

ABWA Terminology

There are several acronyms used by members and I hope this list will help you understand what is being discussed individually or in committee meetings.

ABWA American Business Women's Association

ABWA Day September 22, founding anniversary

Awards period and chapter year = August 1 thru July 31

BA Night Business Associate Event activity to build closer bonds between Association and area businesses

CEU Continuing Education Unit; One CEU unit equal to 10 contact hours. National headquarters offers CEU credits at conference workshops.

Council An inter-chapter network, serving local, metropolitan or a regional area.

Districts There are 6 districts in the association
District I-- Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee
District II--Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas
District III-- Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska,
North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin
District IV-- Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland,
Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina
Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia
District V-- Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia
District VI-- Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana,
Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

Emblem ABWA's traditional symbol of a torch, scroll and laurel leaves.

Executive Board Officers of a chapter--president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, recording secretary.

Inner Circle a member who has sponsored 11 or more new members becomes a member of the Inner Circle.

Maia Greek word for May and the Greek goddess of growth. 1979 the year Maia chapter was installed.

MAL Member at large. A member who is not affiliated with a local chapter.

Member in good standing--all local and national dues are paid. To vote in a chapter, you have to be a member in good standing.

SBMEF Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund. ABWA's national scholarship trust.

Top Ten Business Woman of ABWA--National Association recognition given annually to 10 members with outstanding professional achievement. Member recognition.

WOY Woman of the Year. A member recognized for outstanding achievements and contributions to the chapter. This woman is nominated by her peers and the chapter votes to select one chapter Woman of the Year.