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## OUR MISSION

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 society is the only organization devoted exclusively to the support, professional development, and mentoring of women CPAs.

# MEETING NOTICE

## Business Valuations Not All Valuations Are the Same

Whether your client is going through a divorce, arguing with a business partner, managing a death in the family, trying to buy or sell a business, or just getting life insurance – value is important. It is up to us to be aware of all the intricacies.

Marcie D. Bour, CPA\*/ABV, CVA, CFE will inform us about the impact of the Exposure Draft – Proposed Statement on Standard for Valuation Services.

\*Regulated by the State of Florida

Attend our first 2006 quarterly dinner meeting for this timely update and receive CPE!

WHEN: Thursday, February 16, 2006

WHERE: The Tower Club  
28th Floor, (Regions Bank Building)  
Broward Blvd. & S.E. 3rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale

TIME: 6:00 PM - Networking, followed by Dinner. The dinner will be "Grilled Chicken with Mushroom Sauce." If you prefer a vegetarian meal, indicate so when you RSVP.

Continuing Education - 2 hrs. Technical Business

PRICE: \$30 Members • \$35 Non Members • \$20 Student Members  
\$25 Student Non Members

Send Reservations to: Lisa Petronio  
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Enclosed is my check payable to AWSCPA in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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IF YOU PREFER VEGETARIAN CHECK HERE:

## MEMBER NEWS

**Marcie D. Bour, CPA\*/ABV, CVA, CFE** was a Finalist in the category of Litigation Support for the South Florida Business Journal's Excellence in Accounting Award. She has also been working with NACVA (National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts) to put together a National Disaster Workshop to teach CPAs and Business Appraisers how to prepare business loss insurance claims. The first training session was held January 18-20, 2006 in Atlanta. NACVA is planning to offer this workshop several other times during the coming year. Future workshop dates and locations will be available soon on their website, [www.nacva.org](http://www.nacva.org).



**Bonnie L. Mackey, CPA, CSEP** of Levin, Silvey, Zelko & Co., PA won the 2005 Excellence in Accounting Award for the Estates and Trusts category, sponsored by the South Florida Business Journal. The presentation was at the Signature Grand on December 16, 2005.

Bonnie was chosen as the FICPA Ethics Course presenter for the January 19, 2006 and February 16, 2006 Industry Roundtable dates. She will also be the FICPA Ethics Course instructor at the Goldcoast Chapter on February 8, 2006 and at the Broward Chapter on April 25, 2006.

In addition to the FICPA presentations, Bonnie will be the presenter for several AWSCPA Techcasts listed in our national news section. On Thursday, March 9, 2006, "Dress for Success-First Impressions and Dress Code Policies" will be the topic for Bonnie's presentation for the AAA (Association for Administration Accounting) Mapcast.

## OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

**Cynthia Horner** is a staff accountant with Raymond C. Cahill, CPA, P.A. Her primary duty is tax return preparation. She is also a graduate student at Florida Metropolitan University in Pompano Beach taking courses towards a Masters degree with a concentration in Accounting. She received her Bachelors degree from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Fredonia. While in school, she was the assistant secretary of the Business Society and also the editor of the newsletter for the Accounting Society.

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## AWSCPA NATIONAL NEWS

**2006 ASWA/AWSCPA Joint National Conference.**  
**American Society of Women Accountants (ASWA)**  
**and American Woman's Society of CPAs (AWSCPA)**  
conference will be held on **September 18**  
through **September 20, 2006,**  
at **Bally's Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.**

## SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ENDS JANUARY 31st

**Earn gift cards and a chance for a \$100 Spa Gift Certificate**

The AWSCPA has a new membership drive to all of our members. For every new member enlisted, the recruiting member will be sent a \$10 gift card from Barnes & Noble. A gift card will be earned for every member referred. There are no limits and no minimums.

In addition, for each new member recruited, the existing member will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Spa Finder Gift Certificate to be awarded after the campaign has concluded.

The campaign period began November 1st and will run through January 31st. All new members signed up during that period will be listed in the monthly news alerts and newsletters. If a name appears on that list that you personally recruited, simply notify the National Office and your reward will be on its way.

### Upcoming Techcasts:

- **February 23, 2006** – "Dress for Success-First Impressions and Dress Code Policies" – Bonnie L. Mackey, CPA\*, CSEP\*\*
- **March 23, 2006** – "Auditing – A Risk Based Approach with an Emphasis on Fraud" – Mark Dauberman, CPA
- **May 4, 2006** – "Auditing Within and Around the Computer" – Bonnie L. Mackey, CPA\*, CSEP\*\*
- **June 15, 2006** – "Creating Your Document Management Plan" – Roger Mongeon, Doc-It, Inc.
- **August 24, 2006** – "Effect of General & Special Powers of Appointment in Estate Taxation" – Bonnie L. Mackey, CPA\*, CSEP\*\*

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\*\* Bonnie L. Mackey is a member of our South Florida Affiliate

Visit the AWSCPA National Web Site at [www.awscpa.org](http://www.awscpa.org) for more information on techcasts and the virtual mall that includes both AWSCPA logo and marketing campaign "Chicks and Balances" merchandise. For upcoming local events, visit our South Florida Affiliate Web Site at [www.awscpa.org/southflorida](http://www.awscpa.org/southflorida).

