

Accounting and Administration Staff Department Profile

Mary Kleppinger joined the ABI staff in September 2004 as Director of Administration. She has more than 12 years of experience as an office manager and director of human resources, most recently with the Vision Council of America. Mary manages ABI's human resources functions, including recruiting, records, benefits and payroll, while developing new office policies and overseeing office operations, such as future space needs. Mary also contributes her technical expertise with network administration and database management. A Vermont native, she earned a B.S. in business administration from the University of Vermont. She resides with her husband, Eric, and two children, David and Sarah, in Fairfax Station, Va.

Rhonda Garrett is ABI's Receptionist/Staff Assistant, handling phones and various administrative responsibilities for the front office, as well as assisting ABI members with various requests. She has studied fashion merchandising and interior design and is experienced in providing customer service and administrative support in busy professional environments. Rhonda joined ABI in February 2006 and currently resides with her husband in Alexandria, Va. The couple recently married in North Carolina.

Kathy Sheehan is ABI's Chief Financial Officer and is responsible for overseeing all financial functions including budgeting, financial statements and the annual audit. She has been with ABI since August 1994. Previously, she worked as an accountant for a law firm, ran a tax-preparation business and managed a small restaurant in Boston. Kathy was born and lived primarily in Maryland but has also lived for extensive periods of time in Boston and Rio de Janeiro. She holds a joint degree in economics and management and attended Boston University's M.B.A. program. She is the lead-off batter and catcher for ABI's softball team "Going for Broke." Kathy resides in Bethesda, Md., with her teenage daughter Jessica, cat Mr. Mitts and border collie puppy Lucky.

Patty Sadusky is ABI's Accounting Manager, responsible for financial reporting, income statement preparation and managing the annual audit. She joined ABI in 2003 and has nine years of experience in nonprofit accounting, having previously worked for Electronic Industries Alliance and Society for Human Resource Management. A Philadelphia-area native, Patty has a B.S. in business administration with a major in finance. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

Monica L. Brown is a Staff Accountant, responsible for accounts receivable, conference registrations and sponsorships. Monica is currently pursuing her degree in accounting at George Mason University. In addition to being the "conference registration queen," she also plays on ABI's award-winning softball team, "Going for Broke." She was a volunteer basketball coach for 10 years and has volunteered for community events, mainly the Congressional Black Caucus. A native of Northern Virginia, Monica joined ABI in 2005. She and her son reside in Alexandria, Va.



Accounting: Kathy Sheehan, Patty Sadusky, Pawel Pietrzak, Monica Brown and Alexandra Abraham (l-r).

Pawel Pietrzak is a Staff Accountant, assisting in the general daily accounting duties at ABI and mainly overseeing accounts receivable and online transactions. Immediately prior to his position at ABI, he was a commercial insurance premium auditor covering the Northern Virginia territory. He has lived in the D.C. area since 2005 and has been with ABI since 2006. Though he is a bilingual native of Warsaw, Poland, he likes to call Seattle, home, where he spent the previous 15 years and earned a finance degree from Seattle University. Pawel currently resides in Arlington, Va. In his spare time, he is an indoor cycling instructor and is currently preparing for his first triathlon.



Administration: Rhonda Garrett and Mary Kleppinger (l-r).

Alexandra Abraham is a Staff Accountant whose responsibilities include accounts payable, internal reporting and account reconciliations. She has been with ABI since November 2004. Previously, Alex worked for eight years at the International Foundation for Election Systems, where she traveled throughout Eastern Europe and Asia, providing accounting support to the organization's local field offices. While at IFES, she served as an election observer for the 1996 parliamentary elections in Albania. Alex also worked as an event planner for Barbara Boggs Associates on such events as the annual Radio and Television Correspondents' Association dinner and the National Book Festival Gala. A Phoenix native, Alex has lived in the Washington, D.C., area since 1989. She holds a B.A. in international relations and a minor in German from American University. Alex and her fiancée, Chris, will be getting married on June 16. The couple reside in Burke, Va., with their dog Doc Holliday and cat Daisy. ■