



Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance
 CONNECT • ADVANCE • LEAD
Orange County Chapter

The mission of AFWA is to enable women in all accounting and related fields to achieve their full personal, professional and economic potential and to contribute to the future development of their profession.

President's Message

Millie Culpepper



Thursday, October 16th - NAWBO-OC 19th Annual



Remarkable Women Awards Gala

The NAWBO-OC Remarkable Women Awards event honors Orange County women business leaders who have demonstrated success, leadership and passion in their chosen fields. Remarkable Women Award categories include Lifetime Achievement, Entrepreneur to watch and Innovator. Each year, AFWA OC Chapter partakes in honoring our Member of the Year as a participating organization with the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO). As this year's Member of the Year Honoree, I am excited and looking forward to all this evening as in store for us. For more information on NAWBO, go to their website at www.nawbo-oc.org.

Join us Thursday, October 23rd at 5:30PM - Ten Asian Bistro, Newport Beach we will be hosting our 2nd **Speed Networking Mixer**. For more information or to register visit our website at www.afwaoc.org.

AFWA 2014 Annual Business Meeting was held on September 30, 2014 in New Orleans, LA. Millie Culpepper & Gina Webber represented our chapter in person; OC entitled to three delegate votes. **BYLAW AMENDMENT RESULTS:**

Amendment #1 Age sixty-five older, retired and a regular member for ten consecutive years. **Vote = Yes 51%, No 48% Abstained 2% - Defeated, not 2/3 majority**

Amendment #2 Replace the word "Society" with "organization"
Vote = Yes 98%, No 0% Abstained 2% - Approved

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Upcoming Events

10/16/2014 5:00pm
 NAWBO Gala
 Irvine Marriott

10/23/2014 5:30pm
 Speed Networking
 Ten Asian Bistro
 Newport Beach

11/19/2014 5:30pm
 Student Night
 Scholarship Awards
 Holiday Inn
 Santa Ana

12/06/2014
 Holiday Event
 (TBD)

[Visit our chapter website for more details](#)

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Amendment #3 There shall be six classes of membership: regular, associate, affiliate, retired, honorary, and Emeritus

Vote = Yes 98%, No 0% Abstained 2% - Approved

Amendment #4 Replace the word "five" to "six"

Vote = Yes 98%, No 0% Abstained 2% - Approved

Amendment #5 Add an Emeritus Member classification.

Vote = Yes 95%, No 3% Abstained 2% - Approved

Amendment #6 Amend Article III, Section 1.B. Associate: insert the word "finance", strike "a related field" and "its equivalent"

Vote = Yes 84%, No 15% Abstained 2% - Approved

Student Night Scholarship Awards Dinner - November 19th, 2014

SPONSORS:

Is your business looking for a great way to get your name out in front of numerous accountants and CPAs? Are you looking for a way to give back to the community? Do you want to network with other accounting professionals and high ranked students from Orange and LA Counties? Then you need to become a sponsor of this year's AFWA Student Night Scholarship Awards Dinner!

This event will be held on November 19, 2014 at 5:30 PM at the Holiday Inn in Santa Ana. Companies and individuals can sponsor a table at this event and receive multiple forms of advertising for only \$600. You may also sponsor a scholarship in any increment of \$500 that will go directly to a student. If you are interested in being involved as a sponsor or just to attend the event, please visit our website at www.afwaoc.org or contact Doris Cerna at special.events@afwaoc.org

Students Scholarships Application -- it's not too late to apply:

[Click here for our online application](#) Deadline is Friday, October 31, 2014

We will be awarding four scholarships:

One \$1,500 scholarship for a 4-year college or university student and two \$500 scholarships to a part-time or community college student, AFWA encourages both women and men to apply for our scholarships. One \$500 scholarship sponsored by Haskell & White.

We are excited to meet the four well-deserving student winners receive their scholarship awards at the November dinner. As a reminder, all accounting and finance students are invited to attend for free, E-mail your RSVP to reservations@afwaoc.org by Friday, November 14th.

The Scholarship Committee is doing their best to get the word out to college students and professors about the Student Night event, will solicit scholarship applications, and will select the winners for presentation at the dinner on November 19th. If you can help get the word out, please contact Doris Cerna at scholarship@afwaoc.org.

Millie Culpepper

President

Join our LinkedIn group

Connect and network online with other professionals, start discussions and more! For additional AFWA networking click links below:

[AFWA Orange County Chapter's Website](#)

National: [Website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Blog](#)

Speed Networking Mixer Thursday, October 23rd

Kristina Diaz



The first 20 people to Pre-Pay RSVP by Monday, 10/20/2014 will be entered to a drawing for FREE attendance to our JANUARY 21st, 2015 Dinner Meeting!

**Thursday, October 23rd, 2014
Social/Mixer 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Ten Asian Bistro
4647 MacArthur Blvd
Newport Beach, CA 92660
PH: 949.660.1010**

Have you wanted a chance to talk to another member or guest, get to know them better and get their contact information? Now is your chance at our October 23rd Social/Mixer. We're going to be playing a Speed Networking game that will give you a chance to meet and interact with other members and guests. Be sure to bring lots of business cards to share during our Speed Networking game. Don't miss out on this great networking opportunity!

