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August Meeting

Fraud in Today's Business World

Greetings to all ASWA members and friends!

We begin a new year of programs on August 17th and encourage as many as possible to attend our gathering. While the committee continues to develop the final program for this year, we will welcome Julia Mast, CPA, CFE to our group that evening. Ms. Mast will be presenting on the topic of "Fraud in Today's Business World". This topic continues to be of great value to all in our profession so do invite colleagues, friends, and other business leaders.

Julia Mast is a Managing Consultant in the Forensic & Valuation Services division in the Kansas City, MO office. This division provides forensic accounting, fraud investigation, and litigation support services. Ms. Mast has over ten years of public accounting experience which includes work in Sarbanes Oxley internal controls documentation, audit, tax, due diligence, and business valuation. Julia's background includes analyzing voluminous complex transactions which has aided her in the defense her clients against the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the U.S. Department of Justice. She has also presented her findings in expert reports for clients in the healthcare, manufacturing and non-profit industries. These reports are tailored for the end user, which has included law enforcement, senior management, and opposing counsel. Julia has been designated as an expert witness in court, and has testified in a fraud case involving million-dollar embezzlement. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, and holds an associate membership with the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association. Julia is a 1999 graduate of Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri, with a B.S. degree in accounting.

Please note changes in our meeting. While we will gather for networking beginning at 5:30 pm, our site will be at HNTB, 715 Kirk Drive, Kansas City, MO. We look

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forward to seeing you on August 17th!

Aneita Remus, Program Committee Chairman

Contact Aneita Remus at aneita_remus@hotmail.com with any questions.

When: Tuesday, August 17, 2010

5:30 PM	Social
6:00 PM	Dinner
6:45 PM	Speaker

Cost: Members	\$20.00
Non members	\$30.00
First time guests	\$15.00

Where: HNTB
715 Kirk Drive
Kansas City, MO 64105

Menu: Chicken Caesar Salad, Dessert, and Beverage

Special dietary requests should be made with reservation.

Reservations:

For reservations, please contact Jessica Galati at (816) 508-4103 or by e-mail, jessica.galati@hotmail.com
Reservations are due by **5:00 pm on Friday, August 13th**.

Note: All standing reservations have been cancelled. In addition, any cancelled reservations must also be received by Friday, August 13th. Any cancellations received after this time will be billed for the meeting.

Officer's Message

Hello and welcome to the 2010-2011 year!

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Kansas City Chapter. I have been lucky enough to

hear Mary Jo McCann, one of the Chapter's founders, tell how the chapter began. She recalled being pleasantly surprised at the number of women who gathered one day in January ready to form an organization to help women accountants in the Kansas City area. Thanks to the pioneering spirit of these women, our Chapter has a strong and proud history of providing inspiration, support, networking, friendships and scholarships to fellow accountants.

The future looks just as successful. I attended the annual Policy and Procedures meeting in July and am excited about the plans the Board of Director's has in place for the year. The Board and Committees have been working hard in order to assure the Chapter continues its excellence in providing what the accountant in all of us wants and needs.

It is definitely going to be a good, fun and exciting year.

Pam Fraley
Past President

Monthly Question

A new tradition began by asking an "icebreaker" question at the beginning of each meeting. In the process, we learned a little more about our fellow ASWA members. We plan on continuing this fun activity, but are now giving you an opportunity to prepare your answers. So, do your homework and come prepared to share a bit about yourself at the next meeting! But do not stress too much, this is meant to be a fun, quick way to learn about others.....no essays required.

What is your favorite season?

