM 18
Agenda of the Board of Directors Meeting
Omaha Chapter
EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL®
February 10, 2009

Call to Order: Woodmen of the World, 1700 Farnam Street, 27th Floor
 Called to order at: 4:12 pm by: Patty Bain.

Roll Call: Patty Bain, Jennifer Chleboun, Alecia Hartwig, Linda Smith, Ruth Utman, Sue Burkhard, Hilary Allen, Darlis Vauble
 Excused:., Lori Mitera
 Absent:

Minutes:

The January 13, 2009, Board Meeting Minutes were published in the February Pulse. Is there a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes? Motion made by: Jennifer Chleboun Seconded by: Alecia Hartwig. All in Favor . Motion carried.

Are there any corrections? No

Is there a motion to approve the January 13, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes?
 Motion made by: Darlis Vauble. Seconded by: Sue Burkhard. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurers Report is attached. The balance in the General Account is: \$8,038.71 and in the B/C/DP Account is: \$1,692.58 cash on hand and total investments of \$45,639.56.

Presentation of Statements:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alecia Hartwig	January Dinner Reimbursement	\$ 575.00 (General)
EWI Corporate	2009 Membership Dues	\$4,590.00 (General)

Is there a motion to approve payment of these statements? Motion made by: Sue Burkhard. Seconded: Linda Smith. All in Favor: Motion carried. The Treasurers report will be filed for audit.

Darlis Vauble moved that we cancel our credit card service of \$10 per month for lack of membership usage. Alecia Hartwig seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Hilary Allen will cancel that service.

EWI Corporate Communications:

Memo for Membership from Darlene Banogon, Corporate Membership Director (attached)
 Memo for 2009 Education Opportunities from Renea Callery, Education/Professional Development Director (attached)

Board Reports:

Membership – Sue Burkhard – Discussed retention of current companies/ reps and phone calls each board member had made. Travel Faire will not renew. Omaha Print is questionable. She is posting ConAgra - Karen Riegelmann rep.; Bravada Wigs – Tracy Hobbs, rep.; Software Engineering Services – Shonda Spears, rep.; Shey Salon & Spa – Mary Rodregiz, rep.; Daugherty Foundation – Brianne Wilde, rep.; Lovgren Marketing – Nancy Petula, rep. Reminder, the first time a guest comes EWI pays, after that they pay. No shows should pay.

Program – Alecia Hartwig – February moved to lunch at Spezia a week early due to Ash Wednesday. March at UNO Alumni Center with shopping...Party with a Purpose...fundraiser for ASIST program.

Publication – Lori Mitera – no report

Sergeant-at-Arms – Jennifer Chleboun - January mtg.: 18 firms; 21 reps; 7 guests – 52.9% of firms (50 reps.)

Ways & Means - Linda Smith – Party with a Purpose in March at UNO Alumni Center – Pampered Chef, Home Interiors, Arbonne, Bridal Jewelry, Creative Memories, Big O. Need committee to plan event. Darlis will help.

Long Range Planning/ Marketing – Darlis Vauble – No report.

B/C/DP - Kayla Jones – No report

Roster – Gwen Christensen – no report

Nominating – Open

Unfinished Business:

Retaining membership.....What do companies & representatives want to get out of EWI?

New Business:

No new business to discuss.

Announcements:

Next Chapter Meeting: Wednesday, February 18 @ Spezia for lunch at 11:30 am

Publication Deadline: Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 4:00pm at McCarthy Group, 101 Pacific Street.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at: 5:24 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
February 10, 2009**

Period: January 1, 2009 to January 31, 2009

CASH ON HAND: January 1, 2009 **\$ 4,429.47**

INCOME & RECEIPTS

Dinner Income - December	\$ 534.00
Membership Income - 2009 Dues	3,855.00
Bank Interest	3.83
Total Income & Receipts	\$ 4,392.83

EXPENSES

Alecia Hartwig - Reimbursement for December dinner	\$ 551.18
Payless Office Products - name badges	22.41
Joslyn Castle Trust - deposit for Oct. Executives Night facility	200.00
First of Omaha Merchant Fees	10.00
Total Expenses	\$ 783.59

Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended January 31, 2009 **3,609.24**

CASH ON HAND: January 31, 2009 **\$ 8,038.71**

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER**

**TREASURER'S REPORT - B/C/DP ACCOUNT
Board Meeting
February 10, 2009**

Period: January 1, 2009 to January 31, 2009

CASH ON HAND: January 1, 2009	\$ 1,692.58
INCOME & RECEIPTS	
None	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Income & Receipts	\$ -
EXPENSES	
None	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Expenses	\$ -
Net Increase in Funds for Period Ended January 31, 2009	<u>-</u>
CASH ON HAND: January 31, 2009	<u><u>\$ 1,692.58</u></u>
INVESTMENTS ON HAND: January 31, 2009	
Clipper Fund	\$ 14,182.91
Vanguard Intermediate Bond Fund	13,083.52
Vanguard Balanced Index Fund	14,434.34
Vanguard Morgan Growth Fund	<u>2,246.21</u>
Total Investments	\$ 43,946.98
Total Cash	<u>1,692.58</u>
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS ON HAND: January 31, 2009	<u><u>\$ 45,639.56</u></u>

**EXECUTIVE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA CHAPTER****ATTENDANCE REPORT****February, 2009 Dinner Attendance**

Member Firms:	17
Representatives:	21
Life Members:	0
ASIST:	0
Guests:	6
Total Attendance:	27

*Percent of Total Firms: 70.8%

*Percent of Total Representatives: 75.0%

Submitted by:

**Jennifer Chleboun
EWI Sergeant-at-Arms**

***Based from Membership Report (24 firms, 28 reps, 7 Life Members)**

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Submitted by:

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EWI Sergeant-at-Arms**

***Based from Membership Report (34 firms, 42 reps, 7 Life Members)**

EWI – Omaha Chapter Membership List

AAA Rents & Event Services – Sheryl Martin
Advanced Office Interiors – Janet Schawang
Alegent Health – Linda Franco
Ameristar – Jennifer Chleboun, Misty Sessions
Arbonne International– Linda Smith
Baird Holm LLP – Linda Hammond, Connie Davis
Bland & Associates, P.C. – Hilary Allen
Brandeis Catering – Michelle Mueller
Bridges Investment Counsel – Margaret “Sam”
Rutherford
Burlington Capitol Group, LLC – Ruth Utman
Daugherty Foundation – Brianne Wilde
Doubletree Hotel Downtown – Patty Bain
Embassy Suites Hotel – Mary Jane Taylor
Girls Incorporated of Omaha – Jane Allamong
Goodwill Industries, Inc. – Bobbie Tvrdik

Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce – Alecia Hartwig
Kelly Services – Jane Moffitt
Lincoln Financial Group – Patty McElderry, Jo Anne
Drefs
McCarthy Group Advisors – Sue Burkhard
Northern Natural Gas Company – Carol Armstrong
OPPD – Cathy Bodammer, Linda Hutchens
SilverStone Group, Inc. – Jeannie Aldredge
Tero International- Becky Rupiper-Greene
West Asset Management – Lori Mitera, Gwen
Christensen, Stacie Robertson
Woodman of the World Life Insurance Society – Darlis
Vauble
Transitional Members – Barb Ewer
Life Members- Sharon Sacha, Sally Komrofske, Loy
Flanagan, Sally Rose Burns, Patricia Leonard,
Lenore Honke, Marlene Johnson, Ellie Morrow

EWI® Mission and Vision

Mission

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

SHARE THE NEWS!

Send submissions for the Chapter Newsletter to:

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