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

2005 - 2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 25th	Corporate Sponsors' Panel "Pot Pourri - Something For Everyone." 2 hrs. Technical
Thursday, November 17th	Deede Weithorn, CPA "Peer Review Compliance" 2 hrs. Accounting & Auditing
Thursday, February 16th	Marcie Bour, CPA "Business Valuation Standards" 2 hrs. Technical
Thursday, May 18th	Corporate Sponsors' Panel Hurricanes - A New Way of Life? 2 hrs. Technical
Thursday, August 24th	TBA

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
	TOTAL	\$ 180

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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

Hurricanes - A New Way of Life? "Will Your Business be Ready this Season?"

We all know about back-up generators and hurricane shutters; but, what about your business and/or your clients' business? Can we require employees come to work during hurricane warnings? Does your business interruption insurance cover closures due to loss of electricity? Join us and hear how our Corporate Sponsor Panel is preparing for this season, learning from the last!

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

WHEN: Thursday, May 18, 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 "Chicken Marsala." 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
C/O Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Farra, LLP
301 East Las Olas Boulevard, 5th Floor
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301
1 (800) 239-3843 ext. 117, to leave message
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Enclosed is my check payable to AWSCPA in the amount of \$ _____

MEMBER NAME _____ PHONE _____

COMPANY NAME _____

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COMPANY NAME _____

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MEMBER NEWS



Marcie D. Bour, CPA*/ABV, CVA, CFE was recently elected to the Litigation Forensics Board for a three year term by the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (NACVA).

Sharon Lassar, Ph.D., CPA was selected "Faculty Advisor of the Year" for the Broward campuses of Florida Atlantic University (FAU) for her support of the Accounting Students' Association. Dr. Lassar also received the "TIAA-CREF Faculty Service Award" for her service to FAU and the community.

Sharon will present "Circular 230" at the FICPA FabExpo in Orlando on June 1.

Kim Lamplough, CPA of Rachlin, Cohen & Holtz, LLP attended a CPE conference in Las Vegas April 20-22 for FASB 123R-Share Based Compensation. Kim is a former president of our AWSCPA South Florida Affiliate.

Bonnie L. Mackey, CPA,* CSEP of Levin, Silvey, Zelko & Co., PA was accepted into the Speakers' Bureau for Intuit as a Quickbooks 2006 presenter for live or webcast presentations. She also published articles in "Get More Business - The Women's E-Marketing Guide to Promote Your Products and Services on the Internet." You can download a copy from http://www.wecai.org/newsite/get_more_business.asp.

Bonnie will be the in-house facilitator for the FICPA Ethics Course for the following dates and locations:

May 4, 2006 - Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Farra, LLP (Brickell office) in the morning,

June 2, 2006 - Rachlin, Cohen & Holtz, LLP in Fort Lauderdale (2 sessions) and

June 10, 2006 - Levin, Silvey, Zelko & Co., PA (mid-morning)

Bonnie will also present "Auditing with & Around the Computer on June 3 for Beta Alpha PSI at FIU in Miami and June 16, 2006 at the Emerald Hills Country Club for Alpha Kappa PSI. In a second session at each, she will present What's New in Quickbooks 2006 for Accountants with financial statements and SOX.

Nicole Mannarino, CPA of Rachlin, Cohen & Holtz, LLP will be a presenter at the Beta Alpha PSI and Accounting Students' Association of Florida Atlantic University's Twentieth Accounting Seminar on May 20, 2006 at the Davie Campus (LA 124). The topic is "SEC Advisory Committee for Smaller Public Companies."

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Cynthia Borders-Byrd recently opened her own practice after over 15 years with Arthur Anderson and 3 years with Ernst and Young. She provides audit, tax, accounting and consulting services to clients in the Not-for-Profit, Governmental and Healthcare industries. Cynthia has a bachelor's of accounting degree from Florida State University and an MBA from Florida Atlantic University. She is a member of the National Association of Black Accountants, as well as the FICPA and AICPA.

Natasha Anderson is a graduate student at Florida Atlantic University where she received her bachelor's degree. She is an associate with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, LLP in their ABAS department.

Valerie Clarke received her bachelor's of accounting from Florida Atlantic University in Spring 2006. She is a senior accountant for payables at First Fleet Corp. and is planning to take the CPA exam in November 2006. While a student, she was a member of the Accounting Student Association.

Maggie Smith just opened her own firm in October 2005, after working for a local firm in their bankruptcy department for 13 years. She specializes in forensic, bankruptcy and litigation support and earned her degree from Hillsdale College. Maggie is a CPA in Michigan, Indiana, and Florida. She is a Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Insolvency Restructuring Advisor, as well as a Certified Valuation Analyst. In her "spare time," she is president of the St. Anthony's School Parents' Association.

