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The American Woman's Society of CPAs recently presented its National Awards Program, recognizing several distinguished professionals. The honors were held in conjunction with the Society's Women's Accounting & Leadership Conference in late June in Morristown, New Jersey.

The highest honor the group gives, the AWSCPA Presidential Award, was presented to Yasmine El-Ramly with the AICPA, a Senior Technical Manager of Firm Services & Global Alliances. The Presidential Award is not presented every year but only when someone exceptional stands out, the organization said.

El-Ramly oversees women's initiatives programs, human capital and international projects. Her responsibilities include the enhancement of the PCPS Human Capital Center and the International resource center along with the oversight of the AICPA firm strategy initiative and the firm intelligence gathering process. El-Ramly also manages the PCPS relationship with HR professionals and the external relationship with the World Bank, IFAC, GAA and international firm associations. She is also the staff liaison for the AICPA Women's Initiatives Executive Committee, which is the AICPA's driving force for women's progress in the profession. "She has been instrumental in working with the volunteers of this committee, and it has grown to 13 members and includes men and women."

The work El-Ramly does with the [WIEC](#) committee strives to empower women within the accounting profession by

- Supporting the business case for broad-based diversity in the profession

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before relocating to the United States to pursue a graduate degree and her CPA license. El-Ramly has authored many published articles in recent years so such as *Women in Accounting- Removing the barriers to success.*

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