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Mission Statement of the American Business Women's Association

The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.

Ringling & Sunset Merge to Form a New and Improved Chapter

Believing that there is strength in numbers the Sunset Chapter invited the Ringling Chapter to join forces to create a reinvigorated group of women to carry on the American Business Women's Association Mission. It wasn't exactly an arranged marriage. Both Chapters had worked together on Holiday Events and attended each other's socials. There were even three members with dual membership.

While the two chapters share different ABWA cultures we are moving forward trusting that interweaving the strengths of both will result in an engaged and more vibrant chapter focused on supporting the educational goals of women and following the tried and true professional guidelines of our National Organization.

Members of both chapters are committed to creating an inviting and welcoming environment to grow membership, have fun and build relationships because business is all about those relationships.



Anne Miller, Jeanne Hardman, Marcia Savage, Lynn Schneider and Lynn Luken at the October 2015 National Leadership Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico



Sunset Chapter Needs You

Everyone knows that the work of any organization is done by departments or committees. We depend on your participation so please get your request for committee service to Lynn Drowne asap.

Professional Development—Arrange for Speakers at Monthly Meeting

Education—Assist scholarship applicants and provide chapter support in scholarship process

Membership—Actively seek ways to contact and attract new members

Lynn Drowne

Fundraising—Create events/programs to raise funds for women's education

Marcia Savage, Lynn Schneider

Sunshine—Send birthday and get well wishes to members

Carole Rodgers

Newsletter—Create and distribute chapter newsletters

Lynn Schneider

Publicity—Send meeting and event announcements to community news sources.

Carole Rodgers

Best Practices—Guide the Chapter's direction using tools provided by National

Susan Angermann, Lynn Drown, Lynn Schneider

Social—Arrange fun outings and experiences to facilitate member bonding

Toni Mailloux

Banquet—Collect reservations for virtual meetings and arrange meeting places and menus when we can meet in person

Audit—Year end review of Chapter accounting records.

Madame President

Welcome to this new adventure. I look forward to working with all of you to establish Sunset Chapter as a strong and fearless force to be reckoned with. Of course, no one does this alone so I am counting on every member's participation.

- α) Please complete and submit the Member Info Survey to Lynn Drowne
- β) Choose a committee to serve on and let Lynn Drowne know which one
- χ) Circulate the Pecan Order form among your friends and business associates so we can sell lots of nuts. While we need to place our order by September 20th to ensure fresh crop status, we can add additional cases prior to shipping.

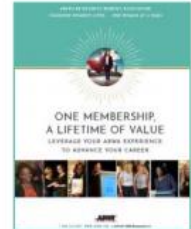
This month's meeting will be Thursday, September 24th at 6:00 pm. We will be sending a Zoom invitation soon. This month we will work on our Vision Statement for 2020-2021 and will also be brain-

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2020-2021 Member Interest Survey (MIS)

Before completing this survey, we recommend that you first reflect on what OMG (one main goal) you want to achieve in the next 12 months. Consider using the Professional Development Template in the One Membership a Lifetime of Value Guide to get you started. The guide can be downloaded from the National Resources in Community Connections.



After completing this survey, return to _____ on or before _____. Your responses will provide invaluable information to the newly elected leaders in the development of an annual curriculum that will enhance your membership experience.

Member Name: _____

Member's Signature: _____

Date Completed: _____

1. The reason I chose to join the American Business Women's Association is because: (Choose all that apply)

- I wanted to network with other professional women in and outside of my industry.
- I wanted to acquire new knowledge and skill sets that will accelerate my career advancement and wages.
- I wanted to take advantage of the online learning content available in the Apex Campus.
- I want to earn CEUs that I need to maintain my license/certification.
- Other (please specify) _____

2. I have been a member in the American Business Women's Association for:

- Less than 1 year
- Between 1-5 years
- Between 6-10 years
- Between 11-20 years
- Between 21-30 years
- Between 31-40 years
- Between 41-50 years
- Between 51-60 years