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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 from September 18 through September 20, 2006, at Bally's Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Earn up to 24 hours of CPE by attending presentations in the following tracks:

1. Auditing and Accounting
2. Controllershship
3. Tax
4. Personal & Professional Development.

Make your hotel reservations now to secure the discounted rate.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES!

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

The AWSCPA has a new membership drive for 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 Gift Certificate to be awarded in Las Vegas at this year's Joint National Conference, held September 18-20.

The membership campaign period will have semi-annual drawings for grand prizes. 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 (info@awscpa.org) and your reward will be on its way.

Upcoming Techcasts:

- May 11, 2006 - "How to Turn Corporate Tax Liabilities into Assets" - Larry Nealy, Co-Founder, Axiom Solutions
- June 1, 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.
- July 13, 2006 - "Risk Management for your Accounting Practice" - Mr. Ralph Picardi, CPA, Esq., and Mr. Tom Henell, VP, NAPLIA
- 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 president-elect of our South Florida Affiliate

Visit the AWSCPA National Web Site at 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.

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SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

American Woman's Society of
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South Florida Affiliate will announce their
scholarship recipients at the May 18, 2006
dinner meeting.

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). Applicants will be notified of acceptance by June 30.

THE BOOK HAS ARRIVED! What book you ask? The 2006 Resource and Referral Guide. Have you used it?

Are you aware that our members consistently refer business to one another by utilizing the categories in our Resource and Referral Guide? Some of our referrals have gone to members who practice in the areas of Foreign and International Taxation, Business Valuation and Estate & Gift Taxation.

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

- 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

If you are not listed in the 2006 guide, join now by contacting Jill (jandron@bellsouth.net) and Christina (Christina@fullerwitcher.com) to be listed in next year's guide.



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JOB BANK INFORMATION

Local South Broward CPA firm has positions for a senior CPA and a staff accountant with at least 2+ years experience in audit and tax. Quickbooks, CSI, MS Office, Excel experience required. These positions are full time with benefits. Email only resume and salary requirements to TKD5869@aol.com.



Spherion is looking for candidates for the following positions:

Senior Financial Analyst – 5 yrs. experience, salary \$65-\$75K

Senior Auditor – 15-20% travel, salary \$65K

Senior Accountant – 4 yrs. minimum experience, salary \$60-\$70K

Contact Ivonne Simon, JD, MBA for further information at (954) 462-6979 or fax resume to (954) 462-6885.

Local CPA firm in Davie, FL has positions for accountants, CPA Preferred, All Levels:

REQUIREMENTS

1. Minimum of Bachelor's degree in business, tax, or accounting, Masters preferred.
2. Minimum of 1 year of relevant work experience for junior level staff positions. Additional experience will qualify for higher level positions as determined by the Firm.
3. CPA required or CPA candidate and licensure within a reasonable time.
4. Proficiency with computers, including Microsoft Office, Accounting, and Tax software. Experience with Creative Solutions software a significant plus. Experience with Microsoft Office 2003 (Word, Excel, and Outlook) also a plus.
5. Well-rounded knowledge of accounting and auditing principles and/or personal income taxes.
6. Ability to communicate clearly and concisely in English. Bilingual in Spanish a plus.

Please send resume and cover letter with salary history and requirements to cpa@rkcw.com for further consideration. All submissions will be kept in strictest confidence.

Bass Underwriters, Inc. in Fort Lauderdale has the following positions available:

Accounts Receivable Clerk

Requirements:

Proficient data entry skills
Effective written and oral communication skills
Must be detail oriented, accurate and organized
Comfortable with Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel
Understanding of basic accounting principles

Administrator - Surplus Lines Business Taxes

Responsibilities/Requirements:

Top-notch MS Excel skills to design and update Excel spreadsheets
Effective written and oral communication skills
Strong attention to detail and accuracy
Research policies, retrieve historical data and identify discrepancies
Ensure documents required to file taxes are issued in a timely manner

Contact Information: Bass Underwriters, Inc.
1067 Shotgun Road • Fort Lauderdale, FL 33326
Fax: 954-473-3694 • Email: hr@bassunderwriters.com

Practices

Maria Romero-Cuesta, CPA and two partners are looking to purchase an accounting/tax practice. If you or someone you know is looking to sell their practice, please email mrc_cpa@yahoo.com.

If you would like to advertise future job positions,
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**Do you have a topic you'd like to hear addressed
during a dinner meeting?**

Would you like to be a leader in our community of professionals?

Then join us for our

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

WHEN:	Saturday, June 17, 2006
WHERE:	Emerald Hills Country Club Garden Room N. Hills Drive, Hollywood
TIME:	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
PARKING:	Free Self Parking or Valet
FOOD:	Continental Breakfast, Buffet Luncheon & Desserts

PLEASE RSVP TO Bonnie Mackey 954-985-8808 or MackeyCPA@aol.com,
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 09, 2006.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!