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YPO Announces its First Female International Chairman

November 18, 2009 – Young Presidents’ Organization today announced the election of its International Chairman for 2010-2011, Jill Belconis of the YPO Chicago Chapter. Belconis is the first woman elected to the position in the organization’s 60-year history.

A YPO member since 1997, Belconis is the president of Shelter Mortgage Company, a subsidiary of Guaranty Bank in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She joined the family-operated business in 1984 and has served as president since 1992. Before joining Shelter Mortgage, Belconis worked for IBM in its Data Processing Division.

Belconis has more than 25 years of experience in developing and managing mortgage financing partnerships with real estate companies, builders, community banks and relocation companies across the United States. Under her leadership, Shelter Mortgage has grown to be the industry leader in mortgage partnerships, providing joint-venture home financing for nearly 40 affiliated companies.

“Jill brings a dozen years of valuable contributions as a YPO member, officer and board member to her role of International Chairman of both YPO and its graduate group,” remarked Simon Preston, YPO International Chairman for 2009-2010. “She is the perfect leader for taking our organization into its seventh decade.”

Belconis presently serves on the YPO International Board as chair of the events committee. She is a veteran of many YPO international events including seven Global Leadership Conferences and three Universities, as well as numerous seminars, roundtables, and parent-child events. She also has served as chapter chair and education chair of the YPO Chicago Chapter and is a strong advocate for YPO peer networking as a member of the Deal Network, Family Business Network, Real Estate Industry Network, Residential Development and Women’s International Network.

About YPO

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