

# EA...THIS QUARTER

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## Executive Agenda welcomes new members (as of 9/30/11)

**Brenda Knepper**, National Accounts Operations Manager, Direct Supply, Inc., Milwaukee, EA 4.

**Madi Catalano**, Director of Human Resources, Western States Envelope & Label, Butler, EA 32.

**Lisa Cieslak**, Chief Financial Officer, GMR Marketing LLC, New Berlin, EA 3.

**Ryan T. Smale**, Senior Sales Executive – Horton National Accounts, The Horton Group, Inc., Waukesha, EA 22.

**Giovanna Downey**, Senior Director of Customer Care, Johnson Health Tech North America, Cottage Grove, EA 27.

**Eric Schmidt**, Director of Information Technology, Spacesaver Corporation, Fort Atkinson, EA 26.

**Joel Fields**, Chief Operating Officer, WTS Paradigm, Middleton, EA 33.

**Mark R. Graupman**, Corporate Controller, Foremost Farms, USA, Baraboo, EA 33.

**Dan Barker**, Director of Operations, Ariens Company, Brillion, EA 39.

**Margaret (Peggy) Bree**, Manager, Emergency Services, ThedaCare – Appleton Medical Center, Appleton, EA 39.

**Charlie Fredrickson**, Vice President – Preconstruction Services, Faith Technologies, Inc., Menasha, EA 39.

**Kay Luepke**, Assistant Corporate Controller, Plexus Corp., Neenah, EA 39.

**Colleen Lunow**, Human Resources Manager, Tank Technology, Inc., Princeton, EA 39.

**Christine A. Toutant**, Sales Manager, Great Northern Corporation – StrataGraph, Oshkosh, EA 39.

**Sharon L. Wetzel**, Commercial Lines Underwriting Manager, Integrity Mutual Insurance Co., Appleton, EA 39.

**Cheryl F. Zima**, Vice President – Human Resources, Ministry Health Care, Inc., Milwaukee, EA 15.

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## What is Your EA IQ?

How current are you with the facts behind Executive Agenda (EA)? Take the following quiz to find out. (Answers can be found at bottom of next page.)

1. The total number of EA members as of September 30, 2011 is:  
a) 249 b) 382 c) 408 d) 465
2. Executive Agenda was founded in October of what year:  
a) 1980 b) 1983 c) 1985 d) 1987
3. EA's first group (EA 1), originally launched by current EA Chair, Tim Pappas, was formed in October of what year?  
a) 1985 b) 1986 c) 1987 d) 1988
4. How many groups does EA currently have?  
a) 25 b) 28 c) 31 d) 39
5. Women comprise what percentage of EA's membership?  
a) 10% b) 19% c) 26% d) 30%
6. The most important characteristic of a good EA member is his or her:  
a) title b) desire to learn c) company size d) age
7. Executive Agenda is Wisconsin's oldest and largest membership organization dedicated to leadership development across diverse functions.  
a) true b) false

EA continues to grow because you continue to grow. Thank you for your support!

### *Did you know?*

51 EA members are recognized in this issue.

30 of the 39 EA groups have at least one member represented in this issue.

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**Vince Balistrieri**, GM – Commercial & Newspaper/Director of Engineering, QuadTech, Inc., Sussex, EA 2.

**Shelli R. VanNocker**, Controller, Columbus Chemical Industries, Inc., Columbus, EA 20.

**Corey Boldt**, Risk Consultant – Employee Benefits, Diversified Insurance Services, Brookfield, EA 23.

**Mark R. Jacobs**, Director of PAAS Services, PAAS National, Inc., Stoughton, EA 38.

**Brian Hora**, General Manager/Vice President of Operations, METCO, Hillsboro, EA 17.

**Nina LoCicero**, e-Business and Emerging Technologies Director, Brady Corporation, Milwaukee, EA 8.

**Carl Guest**, Director of Operations, Trostel, Ltd., Lake Geneva, EA 1.

**Katie Fitting**, Senior Manger – Risk Management Operations, Kohl's Department Stores, Inc., Menomonee Falls, EA 5.

**Glenn J. Kormanik**, Director, Manufacturing & Engineering, Construction Forms, Inc., Port Washington, EA 5.

**Debbie Ponath**, Director of Marketing – Disposables Dispensing, San Jamar – Chef Revival, Elkhorn, EA 5.

**Ed DeMeo**, Senior Director of Distribution & Information Services, Uniek, Inc., Waunakee, EA 27.

**Tony Lange**, National Sales Manager, R.W. Lyall, New Berlin, EA 12.



## What is Your EA IQ? (Answers to quiz on front page)

1. d) 465
2. d) 1987
3. c) October 20, 1987
4. d) 39 EA groups
5. d) 30%
6. b) desire to learn
7. a) true

## Members in the news

**David Nelson** (EA 35) was promoted to Chief Operating Officer of Great Lakes Calcium Corporation, Green Bay.

**Chuck Stadler** (EA 1) of Goodwill Industries of SE Wisconsin, Milwaukee, was selected as a CFO of the Year for 2011 by The Business Journal.

## EA companies in the news

**Create-A-Pack Foods, Inc.**, Ixonia, has opened a 30,000 foot expansion of its Oconomowoc plant. The expansion will service a growing line of customer food products.

**Group Health Cooperative**, Madison, has been recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance, for having the highest ranking in quality among all managed health care organizations in Wisconsin, and the 7<sup>th</sup> ranking in the U.S.

**Mead & Hunt**, Madison, was named Best of Wisconsin Business for the fourth year in a row, winning the Platinum, top award, in both the Best of Architecture and Best of Engineering categories.

**National Premium, Inc.**, Pewaukee, has been voted one of the 10 Greatest Companies to Work For in a survey conducted by Promotional Products Business.

**Regal Ware, Inc.**, Kewaskum, recently celebrated 100 years of making cookware in Washington County, Wisconsin, at the "Celebration of a Century!"

**ThedaCare**, Appleton, was named to the "100 Most Wired" hospitals and health systems for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year by Hospital & Health Networks magazine. ThedaCare is one of seven in the state and the only one in Northeast Wisconsin to win this award.

**United Heartland**, New Berlin, and **West Bend Mutual Insurance Co.**, West Bend, have been recognized by Business Insurance as "Best Places to Work in Insurance" winners.

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