

VISION: Empower and inspire women in surety

MISSION: Provide a network for professional development and connection with business associates in the surety industry

2019 First / Second Quarter Update

Dear Members,

For our January 23rd Lunch and Learn, we had an excellent presentation by Beth Ann Bovino, the U.S. Chief Economist for S&P Global. She authors the quarterly U.S. Economic Forecast, the biweekly Financial Notes and the Business Cycle Barometer. In 2013, she was recognized by the Wall Street Journal as the most accurate forecaster of the U.S. economy. For those that were not able to attend, the slides are available on our website: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/7db528_7e69e7ee060b4e54ad8476d83a49da16.pdf



Speaking of website.....we have launched **THE WOMEN IN SURETY** website!

<https://www.suretywomen.com/>



Check here to see the latest in what is happening, including our events calendar and for photos of past events!

From our committees:

Events & Planning	<p>In conjunction with the Education committee, the Lunch and Learn was hosted with guest speaker Beth Ann Bovino.</p> <p>Upcoming: Socialize and improve your golf game at The Golf Club at Chelsea Piers this summer. More details to come!</p>
Membership & Communications	<p>Launched:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Member Spotlight" as a way to learn a bit about our members. We will be reaching out and choosing a different member throughout the year to bring to you, so get ready for your close-up!• Website: https://www.suretywomen.com/
Mentor Program	<p>Hosted a fantastic Mentee-Mentor Matching Event at the Juniper Bar on March 5!</p> <p>Upcoming: Mentors, bring your mentees to an engaging leadership discussion to be held in the second half of the year. All WIS members are welcome and encouraged to attend. More details to come!</p>
Education	<p>Hosted in conjunction with the Events & Planning committee the Lunch and Learn with guest speaker Beth Ann Bovino.</p> <p>Upcoming: This July, get to know more about Reinsurance. Learn from Reinsurance Brokers what they do and how it can affect you.</p>

UPCOMING industry events/seminars that may be of interest:

1. **SFAA** Surety & Fidelity Association of America - SFAA Annual Meeting - May 15 -16, 2019
https://www.surety.org/events/event_list.asp
 2. **NASBP** National Association of Surety Bond Producers
 1. 2019 Summer Surety School - Level I – August 4, 2019, Bellevue, WA
 2. 2019 Summer NASBP William J. Angell Surety School - Level II - August 4, 2019, Bellevue, WA
 3. 2019 Summer Surety School - Level III - – August 6, 2019 - Bellevue, WA
 4. 2019 Commercial Surety School – August 6, 2019 - Bellevue, WA
 5. 2019 Leadership Workshop – September 24, 2019 - Minneapolis, MN
<https://www.nasbp.org/events/upcomingevents>
 3. **Other** - Moody's Analytics [MoodyAnalytics.com/public-courses](https://www.moodyanalytics.com/public-courses) and S&P Global
<https://www.spglobal.com/marketintelligence/en/events/index>
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Member Spotlight on: Megan Razavi from Somp International



Megan Razavi is a curious person who is rarely bored.

WIS: Joined in April 2018 after hearing about hearing rave reviews from two underwriters at a Surety event. When signing up there was an opening to volunteer on the committee for Membership & Communications, so I joined.

Professional Calling: I fell into Surety when I was job hunting in hopes of a shorter commute right after moving to NYC. Previously, I was commuting every weekday to the suburbs of Philadelphia. Shortly after joining WIS, my role changed from working in operations for Surety supporting our Commercial and Contract Underwriters at Somp International to working in Metrics and Analytics.

Personal Life: When not at work, I enjoy exploring New York City. So far, the best NYC adventure has been going to the crown of the Statue of Liberty – like the Ghostbusters movie but without as much slime!

Personal Mantra: Never give up. You might be closer than you think.



We look forward to seeing those that can attend our upcoming events, updating you with our next newsletter with another Member Spotlight, and hearing from you in general.

Sincerely,

The Women In Surety Board