Note: If you don't want to participate in the Networking event-that's ok just sit out the game and enjoy the fun!

**Pre-pay by PayPal at www.afwaoc.org
\$15 AFWA Members, \$20 Guests, \$25 Member + one Guest
*Includes appetizers, drink on your own at Happy Hour prices!***

RSVP: networking@afwaoc.org or contact Kristina Diaz at 714.726.0775

*Guest Business Card Drawing Donated by AFWA-OC:
AFWA-OC Dinner Meeting (\$43 value)*

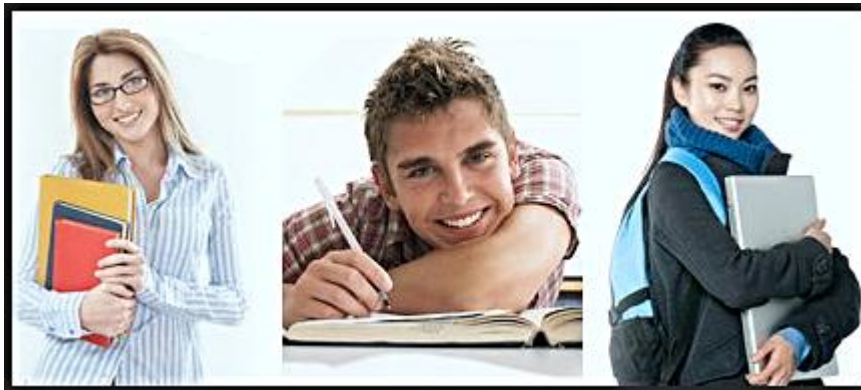
*Opportunity prize drawings:
Tickets sold at 2/\$5, 6/\$10, 15/\$20*

Proceeds support our scholarship fund.

If you or your company would like to donate a bottle of wine, a gift certificate or other items to be used for our Opportunity Drawing to raise money for our Scholarship Fund, please contact Sandra Maldonado at opportunity.drawings@afwaoc.org

Student Night Dinner - November 19, 2014

Doris Cerna



Be a sponsor of our Annual Student Scholarship event!

Scholarship Donation--\$500 includes:

- The scholarship donation will go directly to a student-scholarship winner for the recipient's education.
- Recognition in our November Newsletter; on our website including a link to your company's website; and at the dinner including the event program.
- 30 Tickets for the evening's opportunity prize drawing

Corporate Sponsor Package (Table Sponsor)--\$600 includes:

- Table and dinner for 8 with prime location including first priority for seating of scholarship recipients at your table.
- Recognition in our November Newsletter; on our website including a link to your company's website; and at the dinner including the event program.
- Promotional advertisement on our website from the date of sponsorship to one month after the event date.
- 30 Tickets for the evening's opportunity prize drawing

Individual Student Sponsorship--\$50 includes:

- One student dinner ticket
- Recognition in our November Newsletter and website

RSVP by October 31st, 2014 (November 2014, newsletter deadline)

Payment Options:

Please complete this form and return to us:

- Email to: special.events@afwaoc.org and include company logo for promotional purposes.
- Mail to:
AFWA-OC Chapter
3857 Birch Street, PMB 169
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Check: Make checks payable to "AFWA" and mail to the address noted above

Credit Card: Please pay by credit card on our website at <http://afwaoc.org/corporate-sponsorship/>

For more information, visit our website at www.afwaoc.org; or contact Doris Cerna special.events@afwaoc.org

Scholarship Application deadline October 31, 2014
<http://afwaoc.org/scholarship-info/>

Scholarship Awards

We will award \$3,000.00 in scholarships. We are excited to meet the four well deserving student winners receive their scholarship awards in November.

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Time: 5:30PM

Holiday Inn
2726 S. Grand Avenue
Santa Ana, Ca 92705
PH: 714-481-6300

Complementary dinner is being offered to all accounting and finance students. Student must E-mail RSVP by 11/14/2014 - noon to reservations@AFWAoc.org.

Guest Speaker: Tallia Hart, CEO, Irvine Chamber of Commerce

Topic: "Rise Above...the Challenges and Triumphs of Becoming a Young Leader"

Members: \$52.00, Guests: \$57.00

Three convenient ways to register:

By phone: Contact AFWA voice mail at 949-862-0777

By email: Contact reservations@AFWAoc.org

On-line: Register via our PayPal link: www.afwaoc.org

Opportunity Drawing Winners

Sandra Maldonado

Congratulations to these individuals who won prizes from our monthly Opportunity Drawing that benefits our chapter's Student Scholarship program:

Due to the large turnout at our End of Summer Networking Mixer we had THREE drawings!!

Laurel Mann won a \$25 Starbucks gift card along with a reusable Starbucks cup.

Kristina Diaz won a \$25 Specialties gift card.

Laurel Mann also won a FREE admission to our Speed Networking Mixer on October 23rd at Ten Asian Bistro.

