



# NEWS

**American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants**

136 South Keowee Street • Dayton, Ohio 45402

(800) AWSCPA1 • Fax: (937) 222-5794

info@awscpa.org • www.awscpa.org

Contact: Fred Young

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

---

## **WOMAN CPA OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED**

**DAYTON, OHIO** -- The American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants (AWSCPA) has announced that the Society's Woman CPA of the Year Award was presented to Kristi A. Biondo, CPA at the organization's 2008 Joint National Conference in Dallas.

Ms. Biondo is currently a Director in the Global Trade Support and Operations group at Marathon Asset Management LP, where she is primarily responsible for managing the group's global operations and accounting. Ms. Biondo graduated with honors from the State University of New York at Buffalo, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a concentration in Accounting & Finance.

Prior to joining Marathon Asset Management LP, Ms. Biondo was a Senior Manager in PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP's alternative investment management assurance and business advisory practice. Ms. Biondo has over thirteen years of experience providing accounting and business advisory services to a wide range of both broker-dealers and investment companies, including private equity funds, hedge funds, and commodity pools. Prior to joining PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Ms. Biondo spent over six years in Deloitte's banking and securities group including a two year global strategic client assignment in the London office.

Ms. Biondo's AWSCPA connection goes back to 1998 and includes various board positions at the New York Affiliate and the National level. She has been instrumental in the revitalization of the New York AWSCPA affiliate by recruiting members and partners to expand the reach and appeal of the affiliate and make it one of the organization's most active.

The CPA of the Year Award has been given out by the American Woman's Society of CPAs since 1994 in recognition of outstanding contributions to the CPA profession.

AWSCPA, organized in 1933, is the only national organization committed to the development and advancement of women CPAs in the accounting profession. For its members, AWSCPA provides:

- Resources and support for professional and personal development
- Opportunities for leadership participation, networking and mentoring
- Visibility and recognition for the organization and its members
- Leadership in addressing the concerns of women in the accounting profession

If you would like additional information about AWSCPA, visit the website at [www.awscpa.org](http://www.awscpa.org) or contact the National Office at 800.AWSCPA1.