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AWSCPA—THE YEAR IN REVIEW

By CORRINE CHILDS, C.P.A., National President, 1955-56

The conclusion of the 1955-56 AWSCPA administrative year and the beginning of the 1956-57 year leave little time for reflection on the activities of the past. We are happy over the accomplishments of the year, but we would be remiss if we did not admit that many things remain to be done by our successors.

Elizabeth Sterling, First Vice-President, also served as editor of the *AWSCPA NEWS*, our membership newsletter which was begun this year. As Research Chairman, Elizabeth has done further work on the compilation of our list of all women successful C.P.A. candidates in the United States.

Lee Ella Costello has been Second Vice-President and Membership Chairman. She and her committee members have conducted an extensive membership campaign which has brought us 49 new members, including many women who have been C.P.A.'s for a number of years but have not previously been affiliated with AWSCPA.

Mary J. McCann, Secretary, has been of great assistance in handling an unusually large number of matters requiring Board approval in the nine meetings held by mail during the past year. She will complete our yearbook and annual report immediately after the annual meeting in Seattle.

A special word of appreciation should be expressed to Elizabeth, Lee Ella, and Mary Jo, who served on the Executive Committee and who rendered valuable assistance in determining policy on numerous occasions during the year.

Our Treasurer, Genevieve Michel, handled finances with the utmost efficiency and rendered a number of special reports in connection with our financial affairs and a proposed readjustment of cost allocations to *The Woman CPA*.

Elinor Hill, immediate Past President, has continued to devote much time to AWSCPA—she served as Chairman of our Nominating Committee, which proposed a promising group of nominees to serve during the ensuing year; as Chairman of the Policy and Procedure Committee, she is currently making revisions of the officer's manual, which she completed two years ago as Research Chairman.

The duties of AWSCPA Award Chair-

man were assumed by Gertrude Hindelang, who has worked with the ASWA Award Committee in handling reports of the ASWA Chapters during the year. The revised AWSCPA Award rules and regulations have been submitted for approval and will be available to Chapters immediately after the beginning of the 1956-57 administrative year.

Gertrude Norman, Education Chairman, is presently preparing an informational pamphlet on women C.P.A.'s, which is based upon a survey questionnaire which was returned by 361 women C.P.A.'s, including a number who are not now members of AWSCPA.

The Legislation Committee, with Katherine E. Pfeifer as Chairman, has had a very busy year. Early in the year we were advised that as a result of the efforts of prior years' Legislation Chairmen, the General Accounting Office had removed its blanket restriction against the employment of women accountants. Efforts for similar action by other Federal government agencies have been unsuccessful; therefore, our committee has increased its activity urging passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. Also, it has conducted a survey among State Federations of Business and Professional Women's Clubs in connection with the need for an amendment to the U. S. Code to eliminate the present discrimination against qualified women in civil service appointments and promotions. As a result of its efforts, this matter will be presented for action this month at the Biennial Convention of the National Federation.

Frances Tinsley, Public Relations Chairman, has continued the work previously started on our public relations activities, including preparation of a supplement to the Bibliography published by us last year and the publication of an article "Making Good in a Man's Field—Accounting" in the May 1956 issue of *Charm Magazine*. In addition, Frances has revised the complimentary mailing list of *The Woman CPA*.

Miss Beatrice C. Langley has continued as the supervisor of our national headquarters in Chicago and has done much to make the work of your officers and directors move smoothly.

Margaret W. Tuma, Editor of *The Wo-*
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man CPA, has worked diligently to maintain the high standards of our official bi-monthly publication. An advisory board has been appointed to assist her in the review and evaluation of manuscripts submitted for publication. She and Miss Langley, who serves as Business Manager of *The Woman CPA*, have been gratified by responses to the increased number of pages in the magazine and by the addition of a new advertiser.

Many other members have served AWS-CPA as committee members and as reporters of activities of interest to women C.P.A.'s, and we would like to express our appreciation to all of them for their assistance and encouragement. In addition, Rosemary Hoban has served as Budget and Finance Chairman; Grace Highfield is completing her work as Chairman of our By-

Laws Committee; and Anne Long is now working on publicity releases for our incoming officers and directors.

No review of the activities of the past year would be complete without a personal word from the retiring President. The honor AWSCPA bestowed on me just one year ago carried with it many responsibilities and many extra hours of work; but the pleasure of serving and of realizing by first-hand experience the high calibre of our membership, to say nothing of the many, many achievements of our members, has been more than adequate compensation. This experience, coupled with the privilege of working closely with Grace Hinds, President of ASWA, has been most useful and interesting; and I shall be ever grateful for the opportunity of serving AWSCPA during the past year.

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