

President Elect's Report

January 2010

Covering *Lansing Chapter visit
 *Achieve & WCR State Meeting
 *Rochester & Lake Pointe Chapter visit

First of all, I am excited to be serving as the President Elect for Women's Council for the Michigan Chapter. I feel honored and privileged to be among such great ladies and can only imagine how I will grow and learn over the course of the next two years.

My first chapter visit of the year was to Lansing on January 14th. Held at the MSU Federal Credit Union, the Lansing Chapter is off to a great start having professional organizer Rita Wilhelm of cluttergone® give tips and tricks to keeping your work area free of clutter. They have implemented a new member recruitment with an "In Your Face!" approach! I myself witnessed at least two new membership applications being turned in! Offering free lunches to members is a huge benefit and they have done this with sponsorship dollars! Great energy and enthusiasm will surely take this chapter to new levels in 2010.

I attended the Achieve conference at the gorgeous Westin Book Cadillac. The week prior proved to be a bit of a struggle trying to finalize the Installation & Awards luncheon attendee list. Jodie at MAR has given the suggestion to sit down sometime soon and come up with a timeline of sorts for months/weeks/days leading up to any WCR events that will involve MAR. The luncheon itself was awesome and I'm happy to be in such great company! Having the local LCPs installed along with us added a personal touch and I heard from more than one that it was very much appreciated! Great idea Angie!

The meeting Friday morning was a great learning experience for me. Quite different from the view I'm used to! The chapter reports from the LCPs were so energizing! Great ideas were shared and it was so awesome to see the interaction between chapters during breaks! That is what we are all about! Budget was passed with few questions or concerns. Standing rules proved to be a little bit more of a challenge. I do think that some good came of this. It proved that the members are paying attention, care and want what is good for the state chapter. After hearing concerns and suggestions and with some preparation, next time may be a go.

January 26th I traveled to Troy to attend the Rochester & Lake Pointe joint meeting for the panel discussion on tax appeals and assessments. Their four person panel was packed full of knowledge with a mediator to ask questions and keep the topics flowing. Questions from the audience were presented to the panel near the close. I had the privilege of sitting next to Kathie Feldpausch and chatting a bit about WCR, MAR and the industry in general. The session was well attended with 85+ filling the room. Both chapters should be commended for providing such a service to not only their members, but also the community.

All in all, January has already been an exciting month! In addition to WCR, I've been asked to be on the YPN (Young Professionals Network) launch team for MAR. Hopefully these new connections will allow me to share the worth of WCR with even more people that are looking for grow professionally!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robyn". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'R' being particularly large and stylized.

Robyn Walker