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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dianne Luckett
2015-2016 Corporate President
Irby Electrical Distributor

It's hard to believe that the EWI fiscal year is almost over and our Annual Meeting is just weeks away. The LCAM Committee and the Spokane Chapter have outdone themselves once again. If you have not yet registered and reserved your hotel rooms, there's still time. August 31 is the deadline to secure the discounted rates with the hotel as well as the regular rates for LCAM registration before the late fees are applied. **Register Here NOW** or call the Corporate Office and they will be more than happy to assist. Check out our latest LCAM 2016 video with highlights of what to expect.....and SHARE it with others!



2016 AOL GRADUATES

The new AOL Module "Lessons of Leadership: How to Motivate, Influence and Lead People to Action" is amazing! Lori G has outdone herself again. If this module will be the 4th AOL Module you have completed, you will be inducted as an AOL Alumni. Please let the Corporate Office know within the next couple of weeks so that we can have your diploma ready.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

I want to again, thank this year's Nominating Committee for an excellent slate of officers for the coming year. And, speaking of the coming year, we want to remind everyone to encourage representatives from your chapters to apply for the Nominating Committee. We have so many dedicated, supportive members of our organization and we want and need YOU to be a part of the selection process of our future leaders. For your convenience, **here's a link to the process**.

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The Corporate Office deepens its commitment and level of service to EWI. We commit to a 24-hour turnaround in email responses and

Another opportunity to support EWI is by volunteering to serve on a Corporate Committee. There are a number of different committees, so please let Jill Gaffney know if you have a particular area of interest.

IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER

Don't forget the Delegate/Alternate Session Call to prepare for the Annual Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2016
3:00 pm (ET), 2:00 pm (CT), 1:00 pm (MT), 12:00 (CT), 9:00 am (Hawaii)
Conference Call Number: 303.223.9908 or 877.204.3718
Conference Code: 9883627

Pam Meyercord, our Parliamentarian will be assisting with the call.

STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE

I am attaching a link to our EWI Standards of Excellence criteria. We want to know if your Chapter has met these standards for this year so that we can recognize your accomplishments at LCAM. Please take a moment to **review and complete this document** and send to the Corporate Office by September 9. (kristine@ewiconnect.com or ewi@ewiconnect.com)

BOARD FORUMS

I want to tell you how humbling it has been for the EWI Board of Directors to hear your words of encouragement and support as one or more of us have been able to be a part of each of the Board Forums this year. Without exception, you have shown us that we are all on the same page and working together to ensure the growth and success of EWI. We have been able to answer questions and openly discuss concerns in such a positive, professional way. It is truly the desire of every one of our Chapters to move this organization forward. With this kind of momentum, how can we not succeed? I want to reiterate that all of our expenses to attend these forums have been paid for by our firms, personally or a combination of both. Best Practices from these meetings will be posted to our website.

CORPORATE OFFICE UPDATE

Kristine and Kristen have been busy with renewals, countless phone calls and MemberZone updates, as well as getting ready for LCAM 2016. There's a lot that goes on behind the scenes and we could not have accomplished what we have this year without these two dedicated individuals. Please join the Board by expressing your appreciation for all they do when you see them at LCAM. (If you're not going to be able to attend LCAM, a note would be nice as well.) They work tirelessly for this organization and go above and beyond what is expected....because they too, love EWI.

TOGETHER, we faced a number of challenges this year. I truly believe though, we have turned the corner and are headed for exciting times ahead. We will continue to focus on everything positive. I have received so many encouraging emails and phone calls over this past year and I cannot tell you how much they have meant to me. Always coming at just the right time and with just the right message. Thank you all. One in particular I'd like to share with you now and will probably reiterate at LCAM.

"I was thinking earlier that we all focus on the losses of our membership, and yet Lucille Johnson Perkins started it with 1 person. We're at 1468 now-that's 1467 more than when it was started. Maybe we should quit worrying about where we aren't and focus on where we are."

Joan Orndorff, President, EWI of Columbus

Thank you, Joan for that wonderful, positive reminder.

I see great things in the future for EWI. You are in such good "hands" with your 2016-2017 Board of Directors. I am proud to have served with Benita, Jill, Cheryl, Courtney, Darlis and Darlene this past year. They have been an amazing team and have dedicated countless hours/days/weeks to EWI and I'm quite sure will continue to do so. As I pass the gavel to Jill in September, I can rest assured that under her leadership, we will see EWI return to our roots (those that made us successful).....while embracing new opportunities, technologies and ideas. We can't help but succeed.

I will close with this. I was asked to make a promise a few weeks ago at the Texoma Forum; to continue to maintain an uplifting and positive attitude and atmosphere throughout our Annual Meeting. To remember the support and encouragement we received while at the forum and from our chapters across the US and Canada. How could I forget?

I promise.

answering voice messages, unless the office is closed or the person you need to reach is out for the day.

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