Thank you Laurel Mann for your support during the Summer Networking Mixer and Congratulations on your two wins!

100% of the proceeds from our monthly Opportunity Drawings go toward funding our annual scholarship awards. AFWA Orange County Chapter's Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) charity which directly supports accounting students in Orange County.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are in need of donations to continue our monthly Opportunity Drawing which funds our scholarships. Many companies which have donated in the past are no longer able to make a donation. Please consider donating a gift card, or whatever you'd like to see in the Opportunity Drawing! If you have something you'd like to donate, please contact Sandra Maldonado at opportunity.drawings@afwaoc.org or visit AFWA-OC website at www.afwaoc.org.

Scholarship Fund donations are 100% deductible, here are three ways to contribute:

- 1) By mail in support of our **AFWA-OC scholarship fund** (Mail to 3857 Birch Street, PMB 169, Newport Beach, CA 92660)
- 2) By PayPal visit our website at <http://afwaoc.org/scholarship-donation/>.
- 3) At our events Opportunity Drawings

Membership Corner

Lily Gidcumb

Our Mission

The mission of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance is to enable women in all accounting and related fields to achieve their full personal, professional, and economic potential and to contribute to the future development of their profession.

Women are still largely underrepresented in leadership positions in the accounting and finance industry. The Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance identifies this gap as a major problem that needs to be remedied. AFWA members achieve their full personal, professional and economic potential and contribute to improvements in the accounting and finance industry.

How to Become an AFWA Member

Join the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance to strengthen your professional growth. AFWA offers networking and continuing education for accounting and finance professionals at the local, regional and national levels.

Our **membership benefits** include the opportunity for our members to communicate both virtually and in-person through online discussion forums, national and regional conferences and chapter meetings.

Individual Membership Categories

- **Annual Regular/ Affiliate Member Dues:**
National \$131 + OC Chapter Dues \$56 + One time Application Fee \$25
Total New Member Dues \$212 / Renewing Member \$187
- **Annual Student Dues:** National \$42 + OC Chapter Dues \$21 Total \$63

1. [Apply online.](#)

2. Apply by mail. Go online and download the application and submit with check per the application instructions. The most recent application will always be located here: <http://afwaoc.org/membership-info/>

3. Orange County Chapter Notification: Also, please send an email only (not the application) to Lily Gidcumb at: membership@AFWAoc.org to let her know you have applied to be a member. Lily will monitor your application status and will address any questions you may have.

4. Once your application is processed, you will receive:

- Membership Number
- Orange County Chapter Membership Roster
- Emails regarding upcoming meetings and events
- Leadership opportunities in a supportive arena throughout the AFWA Chapters
- Subscriptions to weekly, monthly and quarterly **AFWA publications**
- Access to jobs and resources in our **Career Center**
- Access to online networking through **LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and Google+**
- Discounted services and memberships from our **alliance and affinity partners:** (Member discount details available on AFWA Member Login)
 - **The Institute of Management Accountants** (IMA)
 - **The Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting** (ALPFA)
 - **The CCH Group**
 - **Continuing education from monthly membership meetings**

Questions? Contact Us.

By Email: membership@afwaoc.org

By Phone: 626 922-9836

By Mail: 3857 Birch Street, PMB 169
Newport Beach, CA 92660

To JOIN visit National website: www.afwa.org/join



AFWA National News

Application due October 31, 2014.

[Download the application now!](#)

"We learn by pushing ourselves and finding what really lies at the outer reaches of our abilities."

-John Waitzkin

The mission of the Foundation is to promote and advance education, career development and leadership in finance and accounting, with the goal of guiding women to achieve success in their careers. We believe that to decrease barriers for women in the accounting and financial profession, education and access to career development resources are essential. The Foundation aims to ensure women will have the tools and resources to achieve every career success they desire.

NOW ACCEPTING: applications for the 2014 Gleim CIA, CMA, and EA Review Course scholarships AND applications for the 2014 Fall CPA Review scholarship.

- Review scholarships are open to AFWA Members only. To download either application, please [login to the AFWA Member site](#), and visit Member Resources. Deadline, October 31, 2014.

DEADLINE EXTENDED: Now accepting applications for the Ledgent Native American Scholarship through October 31, 2014. [Download the Application now!](#)

Finance and Accounting Scholarships: The undergraduate and master's scholarships are open to the public. Contact an AFWA Chapter near you for more information and to apply. Visit our [Chapter Directory](#) for contact information.

- **Undergraduate Scholarships** - To support the costs of attending 3rd, 4th, or 5th year when pursuing an accounting or finance degree.
- Including the [Paula Zanni Award](#), presented annually to one outstanding undergraduate scholar.
- **Master's Scholarships** - For those attending an accredited College or University enrolled in a master's program, and is pursuing an accounting or finance degree.
- **Native American Scholarship** - To support the costs of attending 3rd, 4th, or 5th year when pursuing an accounting or finance degree. Applicant must be enrolled or a direct descendant of an enrolled member in a Federal or State recognized tribe.
- **Contact:** foundation@afwa.org
PH: 800.326.2163

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