3. The most important reason for maintaining my membership in the American Business Women's Association is:

4. My current job position can best be described as:

- Teacher/Professor
- Business Trainer or Consultant
- Professional Speaker
- Entrepreneur/Business Owner
- Senior Manager (CEO, COO, CFO, Director, Vice President)
- Supervisor/Manager, Sales/Account Representative
- Marketing/Communications/Public Relations Professional
- Human Resource Professional
- Engineer
- Information Technology
- Web Designer
- Customer Service Professional
- Administrative Professional
- Other

5. In the next 12 months, my ONE MAIN GOAL (OMG) is to:

- Find a new job in the same industry.
- Get promoted with my current employer.
- Start a new career in a different industry.
- Grow my current business.
- Complete my academic education.
- Earn a certification that I can leverage in future job opportunities.
- Update my professional portfolio (resume, cover letter, references) in preparation for a job change.
- Retire.

6. The knowledge, skill sets and/or experiences I will need in order to achieve my ONE MAIN GOAL (OMG!) in the next 12 months are:

- To learn more about (provide specific examples):

- To acquire specific skill sets (provide specific examples):

- To get more experience in the area(s) of (provide specific examples):

7 List and prioritize at least five program topics (from highest to lowest impact) that would be most beneficial in achieving your ONE MAIN GOAL (OMG).

Highest Impact	Lowest Impact
1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.

8. I think the following leadership positions may help me acquire the knowledge, skill sets and/or experiences to help me achieve my OMG. (Choose all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Recruitment Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Awards and Recognition Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund-raising Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Compilation of our Best Practices Submission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> ABW Day Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auditing Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member Orientation Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programming (Professional Development) Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |

Thank you for completing this survey!



Email completed survey to Lynn Drowne at:
ldrowne@gmail.com
Or snail mail it to:
5222 Willow Breeze Way
Palmetto, FL 34221
By September 30, 2020

Meeting Minutes August 20, 2020

MINUTES FOR August 20, 2020 – THURSDAY – ZOOM MEETING

The August meeting of the Sunset Chapter began at approximately 6:20pm. It was led by Susan Angermann, President. Susan welcomed members and guests. There were 14 people in attendance on zoom. Our meeting began with introductions of all meeting attendees and answers from each member to the question “What are some benefits that you have received by being a member of ABWA?” We did not have a guest speaker for this meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING

The August meeting began by welcoming members from the ABWA Ringling chapter. The ABWA Sunset & Ringling Chapters decided unanimously to merge and become one chapter. It was decided that together we could be a stronger group and focus on two areas that are important to the members of the combined chapter. We will work on “Scholarships” for deserving women in our community which was a strength of the Sunset Chapter. And we will work on “Best Practices” which was a strength of the Ringling Chapter. We will have a larger member base so that we can work on our mutual goals and interests.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurers Report had been emailed to members from Susan Angermann, President. The report created by Jeanne Hardman, Treasurer of Sunset Chapter was approved for audit and can be filed.

MINUTES

Because of Covid-19 we have been meeting via Zoom. Minutes were not available for the past zoom meeting but will be within the week and will be included with the Sunset Chapter Newsletter by September 1st.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS 2020-21

Installation of New Executive Officers to the ABWA Sunset at Ringling Chapter was completed. Past officers were thanked for their service the past year. New Officers were welcomed. All membership of ABWA agreed on the installation of the new officers and agree to give their support to the new officers and this ABWA chapter.

Officers 2019—2020

PRESIDENT	Susan Angermann
VICE PRESIDENT	Janet Bognar
TREASURER	Jeanne Hardman
RECORDING SECRETARY	Carole Rodgers
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Darla O’Brien

Officers 2020—2021

PRESIDENT	Marcia Savage
VICE PRESIDENT	Kathi Jones
TREASURER	Lynn Schneider
RECORDING SECRETARY	Lynn Drowne
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Carole Rodgers

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The nominating committee for Woman of the Year was Julie Soderquist, Jeanne Hardman, & Toni Mailloux. There were 3 members nominated for Woman of the Year. Susan Anger-

Madame President [cont’d]

storming possible name changes for the Chapter.

The October meeting will be on the 22nd to avoid competing with National Conference (October 14th thru the 17th) and the November meeting will resume our usual schedule of the third Thursday of each month.

Board meetings will be on the 1st Thursday of each Month and everyone is welcome to attend.

