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To Whom this may concern,

March 05, 2021

Ms. LeAnn Bylo, of Helmsbriscoe, has been the USS Conyngham Associations agent and event coordinator for, at least, the past 6 years of my tenure as an Officer on the Executive Board of Directors for the USS Conyngham Association. During this time period, and the time prior to my position, Ms. Bylo has always displayed complete professionalism, with the "can-do" attitude (part of the USS Conyngham's motto) and the willingness, as well as success, to accomplish the mission set forth by our association.

Ms. Bylo is creative and understanding of our needs and works tirelessly to accommodate the requests and needs of the Associations Shipmates and Members, while offering insightful and important information, which may normally be forgotten. 100% satisfaction is what Ms. Bylo strives for in coordinating and has been successful in accomplishing these missions.

Our gratitude and appreciation to Ms. LeAnn Bylo for her continued respect, diligence, professionalism and courtesy shown to myself and the members of the USS Conyngham Association.

With Honor and Respect,

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February 24, 2021

LeAnn Bylo, Manager-Global Accounts
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Dear LeAnn,

I am excited to offer you a statement about our working relationship that demonstrates your professionalism, kindness, and grace. Feel free to quote me, as the executive director of Theta Xi Fraternity, in your materials.

“LeAnn is wonderful to work with throughout the meeting planning process! She is responsive to our organization’s needs for meeting space, meals, lodging, and transportation. She provides essential information to determine cities and properties to select. But, most helpful, is her attention to client services, representing our needs during the contract negotiation and even when plans may change. My entire staff enjoy working with her for all of our meeting and convention planning.”

I look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "J. Tanner Marcantel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

J. Tanner Marcantel
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10 March 2017

LeAnn Bylo
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Dear LeAnn,

It is a pleasure to assure you that your assistance with my last reunion and the reunion still in the planning for September of this year has been a tremendous help.

I have been highly involved in our ship's reunions in one form or another for several years now and have chaired five of them, the first three I did on my own. The last two have been so much fun with help from you and your company doing the heavy work, locating hotels meeting our requirements, and setting up site visits and meetings with tour companies and CVA's. It has saved me a lot of phone and computer time to do other projects involved with doing a reunion.

This is my last reunion, I'm passing the sword on to other younger members of our association and they are now working with you. Hoping it will be a lasting acquaintance. So, thank you again for all your help, it is a real pleasure to work with you.

Sincerely,



Dave Suckow
2017 Reunion Chairman
USS CONYNGHAM ASSOCIATION
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To Whom It May Concern,

Probably about three years ago, my staff and I were considering doing the 2nd International Beta Sigma Phi convention, the first being in 1941. We had no experience putting one on, but we had a lot of experience with what we wanted from attending state conventions. About that time I got a cold call from Diane Healy of Helms-Briscoe wondering if we might be planning a convention in Kansas City. I was able to say, why yes, we are.

We had an initial meeting with the lead staff of the Kansas City office and began to work on a convention that we hoped would have at least 500 attendees and actually had over 1500 to our delight and horror. We had connections for many of the things we would need and volunteers for manpower but we had no experience in working with the hotels, transportation, A/V etc. and that is where Helms-Briscoe came in. We knew what hotel we wanted the most and they helped us negotiate and when the hotel didn't come through on something they had assured us would happen, they went to bat for us all the way up to the Starwood's management.

We found we worked best with LeAnn Bylo, who partnered with Diane, so we asked her to be the lead on our project and she shepherded us through most all aspects of the convention contracts and detail work. She was not in Kansas City for much of it but still managed to keep on top of everything we needed and we needed a lot of hand holding especially at the end. The convention was an amazing success and we really felt it was much easier for us because of Helms-Briscoe and LeAnn. She was cheerful and knowledgeable on every occasion, no matter how frazzled we were. She was a joy to work with and professional on every level but we truly felt it mattered to her how well we did, she was definitely an integral part of our team. I can't recommend her enough and through her, Helms-Briscoe. We were very pleased all round.

Sincerely,

Laura Ross Wingfield
President of the Executive Council of Beta Sigma Phi

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May 11, 2016

Dear LeAnn,

I would like to thank you for all the research and work you did to make our Baton Rouge reunion a success. At first I was a bit apprehensive in using HelmsBriscoe to assist with locating a reunion site and negotiating a contract. I had done that work myself for our past 12 reunions. I was amazed at the number of hotel proposals you provided me with. I still can't believe it was all done without cost to our Association.

As you know, we are all set for our next reunion, it was easy to select a hotel in the Warwick, RI, area thanks to you and HelmsBriscoe. Our contract is signed and our room block is reserved.

No longer will I have to search for hotels and negotiate contracts. You made my task of planning reunions much easier.

Sincerely,

Joseph Napoli
General Manager, USS Compton Association



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I am delighted to pass on the following comments from the Chair of our 2015 Celebration, the 10th Anniversary Statewide Conference of Collaborative Professionals:

"I want to commend you on handling our corporate hotel booking. You have been professional, accessible and responsive. When it came to securing bids and filtering down the choices, you had thoughtful detailed strategies to help me and my team select the facility that best suited us. We were able to narrow down the choices, conduct site visits and secure contract benefits for an early booking perk. Thank you for your time, attention and all that you do. – Lisa Zonder, Esq."

We are so grateful for all your work on our behalf and we look forward to a continuing relationship with you.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Suzan Barrie Aiken'.

Suzan Barrie Aiken
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To Whom It May Concern,

I have worked in the nonprofit field for over 25 years and have planned and administered many workshops, meetings and conferences over the years. Negotiating contracts with hotels has always been a challenging part of the job.

A couple of years ago I received an email from LeAnn Bylo at **Helms Briscoe** offering their services for site selection, proposal solicitation and contract negotiation. Since the service is offered at no cost, we decided to give it a try, and we're glad we did! We ended up with a much more complete and comprehensive contract than we would have obtained ourselves, with excellent rates and concessions.

LeAnn has now assisted me with three conferences so far and has been truly an asset in this process. She has been unfailingly prompt, efficient, reliable and capable with excellent follow-up and follow-through. Her knowledge of the industry and management of the process has been invaluable. LeAnn really works hard for her clients and we are very grateful!

I recommend LeAnn and Helms Briscoe to any organization needing assistance with meeting management.

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LeAnn Bylo
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November 26, 2013

Dear LeAnn:

Now that we have selected our hotel and signed the contract for the USS ATKA Association's 2014 reunion, I just wanted to take this opportunity to tell you, on behalf of our president and the Association, how much we appreciate the thoroughness and efficiency you provide in facilitating our meeting arrangements.

For the last seven years, you have helped our Association make our reunions affordable by identifying prospective hotels, initiating and helping to finalize contracts and working out any last minute details should the need arise. Also, your assistance in finding visitor bureaus, convention centers and tour companies for specific cities has been of enormous help in arranging tours for our group.

You have made my job of making reunion decisions so much easier, I really wish we had used your services earlier. Please know that I will recommend your services to other associations and groups whenever the opportunity arises.

I sincerely cannot thank you enough for all the help you given me over the years.

Best Regards,



Mike Kovacs