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AWSCPA ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF NATIONAL VP-MEMBER SERVICES

DAYTON, OHIO (JULY 2006) – The American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants is pleased to announce the election of Mary Cheaney, CPA to national vice president-membership for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Mary Cheaney is with her own accounting practice in North Miami Beach, Florida since 1990. She has been practicing in public accounting since 1981, after working four years with the Internal Revenue Service in Jacksonville, Florida.

Awarded a \$20,000 IRS scholarship, Mary graduated from Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina in 1977 with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Accounting. Listing the IRS and two national CPA firms as former employers, she has had extensive training in several areas of taxation and accounting. As a result, she has developed a specialty in the areas of tax planning for the real estate professional and small business owner, retirement planning for investors, and wealth preservation through estate and gift planning.

Mary has taught many classes on a wide range of topics through various public forums and professional organizations. She has been published in the Tax Advisor, featured in local newspapers and has hosted radio talk shows on a variety of topics including estate planning, IRS procedures, starting a new business and unlimited tax reform legislation. Mary is also a certified presenter for the Educational Foundation for Women in Accounting's Leadership Training Series.

Mary is actively involved in several professional organizations. She is a member and Past-President of the American Woman's Society of CPAs of South Florida.. She was a charter board member of both the CPA Club of Fort Lauderdale and the Commercial Real Estate Women of Broward County. In addition, she is a member of the Florida Institute of CPAs, the American Institute of CPAs, and the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Her community support encompasses several worthy causes, focusing primarily on women's issues. She has served as President of the Board of Trustees for the Educational Foundation for Women in Accounting. In addition, she is a Past-Chairman of the Board of Directors for Women In Distress of Broward County, the only certified domestic violence treatment center in Broward County, a volunteer for the Financial Appropriations Committee of the United Way, and a volunteer for Positive Images of Broward, a welfare-to-work agency supporting a woman's ability to change her destiny.

AWSCPA, organized in 1933, is the only national organization committed to the development and advancement of women CPAs in the accounting profession. For its members, AWSCPA provides:

- Resources and support for personal and professional development
- Opportunities for leadership participation, networking and mentoring
- Visibility and recognition for the organization and its members
- Leadership in addressing the concerns of women in the accounting profession

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