The Spokeswoman AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS

Ames Chapter No. 158

May 2002



May Meeting Notice Wednesday, May 15, 2002 Lucullan's 400 Main Street Ames, IA

Social/Meeting: 5:30 Program: 6:00 Dinner: 7:00

Dinner Reservations by noon Tuesday, May 14
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Speaker: Mike Duffy
Topic: Farming in the 21st Century

Dr. Duffy received his Ph.D. in Ag. Economics from Penn State in 1981. He received a B.S. in Natural Resources from University of Nebraska in 1975 and an M.S. in Ag. Economics from Nebraska in 1977. He joined the ISU staff as an Extension area farm management specialist in 1984 and moved to his present position on campus in 1985. Prior to joining Iowa State he worked as an economic researcher for the USDA in Washington, D.C. At Iowa State, Dr. Duffy is the Associate Director for the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture. He also works as an Extension Economist in farm management. Dr. Duffy is the Professor-in-Charge of the Iowa State Beginning Farmer Center.

Dr. Duffy is currently responsible for the annual land value survey, cost of crop production estimates, Iowa farm costs and returns publication and he is state leader for the Extension Farm Financial Planning Program. His research activities include determinants of farm profitability, small farms, soil conservation, integrated pest management, and sustainable agriculture. Dr. Duffy is a member of the American Agricultural Economics Association and Soil and Water Conservation Society. In 1984 he received the USDA Administrators Special Merit Award for outstanding research. He has received numerous Extension awards including the College Excellence in Extension and Research Award. Dr. Duffy received the Sustainable Agriculture Achievement Award from the Practical Farmers of Iowa in 1996.



President's Message

Wow - I was almost giddy after our wonderful public relations dinner last month. Mrs. Vilsack was so charming. The committee did a FANTASTIC job. Thanks so much for believing that you could do it and then making it happen. And members who weren't on the committee, don't forget the part you played in getting people to attend. . It's amazing what a group of determined people can accomplish.

Its important that we not lose the momentum started by our wonderful evening. Make sure that you contact all the potential members that you invited to the dinner and see if they can join us this month. Sometimes it's that personal invitation that makes all the difference! We will be discussing our scholarship nominees, and that is always one of the best things that we do at our business meetings. I hear we had eleven applications this year. Our speaker this month is pretty good too! We will also be electing next year's slate of officers and directors, so please try to make it this month.

Minutes

American Society of Women Accountants

Ames Chapter #158 Membership Meeting March 20, 2002

Call to Order: The March 2002 membership meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Jan Duffy at Chef's Inn in Ames on Wednesday, February 20 at 7:20. Those in attendance were Jan Duffy, Nancy Campbell, Pat Jenkins, Karen Jacobson, Kate Mulder, Margaret Munson, Theresa Samson, Kathy Strum, Sherri Martin and Cindy Sippel. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Motion made by Karen Jacobson and seconded by Kate Mulder that the February 2002 minutes be approved as printed in the bulletin. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Strum gave an update on the status of the bank accounts.

Old Business

Committee Reports:

Public Relations/Membership: RSVP's are needed by April 5 for our public relations dinner on April 17. We will be doing place cards for the dinner after reservations are finalized.

Scholarship: The deadline for scholarship applications is April 15, 2002. Several applications have already been received.

Outstanding Member Award: Applications are due by April 1 to one of the committee members, Jan Duffy, Margaret Munson or Cindy Sippel.

Nominating Committee: The committee is working on the slate for next year. We still need to fill several positions.

New Business:

Bylaw Amendment: National is proposing a new bylaw amendment that would allow National to approve members outside of a chapter approving members. A motion that the chapter vote "NO" on the new bylaw amendment was made by Nancy Campbell and seconded by Pat Jenkins. The motion passed. The chapter will be sending a "NO" vote to National on the proposed amendment.

Adjournment: Motion made by Theresa Samson and seconded by Karen Jacobson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Sippel Acting Secretary

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