

Chapter Chatter

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The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.

Women on the Move!

The April meeting was attended by as many new guests as chapter members! There are many more professional women out there in the South Shore area that are looking for what we have in our chapter—support and encouragement, sharing of experiences, education, and friendship. Every week I receive several emails from women enquiring about the South Shore Chapter. I always respond promptly, direct them to our own website and to the national website, and answer any questions they have. I consider myself an ambassador for the Chapter.

This month I challenge all of you to invite someone you know to join us as a guest.

We all benefit when we add new members, because we add new skills and experience, and that makes us

June Meeting

Since we have so many new members, instead of an outside speaker at the June meeting we will be presenting an overview of the A.B.W.A. as an organization, the responsibilities of the board of directors, and what the various committees work on during the year. This will also be a great refresher for those of you who have been members for a long time. It will help us all to focus our efforts going forward so that we can provide the most value as a chapter to all our members. If there is a question you want answered, call me or email me and we'll make sure you get an answer or an explanation.



all stronger. We become more effective in our own business and in our community.

Make sure you have A.B.W.A. brochures with you to hand out to those women you meet during the month. You will also find A.B.W.A. business cards available at the May meeting with my contact information on them. Feel free to pass these out to women you meet and invite them to join us.

This is **your** organization! Become **Engaged** and help us, the board, make this the organization that truly provides what you need. Let us know what kind of information you would like to see presented, which speakers motivate you, and what you want to learn more about.

I will be away on vacation for your May meeting. Have a great meeting and I will see you all when I get back!

Penny

Changing of the Guard!

The current year for this board of directors ends July 31st. The slate of candidates for the new year has been presented by the Nominating Committee:

President - Penny Smith

Vice President—Toni Huggins

Secretary— Nicole Vikhylantsev

Treasurer—Ruth Benoit

Members in good standing will vote at the May meeting whether to accept these nominations.

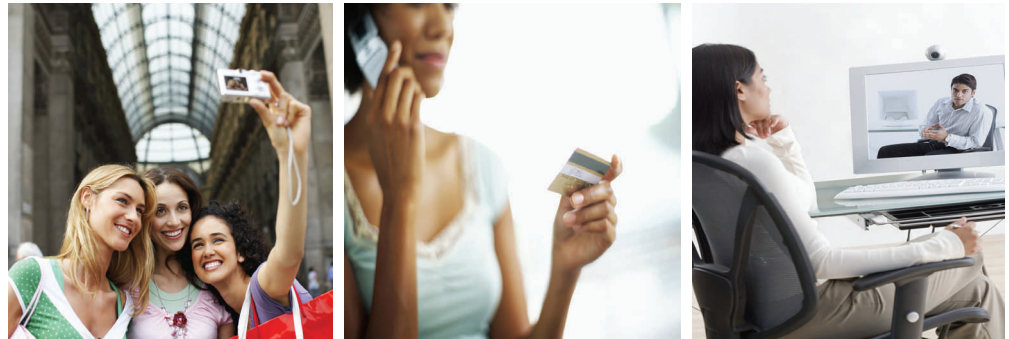
Jennifer Anderson has also agreed to act as Corresponding Secretary. There will be

several other committee positions available. All these will be explained at the June Meeting, after the new Board members are inducted.

Chairing a committee is great training for those of you who have never served in a similar capacity before.

Those who are more experienced will be happy to help wherever they are needed, and many hands make light work.

If you are asked to help out on one of the many committees, I hope you will say yes. We all bring unique talents to the group and we can all learn from each other.



ABWA’s Proud Code of Conduct

1. All members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for the American Business Women’s Association.
2. Members will not allow their personal beliefs and convictions to interfere with the representation of ABWA’s mission.
3. Members will always treat their member colleagues, guests, vendors and sponsors with honesty, respect, fairness, integrity, responsibility, kindness, and in good faith.
4. Members will maintain compliance with ABWA National, Chapter and Express Network Bylaws.
5. Members will not use their personal power to advance their personal interests.
6. Members will strive for excellence in their professions by maintaining and enhancing their own business knowledge and skills, and by encouraging the professional development of other members

“The success of a chapter is dependent on every member’s contributions to that end.”