

ISCEBS Detroit Chapter

Newsletter for Chapter Members

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Meet our Chapter Secretary

Sue Ochalek, CEBS has been a member of the ISCEBS and Detroit Chapter since 2019. She earned her undergraduate degree from MSU, MBA from the University of Detroit and is a licensed CPA. Sue has extensive experience in both the automotive and healthcare sectors. You may recall that Sue was our Treasurer for the last several years and is acting secretary for 2023. She enjoys working with the great folks of the Detroit Chapter and is thankful to Anita Jursek (current board member) for introducing her to this group. In her spare time, she enjoys DSO concerts, golfing, working out at the local health club and visiting with her grandchildren.



Welcome New Members

Ryan Pratt, CEBS
Benefits Manager
Ypsilanti, MI

Devon Shirey, CEBS
Lead Benefits Quality Assurance Analyst
McGriff Insurance Services
Rossford, OH

Karen Sloan
Chief Resources Officer
SET SEG
E. Lansing, MI

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Tara Guerrero, GBA (12/9/2022)
Account Manager
Brown & Brown of Central MI
Saginaw

Michael Maisner, RPA (9/14/2022)
Benefits Administrator
Cranbrook Ed. Community
Oak Park

Holly Newcomer, GBA (12/19/2019)
Employee Benefits Consultant
Waterville, OH

Past Event Summary

The last educational/social event of 2022, “Leveraging your ISCEBS Network” was held on October 11th at the Brown Iron Brewhouse in Royal Oak. Floarea and Sue shared learnings from the ISCEBS Symposium held in Toronto, Ontario. The 2023 Officers and Directors were introduced. All attendees enjoyed drinks and a BBQ dinner courtesy of the Chapter.

Upcoming Events

March 1, 2023 - Leveraging Your HSA by the Chapter Webcast Committee

April/May 2023* – Secure Act 2.0. presented by Gerald Wernette *Date and location forthcoming

May 17, 2023 - Dreaming of Retirement by the Chapter Webcast Committee

June 21, 2023 - Basics of Medicare by the Chapter Webcast Committee

July 13, 2023 - Motivating Change by the Chapter Webcast Committee

Visit <https://www.iscebs.org/Local/Pages/Chapter-webcast-committee.aspx> to register for a Chapter Webcast Committee event.



Reasons to Join or Renew!

- ✓ Local Networking
- ✓ Exceptional Educational Programs (including through the International Society of CEBS)
- ✓ Leadership Opportunities
- ✓ A chance to give back to your benefits community



In Case You Didn't Know...

As a member of ISCEBS, you have an exclusive free access to their [Information Center](#). The ISCEBS staff will research any benefit related question you may have within 2 business days. Phone: (888) 334-3327, Opt. 5.

2023 Officers & Board Members

President – Melissa Ervin, CEBS, PHR, SHRM-CP
Vice President – Floarea Hociota, CEBS
Secretary – Sue Ochalek, CPA, CEBS
Treasurer - Gerald Wernette, CPA, CEBS, AIFA C(k)P
Past President – Stephanie Mattei, CEBS
Member at Large – Robin Basil, CEBS, ChFC, CLU
Member at Large – Kelly Beck (CEBS Student)
Member at Large – Sherrian Greenwood (CEBS Student)
Member at Large – Anita Jursek, CEBS
Member at Large – Rhonda Van Tiflin, CEBS

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