2010-2011 Kansas City Chapter Officers and Directors

The following members have been elected to the 2010-2011 Board of Directors:

President:	Tammy Lawson
President Elect:	Megan Sumners
Vice President:	Aneita Remus
Secretary:	Bridget Sturr
Treasurer:	Marie Lafever
Director:	Teresa Kazemi
Director:	Rachel Speth

2009-2010 Kansas City Chapter Committee Chairs

Bulletin:	Jessica Galati
Budget:	Marie Lafever
Chapter Dev:	Tammy Lawson Megan Sumners
Member Handbook:	Pamela Fraley
Membership:	Teresa Kazemi Krista Johnson
Program:	Aneita Remus Bridget Sturr

Scholarship:	Mary Roach Rachel Speth
Web Site:	Jessica Galati

Meet Your Board

President: Elected by the membership to lead the chapter in administering the business of the chapter and guide its future growth. Only a person who has previously served as a member of the board of directors of the chapter is eligible to serve as president. Some of the duties of the president include:

- * Is the presiding officer of the chapter
- * Implements the plans and policies of the chapter
- * Attends all the chapter meetings, functions, and board meetings
- * Prepares the meeting agenda for all chapter meetings
- * Appoints the chairman for each of the chapter's committees
- * Appoints members to special committees as needed

Tammy Lawson, President 2010-2011

Employer: HNTB

Member since: 2006

Other positions held: Secretary, President-Elect,
Membership Chair

Hobby/Interests: I like traveling, cooking/baking, throwing parties and shopping!

Favorite thing about ASWA: My favorite thing about ASWA is the opportunity it allows me to meet and interact with other women of my profession. I have made new friends and met ladies I never would have, had I not joined ASWA!

Other Interesting Facts: Prior to moving to KC in 2004, I lived in St. Joseph and worked at a Child Care Center for 13 years.

New Members

Please join the Kansas City Chapter Board in welcoming our new members:

Laura Baker
Jill Hammond
Melissa Kehoe
Joy McBride
Lindsey Stiles

Turning Sixty!

Turning sixty can be a scary time; however, it is better than the alternative. As I write this article for The Voucher, I am in the process of planning my sixtieth birthday. As you can see I am six months older than the Kansas City Chapter #30 of the American Society of Women Accountants. The chapter turns sixty in January 2011, and the officers and directors, along with Betsy Scott, are planning a celebration. They will be looking for

any past presidents and past members to be invited to the January 18, 2011 meeting. If you know of their addresses, phone numbers, or whatever means of inviting them, please let Betsy, Aneita, or Bridget know. In addition, Jessica Galati will be looking for members to write articles for The Voucher about memories and experiences with Chapter #30.

One of my first vivid memories of the chapter was when I was seven months pregnant with my son, Matthew; I attended the Spring ASWA Conference in Phoenix Arizona. At that time (1977), there was a spring and a fall annual conference. This was my first National experience and Phoenix was hot, as this was June.

Since I was pregnant (traveling with my Doctor's permission), many of the other older members attending were not sure I should be doing the things I was. Cathie Hogg and I bought sundresses and fun night was a barbeque at an old western town. I had the opportunity to meet Fern Close – a past president of the KC Chapter who then resided in Phoenix. Cathie and I shared a room with Betty House and we thoroughly enjoyed our time at the conference. In addition to me being pregnant, this was my first time to fly.

It is a great memory about ASWA and I will cherish it, along with the hills of San Francisco, the French Quarter of New Orleans, Elvis' home in Memphis, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland (we were there the year it opened), and the many Area Conferences attended in the Midwest.

Think back to the wonderful times you have had meeting other chapters' members and share those stories with the KC members. There always seems to be someone out there you can call with a technical or fun question as you become active in ASWA.

Mary Roach
Past President

2010 Joint National Conference

Do not miss your opportunity to attend this year's Joint National Conference in Nashville, TN. The conference will be held September 27-29, 2010 at the Music Station Sheraton. This is a great way to network with ASWA members and earn CPE. More details can be found at www.aswa.org.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

There will be two proposed bylaws amendments that will be voted on by the chapter and member-at-large delegates at the ASWA Annual Business Meeting, on Tuesday, September 28, 2010 in Nashville, TN. Please review the following proposals along with the rationale. If you have any concerns regarding the vote at Nationals, please contact one of this year's Chapter Delegates.

PROPOSAL #1: BYLAW AMENDMENT FOR 2010

ANNUAL MEETING

Proposed Amendment to Article XI – Dissolution

Amendment #1 Amend Article XI, Section A by eliminating “The Educational Foundation for Women in Accounting, if it exists, or” and adding “The ASWA Educational Foundation, if it exists, or”; and Section B by adding the words “women in” and “and finance”.

