



**AWSCPA**

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## **Message from Sue Richman, President**

**Bye-bye tax season, welcome Spring!! Now that we all have survived our most busiest tax season, we can all start getting out of our offices to enjoy the great Californian weather and bring some normalcy into our professional and personal lives!**

**The Board has reduced its size to be more in line with the number of board members we have had over the last couple of years. We have also going to reduce the number of meetings from six to four per year, in part to reduce the burden on the Vice-President of Programs, and in response to the questions about how many meetings the survey supported.**

**As a way of keeping in touch and serving our members, we would like to devise a member resource directory – a contact list of our members that includes their various specialties. One of the best things about this organization is the depth and breadth of experience of our members. I know that, if I have a question in a specialized area, I can often call another AWSCPA member for help and advice. A resource directory would make that knowledge base better available to the entire membership.**

**We are also going to set up a membership committee to work on revitalizing our affiliate. We're planning to send mailings to the CPA pass list, as well as approaching small- and mid-sized firms for more support. (Yes, we could use a few volunteers so we can spread the work around.)**

**In summary, we're aiming for an organization that will be more focused on what you've asked for: networking and mentoring opportunities along with CPE. I think we've come up with a solid plan, and I look forward to a great 2007-2008 year.**

**Sue Richman, CPA**

FOOTNOTES – AWSCPA LOS ANGELES AFFILIATE NEWSLETTER - PUBLISHED QUARTERLY  
**MONTHLY LUNCH MEETINGS**



Would you like an opportunity to meet and network with members and friends of AWSCPA – Los Angeles Affiliate in your area? Or just a chance to get out of the office? **Come to a lunch group meeting:**

- ▶ The **Westside lunch** group meets at noon, on the **first Friday of the month** at a Westside location. For more information e-mail Louise at: [lteeter@adelphia.net](mailto:lteeter@adelphia.net) or call (310) 823-2234.

- ▶ The **Valley lunch** group meets on the **fourth Thursday of the month** at noon. For restaurant location and more information e-mail Carolyn Fox: [cfox@pacbell.net](mailto:cfox@pacbell.net)

**These locations not too convenient? How about forming your own lunch group meeting in your area, downtown Los Angeles, Pasadena, South Bay, or West Valley? If you are interested in starting a local lunch group meeting, contact Louise Teeter or Sue Richman for details.**

Donations Needed!! (more to follow)

Walk for a Cause!



The Avon Walk for Breast Cancer is a 501 ( C ) ( 3 ) public charity



### **AWSCPA-LA SOUVENIRS AND GIFT ITEMS**

AWSCPA-LA cups and pins are available for purchase at our meetings or through the board members. Cups and pins are \$5 each.

Be sure to visit the AWSCPA website to see the new stock of Logo Merchandise available.

Visit the AWSCPA Virtual Mall and Logo Shop at [www.awscpa.org](http://www.awscpa.org)

**THE AWSCPA – LOS ANGELES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2006/2007:**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Susan Richman, Susan Richman, CPA</b>
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<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Louise Teeter, Louise Teeter, CPA</b>
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<b>VP Member Services:</b>	<b>Karen Ton, PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP</b>

***WE STILL NEED A FEW GOOD WOMEN  
TO FILL IN THE BOARD FOR THE COMING YEAR  
IF***

***YOU HAVE IDEAS THAT YOU WANT TO SHARE  
PROGRAMS THAT YOU WANT DEVELOPED  
YOU WANT TO BE PART OF PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING  
YOU WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR AFFILIATE  
GET TO KNOW FELLOW MEMBERS  
DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS  
BE A MENTOR***

***CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE AWSCPA-LOS ANGELES BOARD***

**There will be an open board meeting on Saturday, May 26, 2007, at 10:00, at the home of Irene Perer – off the 405 freeway between the Skirball and Getty Museums. All AWSCPA members are invited and if you cannot attend in person we have arranged for a call-in conference line.**

**For call-in conference details or the street address and directions to the Board Meeting call Irene at 310-440-0375 or contact Sue Richman at [srichmancpa@gmail.com](mailto:srichmancpa@gmail.com) for information.**

**With a little help from several members we can offer interesting and worthwhile programs and services that are of value to everyone.**

## ***NEWS FROM YOUR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION***

The next Tech-Casts are:

- June 14, 2007 “ Annuities-What every accountant should know”
- June 21, 2007 “Cultivating Wisdom for Success: Resilience-Leadership-Reframes”
- August 23, 2007 “Effect of general and special powers of appointment in Estate Taxation”
- September 13, 2007 “When fraud hits You”

### **AWSCPA/ASWA Joint National Conference**

For those already planning for the 2007 Joint National Conference, the event will be held at Coronado Springs Resort, Orlando Florida. The two-and-a-half day event will begin on Thursday, October 25, 2007 and conclude on October 27, 2007. For more information visit the AWSCPA website at [www.awscpa.org](http://www.awscpa.org)

## **AWSCPA 74TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE**



### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The American Woman's Society of CPAs (AWSCPA) seeks to promote the study and greater understanding of the effects of gender on accounting, auditing, and the accounting profession. AWSCPA is especially interested in supporting research on the impact of gender on professional issues and lifestyle concerns.

#### **Requirements:**

Unpublished papers of recent date.  
Topics address current issues of direct relevance to accounting professionals.  
Three copies of paper.

#### **Length:**

- ◆ No restrictions
- ◆ 8-10 pages preferred

#### **Style:**

- ◆ Not specific
- ◆ Recommend using the American Psychological Association

#### **Format:**

- ◆ Double space
- ◆ Readable by Practitioners, not primarily for Academics

**Judging:** A panel of academics and practicing professionals

**AWARDS:** Up to three awards of \$500 each

- Opportunity to present papers at AWSCPA annual/regional meetings during 2007-2008
- Publication in AWSCPA publications with author's permission

Submit three copies of manuscript to:  
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136 South Keowee Street  
Dayton, Ohio 45402  
Phone: 937.222.1872 or 800.AWSCPA1

Fax 937.222.5794  
[info@awscpa.org](mailto:info@awscpa.org)

**Deadline:** June 30, 2007

- ❖ **Reminder: If you haven't renewed your AWSCPA membership yet – please do it now!!**
- ❖ **If you are interested in joining AWSCPA contact any board member or the National Office of AWSCPA for membership information at [info@awscpa.org](mailto:info@awscpa.org)**
- ❖ **Did you know – AWSCPA Offers both Affiliate and National Scholarships – Visit the AWSCPA Website for Details.**
- ❖ **AWSCPA recognizes individual achievements of its members and non-members with awards presented at the annual meeting**

## **MAKING OPPORTUNITIES COUNT**

*The American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants (AWSCPA)  
is a national organization dedicated to serving all women CPAs.*

*The AWSCPA provides a supportive environment and valuable resources for members to achieve their personal and professional goals through various opportunities including leadership, networking and education.*

The AWSCPA--Los Angeles Affiliate Newsletter is published quarterly.

Please submit items for publication to the newsletter editor, Usha Murthy at [umurthy@lafoodbank.org](mailto:umurthy@lafoodbank.org)

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