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## SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

### American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants South Florida Affiliate Announces 2006 Competition for Two Scholarships

Apply Now - Deadline for Applications is March 31, 2006

Each year the South Florida Affiliate awards two scholarships:

- A cash scholarship in honor of E. Jean Meyers
- A Becker CPA review scholarship

#### Applicants

- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident.
- Must attend a South Florida school.
- Must be entering their fourth or fifth year of pursuing an accounting degree.
- Scholarship is awarded for academic excellence, tempered with financial need and community involvement.
- Applications are available each January for a March 31st deadline. For an application, please contact:

Dr. Sharon Lassar • Florida Atlantic University  
2912 College Avenue, LA 476 • Davie, FL 33314  
Email: [lassar@fau.edu](mailto:lassar@fau.edu)

### American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants National Scholarship

AWSCPA offers a national scholarship to individuals aspiring to become a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

- The recipient of the scholarship will receive funding for a CPA review course conducted by a recognized CPA review provider.
- The scholarship will be paid directly to the provider and is valued at approximately \$2,200.
- Needs and scholastic aptitude will be considered for the recipient(s). Awarding of the scholarship is done at several student conferences held between August and December of each year, including but not limited to the Beta Alpha Psi Annual Conference.
- Due date of application is March 15, 2006. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by June 30.
- Applications are available online and in printable (pdf) formats at [www.awscpa.org](http://www.awscpa.org).



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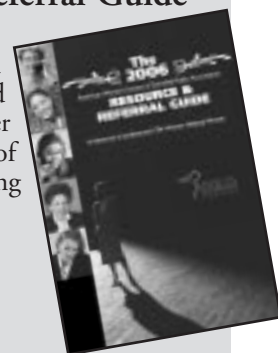
### What book you ask?

### The 2006 Resource and Referral Guide

This reference guide is packed with useful information about AWSCPA members and their fields of expertise and employment specialties. It is sent to over 1,500 CPAs in South Florida and all of our Corporate Sponsors. Here is a listing of the categories:

- Taxation, Auditing, Accounting, IRS Problems Resolution (audits and collection matters)
- Consulting, Other Services, Private Enterprise, Not for Profit Organizations
- Education, Government, Student Members, Corporate Sponsors

To be listed in this guide, you must be a paid member.



## JOB BANK INFORMATION

Local east Fort Lauderdale CPA firm seeks a part-time individual for general office work, including copying, filing, and local errands. Reliability a must. Please fax resume to 954-563-2408.



Aerospace firm is looking for a Vice President /Finance.

#### Job Description:

- Interface with the group's three subsidiary Controllers to ensure that all reporting requirements are met, including review and analysis of each subsidiary's Cognos Monthly Operating Report and additional supporting schedules.
- Overall responsibility for the timely consolidation, in Cognos Finance, of three business units within the firm.
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- Work closely with Corporate IT staff in development of custom applications.
- Oversee management of the Human Resource function for the Group's facilities.
- Participate in acquisition due diligence and special projects
- Provide financial and operational support in the areas of cost control, inventory management, sales analysis, process improvement, and staff development.
- Assist in contract negotiation and preparation of repair and overhaul agreements and proposals.

#### Requirements/Experience:

Undergraduate degree in Accounting or Finance, Public accounting background, CPA and/or MBA a definite plus, 12 to 16 years accounting experience, Solid computer skills, Bilingual: English/Spanish preferred, Previous aerospace experience a plus, Familiarity with Cognos Finance/Consolidation Software a plus Professional appearance and demeanor, Highly responsive to internal and external customer requirements, with a high attention for detail, No relocation provided

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If you would like to advertise future job positions, contact Diane M. Minch at [DianeMinchCPA@aol.com](mailto:DianeMinchCPA@aol.com).



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## Next Newsletter Deadline is April 18, 2006

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**JUST A  
REMINDER  
TO ALL  
MEMBERS TO  
SEND IN  
THEIR DUES  
RENEWALS**

## 2005 - 2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

<b>Thursday, August 25th</b>	<b>Corporate Sponsors' Panel</b> "Pot Pourri - Something For Everyone." 2 hrs. Technical
<b>Thursday, November 17th</b>	<b>Deede Weithorn, CPA</b> "Peer Review Compliance" 2 hrs. Accounting & Auditing
<b>Thursday, February 16th</b>	<b>Marcie Bour, CPA</b> "Business Valuation Standards" 2 hrs. Technical
<b>Thursday, May 18th</b>	<b>Corporate Sponsors' Panel</b> TBA 2 hrs. Technical

All meetings include dinner and networking at the Tower Club in downtown Fort Lauderdale. You can sign up now for the remaining meetings by sending a check for \$30 each to Lisa Petronio, 301 E. Las Olas Boulevard, 5th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

CPA exam passed date \_\_\_\_\_ Certificate No./State \_\_\_\_\_

Resource Guide Category (See Page 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Send check to "AWSCPA" for:	National portion	\$ 105
	Local affiliate	50
	One-time application fee	25
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 180</b>

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