Current Bylaw

Article XI Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the Society, any remaining funds will go to a nonprofit organization that is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as follows:

- A. The Educational Foundation for Women in Accounting, if it exists, or
- B. A nonprofit organization working for the benefit of the accounting profession to be chosen by the trustees of the dissolution.

Proposed Amendment

Article XI Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the Society, any remaining funds will go to a nonprofit organization that is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as follows:

- A. The ASWA Educational Foundation, if it exists, or
- B. A nonprofit organization working for the benefit of women in the accounting and finance profession to be chosen by the trustees of the dissolution.

Rationale

This amendment will serve to support ASWA's Educational Foundation, in the unlikely event of dissolution of the Society.

The mission of the ASWA Educational Foundation, founded in 2004, is “to promote and advance financial literacy, scholarship and life skills through programs of recognition, mentoring, research and outreach.”

The ASWA Educational Foundation has increased its donations every year since formation through the support of ASWA members and chapters and has also correspondingly increased the number of scholarships awarded. In the unlikely event that the Society were to dissolve, remaining funds should first be awarded to the ASWA Educational Foundation. If the ASWA Educational Foundation no longer exists, the trustees are instructed to donate the funds to another nonprofit organization working for the benefit of women in the accounting and finance professions.

PROPOSAL #2: BYLAW AMENDMENT FOR 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

Proposed Amendment to Article III - Members

Amendment #2 Amend Article III, Section 1. Subsection D "Retired", 1. Qualifications, by removing the phrase "as of June 1" in subsections a., b., and c.; adding the word "OR" between the subsections for qualifications, a., b., and c; and adding the phrase "or older" in subsections a. and c.

Current Bylaw

Article III Members

Section 1. D. Retired

1. Qualifications:

a. Age sixty-five as of June 1 and a regular or associate member for the shorter of five consecutive years or the life of the chapter.

b. Retired from all gainful employment due to disability as of June 1.

c. Age fifty-five as of June 1 and retired from all gainful employment and a regular or associate member for the shorter of ten consecutive years or the life of the chapter.

2. Shall retain the rights previously held as regular or associate members.

Proposed Amendment

Article III Members

Section 1. D. Retired

1. Qualifications:

a. Age sixty-five or older and a regular or associate member for the shorter of five consecutive years of the life of the chapter, or

b. Retired from all gainful employment due to disability, or

c. Age fifty-five or older and retired from all gainful employment and a regular or associate member for the shorter of ten consecutive years or the life of the chapter.

2. Shall retain the rights previously held as regular or associate members

Rationale

This amendment serves to make an administrative correction/clarification to the wording of the bylaw regarding retired members. As currently written, it appears that a qualified retired member might have to meet all three qualifications, which doesn't make sense, as they are mutually exclusive. Retired member status can be achieved with any of the three qualifications, so adding the "OR" between subsections is appropriate.

Further, with the change in member anniversary dates for new members since 2008 to correspond with a member's original month of membership, the June 1 measurement date has become outdated. The age requirements should be met as of a member's renewal date.

Girls Night Out

Let's all have a great night out with the ladies at Kaufman Stadium! The Royals are having a Girls' Night Out at the ballpark on Saturday, September 18th. Please join us for

a night of baseball and fun with your fellow ASWA members. Feel free to also invite other friends, family, or co-workers that you think would enjoy a night out with the girls. This event takes place at Kauffman Stadium in the Outfield Experience prior to the Royals game.

Game Details:

Saturday, September 18th

Cleveland Indians vs. Kansas City Royals

Game Time: 6:10 pm

Tickets:

VIP Ticket Package - \$34

- Field Box or Field Plaza Lower Level Ticket

- \$6 in Loaded Value to be used for concessions

- Royals T-shirt

- \$5 Donation to the American Heart Association

In addition, the first 10,000 ladies through the gates will receive a free Royals Cap.

