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AWSCPA President's Message

Beth M. Thompson, CPA
President 1966-1967

As women accountants we are caught up in the rapid progress of world activity. We have, however, kept pace with this exciting forward push. Women in accounting have continued, as they have over most of the last half century, to accept all challenges.

Entering the thirty-fourth year of the American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants as its thirtieth President I hope each of you will participate in accepting, as well as developing challenges. Our Society, one of many accounting associations, was established to encourage more women to enter the field of accounting, then to encourage them to attain the professional status of Certified Public Accountant.

The business and professional world today needs many trained accountants. Through our application of effort, in our many areas of accounting endeavor, we can each work. First, let us encourage the student to consider accounting; second, let us help the newcomer to our profession; third, let all of us advance ourselves.

Become an active part of our Society. Expand your horizon. Each new friend, each technical meeting you attend, each speech you make, each service you perform for our Society increases your perspective and adds to your professional stature. Mold well all of these to become a better representative of the profession.

Your officers and directors hope, knowing the confidence you have placed in them, to carry on the traditions of past administrations. The goal must be high to meet their accomplishments. Among other things we want to stress the encouragement of students in accounting and development of publications and possibly a film to assist in this work. We want you to actively join us.

You have given me these outstanding women, capable workers, to serve as the following officers:

Frances D. Britt, Vice President
Dr. Marie E. Dubke, Vice President
Mary E. Ruddy, Vice President
Dorothea Watson, Secretary
Marcella M. Meier, Treasurer
Vera B. Coulter, Director
Marjorie June, Director



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She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Florida Society of CPAs, and the American Accounting Association.

Dorris Michalske, Director
Mary B. Sommer, Director
Lucille R. Preston, Ex-Officio

You have honored all of us with your trust. We sincerely thank you and ask you for your help and support in this 1966-1967 administrative year.