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As the 1963-64 administrative year of AWSCPA draws to a close, we pause to reflect on the goals we set and the progress we have made. We have had our share of optimism and frustration—optimism when everything advances according to schedule and frustration when we don't seem to accomplish the goals we hoped to attain.

Complete committee reports will be presented at our annual business meeting in Miami, Florida, but I would like to review a few of our more important contributions to the progress of our society.

We are continuing to have a growth in membership with 53 new members accepted this year. Although not all of them are new CPAs, they represent over 50% of the number of women passing the CPA examination in this administrative year.

Several projects have been completed through the joint efforts of AWSCPA and ASWA which should further the purposes of both societies.

During the previous administration, AWS-CPA and ASWA compiled statistics for the

basis of a new career booklet, which will be a successor to "Which Way, Young Lady?". This pamphlet has gone to the printers and should be ready for distribution before the annual meeting. We hope this publication, by providing the public with facts about women accountants, will be another best seller and advance the cause of our two organizations.

Members of AWSCPA and ASWA have been contacted for permission to include their names on a Speakers' Bureau list to be supplied to Chapters of ASWA and other organizations. There is still much to be done to make the public aware of the capabilities of the woman accountant and this should be an excellent medium. We have had a request from one of the government agencies for qualified women speakers which could be provided from this list.

Our members are continuing to receive honor and recognition, not only for their professional achievements, but also for contributions to charitable and civic organizations.

One of the most interesting experiences which was afforded me as president of AWS-CPA was the privilege of attending a meeting called by President Kennedy at the White House to discuss our Nation's civil rights problem.

My greatest joy and satisfaction was the response from officers, directors, committee chairmen and members when asked to give of their time and talents in furthering the progress of our society. Any success that we may have achieved this year is due entirely to their efforts. It is impossible to give recognition to the many who deserve it; but to one and all, —thank you.

It would be remiss to close this year without a word of appreciation to the officers and directors of the American Society of Women Accountants, the editorial staff of *The Woman CPA*, and to the staff at National Headquarters who have supported and assisted us in our endeavors. They too have earned our gratitude.

Serving as your president has been a privilege for I have been the recipient of a very rich and valuable experience. Thank you for the gift of a wonderful year.