# Gender Issues and Worklife Balance Newsletter Summer 2006 Edition

GIWB Section Newsletter, Summer 2006 Newsletter Editor: L. Murphy Smith

#### **Letter from the Section President:**

Serving as president of the Gender Issues and Work-Life Balance Section of the AAA this year has truly been an honor. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your president and to learn more about the workings of the American Accounting Association and its relationship to our section. The board meeting in Sarasota, Florida this spring provided a great learning occasion and the chance to help shape the future of our organization. The dynamics of the AAA (including declining membership) and the general environment (ethical issues that are known not just inside the profession, but to the general public) make this a very interesting time to serve our organization and our profession.

The AAA meeting promises to be a great event. Thanks so much to Kim Charron for all her hard work as the GIWB section national meeting coordinator. Thanks to Murphy Smith for all his mentoring, and thanks to Michelle McEacharn for agreeing to represent us for the next year.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the AAA meeting in DC August 6-9.

~ Liz

Dr. Liz Mulig President, Gender Issues & Worklife Balance Section University of South Florida at St. Petersburg Email: oyealiz@yahoo.com

## **GIWB Papers on the AAA Annual Meeting Program:**

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 6 through 10, 2006 in Washington, D.C.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2006

6:45 am - 8:15 am

Section Breakfast and Business Meeting

Thanks to Kim Charron, the national meeting program coordinator for the GIWB Section, who managed all the tasks necessary to get the annual meeting program organized, including communicating with the AAA office, receiving submissions, arranging reviews, responding to authors, and setting up sessions.

Thanks to all of the reviewers for AAA 2006:

David Satava

Elisabeth Rosen

Leisa Marshall

Joan Van Hise

Joan Cezair

Kimberly Charron

Linda Parsons

Bambi Hora

Mary Gaffney

Padakanti Laxmikantham

Aretha Hill

Robert Kenny

Rebekah Heath

D'Arcy Becker

Vida Botes

Mary Jepperson

Mary Welsh

#### *Program information:*

Session 10: Gender Issues and Worklife Balance I

2-3:30 pm, Monday August 7<sup>th</sup> Moderator: Carolyn Galatine

1. Gender Differences in Student Ethics: Are Females Really More Ethical?

Presenter – D'Arcy Becker

Discussant – Chrislynn Freed

2. Gender in the New Age Of Accounting Education: An Analysis of Contributions To A Cost Accounting Discussion Board

Presenter – Paul Goldwater

Discussant – Rebekah Heath

3. Worklife Balance and Gender Issues Facing the Accounting Profession

Presenter – Murphy Smith

Discussant – Michelle Bertolini

## Session 18 Gender Issues and Worklife Balance II

10:15-11:45 am, Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup>

Moderator: Georgia Smedley

1. Gender Differences and the Information Needs of Financial Statement Users

Presenter – Joan Myers

Discussant – Elisabeth Rossen

2. The Role of Gender on the Image of Accountants: A Thirty Year Perspective

Presenter – Charles Enis

Discussant – Ann Hicks

3. Gender Differences Associated with the Moral Development and Personal Values of Certified Public Accountants (Dissertation Winner)

Presenter – Donald Ariail

Discussant – Joan Van Hise

#### Forum Presentation:

1. Understanding the Personnel Issues Generated By the Sarbanes-Oxley Act

Presenter: Joseph Riotto

#### **GIWB Website:**

The GIWB website (http://aaahq.org/GIWB/gis.html) lists the objectives of our section, how to become a member, bylaws, officers, awards, and our newsletter. A big thanks goes to our webmaster, Dr. Arundhati Rao of Morgan State University (arao@moac.morgan.edu).

#### **Current GIWB Officers:**

Current officers are listed on the GIWB website (http://aaahq.org/GIWB/gis.html).

Officer nominations to serve next year are as follows:

President-Elect Wayne Bremser

VP Practice Hema Rao VP Research Fred Feucht Secretary-Treasurer Ellen Cook

Other officers are appointed. The section still needs to fill some of the regional coordinator positions. The function of regional coordinators is to ensure reviews of GIWB papers submitted to regional meetings. All officers' duties are described on the GIWB website in the Bylaws section. If you have an interest in serving in any officer position, elected or appointed, please contact President Liz Mulig or President-Elect Michelle McEacharn.

#### **GIWB Section Awards:**

The GIWB Section presents four awards each year, as follows:

- 1. KPMG Best Paper Award: A Best Paper Award will be awarded each year to one of the papers presented at the Annual Meeting. In order for a paper to be considered, at least one author must be a member of the section.
- <u>2. KPMG Outstanding Dissertation Award:</u> An Outstanding Dissertation Award will be given each year to the outstanding dissertation selected from dissertations submitted for consideration.
- 3. KPMG Outstanding Published Manuscript Award: An Outstanding Published Manuscript Award will be given each year to the outstanding manuscript selected from published articles submitted to the Section for consideration. In order for a manuscript to be considered, at least one author must be a member of the section.
- 4. KPMG Mentoring Award: A Mentoring Award will be awarded each year to a special mentor (female or male) who has affected the lives of women in accounting.

For more details and nomination information about each award, please check the bylaws on the GIWB website. Financial support for the Gender Issues and Worklife Balance Section Awards is provided by a grant from the KPMG Foundation. The GIWB Section is very appreciative of this excellent support.

#### **Contact the Newsletter Editor:**

Please send me items of interest for next newsletter, including:

- Recent books or journal articles related to GIWB whether you have published them or you have seen other peoples you think others should know about. Conferences and calls for papers related to GIWB make sure all regional or local events you may be involved with get good billing this way.
- This could include non-AAA events too (if directly relevant to section members' interests) Have you been to an interesting meeting recently? Why not write a few paragraphs for us describing who presented what so we can all benefit in some way from events we couldn't attend?
- Personal accomplishments e.g. promotions or awards (don't be shy now!) Have you changed jobs recently? Let people know where you are now via the newsletter perhaps!
- New research projects started or updates on current ones you may be working on. PhD students tell us what you are doing and what you are finding out there may be people out there who can help you in all kinds of ways you hadn't thought about ask!
- Other items related to GIWB e.g. comments or questions you'd like answers to or help with. Maybe someone out there has an answer that can help you with an issue you are facing? Ask!

Best regards,

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