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DAYTON, OHIO – On June 16, 2004, the American Women's Society of Certified Public Accountants (AWSCPA) - New York City Affiliate held its 18th Annual Dinner at the Penn Club in New York City. There were over 130 professionals in attendance, including both women and men from various areas of the profession, representing companies such as PricewaterhouseCoopers, Deloitte & Touche, Ernst & Young, KPMG, Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch, and Goldman Sachs. Sarah Smith, the Chief Accounting Officer of Goldman Sachs & Co. was the keynote speaker.

Sarah shared experiences from her lengthy career in accounting, including her years as an auditor and advisor. As an accountant who interacted with standard setters and regulators, including advising members of Congress and congressional committees on various accounting topics, she shared her view of the progress of the accounting profession over the years. She commented on how accountants now possess one of the most sought after skillsets in the business world, given the scrutiny under which businesses fall in the current environment of various scandals and increased regulation. Sarah also emphasized the importance to all career women 'to like what you do', considering all of the options that women have with regard to their careers and family.

Sarah was introduced by the NYC Affiliate President, Eva Minsteris, who provided a recap of the past year's activities and progress and subsequently announced the board slate for the upcoming 2004 - 2005 year. The slate was approved and the new board was elected during the dinner. Incoming NYC Affiliate President, Sarah Petit, discussed goals and aspirations for the upcoming year, including expansion of the focus of the organization to include recruitment into the profession, as well as continuing to provide support and resources for female accountants and promoting equality and opportunity in the profession.

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The Affiliate also awarded two \$1,500 scholarships to accounting students, Nicole Petrosino and Huy Duc Huynh. The awards were presented by NYC Affiliate Vice President, Elizabeth Fried. 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 professional and personal 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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