... Marcia Savage

mann, Toni Mailloux, & Carole Rodgers. Because the deadline had passed (July 31) to submit the names to National for Woman of the Year one person was not chosen. It is possible to have more than 1 woman of the year. It was decided that may be a possibility for next year.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Laura Lynch was nominated to be Rookie of the Year. Thank you, Laura for jumping in with both feet on the Program Committee and doing a great job getting us speakers

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ORDER: Prior to Sept. 20, 2020 for November Delivery
 (Full case Pre-paid orders can be placed at any time. A case is 24 bags)

August 18, 2020

Name & Address:

Phone: _____



Sunset/Ringling Chapter ABWA

P O Box 602, Sarasota, Florida 34230-0602

Phone: 941-302-6665

Email to: uni.marcia.savage@gmail.com

SHIP TO:
 Same as above

Date Ordered	Amount and Date Paid	Form of Payment
		Cash ___ Check # _____ CC ___

Quantity Ordered (# of bags)	Description	Unit Price (per bag)	Total
___	Halves and Pieces Plain Pecans, 16oz bag(s)	\$12.00	\$ _____
___	Cinnamon Glazed Pecans, 10 oz. bag(s)	\$10.00	\$ _____
___	Chocolate Covered Pecans, 12 oz bag(s)	\$10.00	\$ _____
___	Roasted and Salted Cashews, 12 oz. bag(s)	\$10.00	\$ _____
___	Roasted and Salted Pecans, 12 oz. bag(s)	\$10.00	\$ _____
___	Pecan Carmel Clusters, 8 oz. bag(s)	\$10.00	\$ _____
___	Pecan Log Roll 4oz.	\$5.00	\$ _____
___	7 Way Holiday Tin *NEW*	\$35.00	\$ _____
___	Total		
___	Amount Paid ___ - ___-201		\$ _____
___	Payment due on delivery		\$(_____)
Profit from sales to benefit the Education Fund of the Sunset/Ringling Chapter AWBA.			Due \$ _____

Make all checks payable to ABWA
THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

MINUTES

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during this crazy Covid time. Both in person before Covid and zoom speakers after.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

It is time for all members to send in ABWA Sunset Chapter membership dues. Dues are \$30 for the year starting August 1st.

Payable to: ABWA Sunset Chapter Send to: Jeanne Hardman, 1602 Stickney Point Road #305, Sarasota, FL 34231

LETTER FROM ANA BELTRAN – SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

A letter of appreciation from Ana Beltran, 2020 Scholarship Winner was emailed (from Susan Angermann) to all members.

FUNDRAISER: Marcia Savage reminded us of the Pecan Sale Fundraiser. Forms were emailed to all members (from Susan Angermann. Order by September 20, 2020 for November delivery. Payment isn't necessary until delivery. Orders go to Marcia Savage.

COMMITTEE CHAIR

A googledoc will be sent to all members with committee responsibilities listed. All members should choose 1 or more committees to be on for the upcoming year. Watch for an email from Lynne Drown for this document. Reply & submit your answers to Lynn Drowne.

NAME CHANGE FOR CHAPTER

Since our 2 chapters have merged it was suggested by Lynne Schneider that a new name might to be considered could be "Sunset at Ringling". Initials would be SAR – for Sarasota. A final decision to change and combine the names was suggested but not approved.

The meeting ended with the Benediction and was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Carole Rodgers, Recording Secretary – Sunset Chapter 2019-20

ABWA's Proud Code of Conduct

- All members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for the American Business Women's Association.
- Members will not allow their personal beliefs and convictions to interfere with the representation of ABWA's mission.
- Members will always treat their member colleagues, guests, vendors and sponsors with honesty, respect, fairness, integrity, responsibility, kindness, and in good faith.
- Members will maintain compliance with ABWA National, Chapter and Express Network Bylaws.
- Members will not use their personal power to advance their personal interests.
- Members will strive for excellence in their professions by maintaining and enhancing their own business knowledge and skills, and by encouraging the professional development of other members.



Sunset Chapter

We are currently meeting via Zoom.

To obtain an invite please contact Marcia Savage at uni.marcia.savage@gmail.com

Our next meetings are scheduled for September 24th, October 22nd and November 19th

Visit our website at abwasunset.org