Please contact us with questions or to reserve your ticket! Jessica Galati at jessica.galati@hotmail.com or Pam Fraley at plfraley@msn.com

Please RSVP by September 1, 2010

Join ASWA's LinkedIn Group Today

We encourage you to join ASWA's "LinkedIn Group." LinkedIn is an online network of more than 25 million experienced professionals from around the world.

LinkedIn provides ASWA members:

- The ability to quickly find fellow ASWA contacts nationally for networking and professional information
- An ASWA group discussion forum to ask questions, make recommendations and more!
- The power to connect with industry experts
- Exponential opportunity to increase local, regional and national membership
- The ability to know more than a name – view rich professional profiles from fellow ASWA Group members
- A platform to accelerate careers/business through referrals from ASWA Group members

To join ASWA's LinkedIn Group, all you need to do is click on the [Invitation](#) and build your profile. ASWA's National Membership Committee has assembled a simple to follow set of [ASWA LinkedIn Group Instructions](#) to guide you through the process. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact ASWA Headquarters at aswa@aswa.org.

We look forward to networking with you on ASWA's LinkedIn Group!

And now available....the ASWA Kansas City Chapter Group!

Corporate Membership Program

The ASWA Corporate Membership Program was developed to encourage companies to take advantage of the benefits of ASWA membership for their employees by offering discounts and bonuses for multiple memberships. The program has three levels of participation (based upon number of members enrolled) with excellent bonuses for the top two levels. Individuals who become members under this plan will receive all the benefits of ASWA membership at a special discounted dues rate, and the company will be eligible to choose from several corporate bonuses. All members must be employed by the same affiliated group, but may work at different company locations. ASWA requests one group payment and a contact for communication throughout the year and for annual renewal notification. Please see the ASWA National website for a [brochure](#) featuring the details of this new program.

Anniversaries

The following are celebrating their anniversary with the ASWA Kansas City Chapter in July and August:

Martha Forsythe
Jessica Galati
Bridget Sturr
Megan Sumners
Sheryl Wagner

Exciting News!!

Congratulations to Marie Lafever on her recent retirement!

Reservation Reminder

Reservations for the monthly meetings are due to Jessica Galati by 5:00 pm on the Friday prior to each meeting date. Those who have made a reservation at any time and are unable to attend will be billed for the meeting cost. The Chapter Officers and Board of Director members appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Happy Anniversary

The Kansas City Chapter will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary in January 2011. Please start gathering stories, photos, videos, etc. and share them with a board member. Please also share any ideas you may have on how we may celebrate this anniversary in style!

ASWA News

National Website

ASWA is proud to announce the launch of our new website at www.aswa.org. We encourage you to visit our redesigned site as soon as possible to utilize our online resources.

Member News

If you have any program ideas for the 2010-2011 meetings please contact Aneita Remus at aneita_remus@hotmail.com.

Contact Information

Remember to update your contact information when it changes on the ASWA web page www.aswa.org.

Footnotes from the Board

Web Site: Check our chapter's web page at www.aswa-kc.com. **All Voucher information is there. Any comments or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.**

Suggestions or News for the Bulletin?

Do you have news to share with the chapter? Weddings, births, promotions, new job, won the lottery? Professional news? Suggestions? If so, please send your information to Jessica Galati at (816) 508-4103 or by e-mail – jessica.galati@hotmail.com

The next voucher deadline is August 30, 2010.



American Society of Women Accountants
Kansas City Chapter

Upcoming Events:

Kansas City Chapter ASWA Monthly Meetings:

September 21, 2010	Dinner Meeting
October 19, 2010	Dinner Meeting
November 16, 2010	Dinner Meeting
December 2010	Chapter Social
January 18, 2011	Dinner Meeting
February 15, 2011	Dinner Meeting
March 15, 2011	Dinner Meeting
April 2011	Chapter Social
May 17, 2011	Dinner Meeting
June 21, 2011	Dinner Meeting

ASWA Conferences:

August 19-21, 2010	Northeast Regional Conference	Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
September 27-29, 2010	Joint National Conference	Nashville, Tennessee
