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AWSCPA

Helen F. McGillicuddy, newly elected president of the American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants, has previously served the society as director, treasurer, and second and first vice-president, respectively, and has been active in its committee work. She was also editor of The Woman CPA from December 1949 through June 1952.

She is a senior accountant on the staff of David Himmelblau & Co., certified public accountants, and a lecturer in accounting at Northwestern University, School of Commerce.

She was awarded the silver medal by the Illinois Society of Certified Public Accountants for having obtained the second highest grade in the November 1944 CPA examination in Illinois.

A graduate of Northwestern University, and of De Paul University College of Law, she was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1950.

Her professional affiliations include the American Institute of Accountants, the Illinois Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Society of Women Accountants, the Chicago Bar Association, the Women's Bar Association, and the National Association of Women Lawyers.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I accept the Presidency of the American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants, I do so with a sense of humility and with a sense of pride. Humbly, because you, the members, have honored me with the highest position which can be bestowed upon a member of our society; and proudly, because I follow in the footsteps of the many capable women who have served you as president since our society was founded in 1933.

Our society was founded to advance the professional interest of women certified public accountants. We can proudly say that this objective has always been foremost in the minds of the elected officers and directors. The past history of our society, through the many accomplishments recorded therein, bears this out.

As we open the cover of the record which will be made during the 1952-1953 administrative year, let us review for a moment the current position of our society.

On the debit side of our report, the following assets are noted: The membership of the society is at its highest. This is due to the program which has been offered to the membership and to the efforts of the membership committee and of the individual members.

A large percentage of the membership is actively interested in committee work. The continued growth of our society reflects this interest.

Recognition has been given to our society and to our members by other professional accounting organizations. It is noteworthy that the Contadores Publicos Titulados of Mexico have requested biographies of several of our members for publication in the Who's Who section of their bulletin.

The national office is established in New York and assists the national board of directors in carrying out the program of the society.

The official publication of AWSCPA/ASWA, *The Woman CPA*, is widely circulated to both members and non-members, and ranks with other professional publications.

On the credit side of our report are the following:

The challenge to each and every member to further increase the membership of the society so that every practicing woman certified public accountant will be a member of our organization.

The desire for every member to participate in the committee work of the society. The success of any organization is dependent upon the interest and energy of its membership as a whole.

Our continued cooperation with the American Society of Women Accountants.

The aim to encourage all of our members to write and submit articles for publication in *The Woman CPA*.

Thank you sincerely for the privilege and pleasure which you have given me by electing me President of AWSCPA. Thank you, too, for the excellent officers and directors whom you have also elected. With all of us working together I am sure that the aims and purposes of our society will be furthered during the coming year. I am fully cognizant of the responsibilities and obligations which I have assumed. I will give to the society my very best efforts during the current year, and my continued interest in the years to come.