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MISSION STATEMENT: *to enable women in all accounting and related fields to achieve their full personal, professional and economic potential and to contribute to the future development of their profession.*



President's Message

Happy October! It may be considered a little early for thanksgiving and resolutions, but I don't think there is ever a bad time for either.

I am always happy to see October roll around as it marks the end of an extremely heavy workload. After meeting all my deadlines, I was so looking forward to going back to work on Monday, getting "caught up" and enjoying a reasonable workload.

Unfortunately, I ended up in bed all week either heavily sedated or in severe pain from back spasms. As much as I did NOT enjoy the experience, I have to admit it made me realize what a gift it is to be pain-free and healthy. It also made me resent the week of my life I had lost, more than likely because I allowed my life to get totally out of balance.

Being a dedicated, hard working employee is something we all strive to be, but making yourself sick and jeopardizing your health isn't a very smart thing for a smart person to do! So call it whatever you like; reassessing, refocusing, prioritizing, just be sure you always include taking care of you. 'Nuf said...

I would like to say a huge "Thank You" to Jan Duffy for hosting the July planning meeting. The food was phenomenal, as was the wine, and both were made even better by the excellent company in which they were shared. Please know, Jan, that the delayed thank you is no less sincere. You saved me from myself and for that I am truly grateful!

We had an excellent turnout, raised \$600 for our scholarship fund and came up with some ambitious but attainable goals.

- 5 new members

- Scholarship Goal of \$2000 from all sources

- 6 hours of CPE

- Pursue a mini conference on ethics next spring

It was decided that our meeting day and time will remain the same. Press releases will be sent to the Iowa State Daily and the Marshalltown paper in addition to local papers in Nevada, Story City, Boone, and Ames. Kate and Sue presented many ideas for CPE and received lots of feedback.

Our first official meeting of the year was held on September 21st at Buford's. Again we had good attendance and the speaker was both interesting and entertaining.

I'm looking forward to the joint meeting with the Des Moines chapter this month and hoping to see you all there. There will not be a regular meeting, but I'm hoping to hear some stories from the national convention and how the voting went on the bylaws amendments.

I am also hoping that you will all consider attending the regional conference in Minneapolis next spring. I am putting it on my calendar now. Minneapolis is close enough to drive and comes at a time that fits my work schedule. Hopefully we can work out some ride sharing!

Theresa

Meeting Notice

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

JOINT MEETING WITH DES MOINES CHAPTER

The Boulevard Restaurant (formerly know as Elwell's Restaurant & Lounge)

1509 South Ankeny Blvd.

Ankeny, IA 50021-9502

515-965-1400

Directions to The Boulevard:

From I-35, take exit 90 and go west on SE Oralabor Rd (also State Route 160) 1.2 miles. Turn right (north) on South Ankeny Blvd (also US Hwy 69) and go .8 mile. The Boulevard is located on the east (right) side of the road

Social/Meeting 5:30

Speaker 6:00

Dinner 7:00

Topic: Discharge Documentation in Iowa

Speaker: Lisa Stuart, ADP

Dinner Reservations by noon Monday, October 17, 2005

Sue Rybolt

515-239-5116

Email: sue@rybolt.net

MENU SELECTIONS

Chef's Special 8 oz New York Strip Steak \$14.95

Fried Chicken \$11.95

Pork Chop (boneless, broiled and served with applesauce) \$12.95

Baked Lasagna with meat, cheese, and eggs \$11.95

Salmon baked and served with tartar sauce & lemon \$13.95

Standing Reservation List

If you are interested in be included on the Standing Reservation List or have questions, please email Marsha at marsha.peterson@mchsi.com or Kate at cmulder@nev.hfmgt.com .

Cindy Sippel

Kara Mikesell

Jan Duffy

Theresa Samson

Karen Jacobson

Kate Mulder

Speaker Information

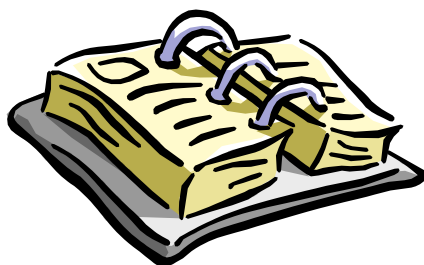
About our Speaker, Lisa Stuart: Mrs. Stuart has been with Automatic Data Processing (ADP) for 8 years, serving as a sales associate in the small and major account services, an Area Sales Manger in Small Business Services, and currently a District Sales Manager. Her responsibilities include prospecting small business from 1 to 49 employee companies, as well as networking with accounting

firms, banks and associations to provide services that will help keep our small businesses in compliance with payroll and HR regulations. It is also her duty to bring tools and resources to the accountant community to help them keep abreast and continue to focus on growth.

Topic Information

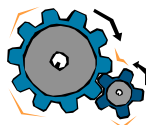
Program: Employee Discharge Documentation in Iowa. An overview of the disciplinary process and documentation needed as well as the Exit Interview process will be presented. Also addressed will be involuntary termination processes and wrongful termination issues.

Coming Attractions



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<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speaker/Topic</u>
11/16/05	Buford's	To Be Announced
12/21/05	TBA	Christmas Party – no speaker
1/18/06	Buford's	To Be Announced
2/15/06	Buford's	To Be Announced
3/15/06	Buford's	To Be Announced
4/19/06	Buford's	To Be Announced
5/17/06	Legend's	To Be Announced
6/21/06	Legend's	To Be Announced
7/19/06	TBA	Annual Planning Meeting



Networking Luncheons

RSVP to Jan Duffy at 294-1481 or 232-2213..... jduffy@iastate.edu

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>RSVP by noon on</u>
Mon 10/31	Old Chicago	11:45	Fri 10/28
Fri 12/2	Panera Bread	12:00	Thurs 12/1
Fri 12/30	Aunt Maude's	12:00	Thurs 12/29
Mon 1/30	The Café	12:00	Fri 1/27
Fri 3/3	Olde Main Brewing Co	12:00	Thurs 3/2
Wed 4/5	Dublin Bay	12:00	Tues 4/4

Fri 5/5	Lucullan's	12:00	Thurs 5/4
Thurs 7/6	La Fuente	12:00	Wed 7/5

Just for Fun

The Full Monty, a musical will be showing at Stephens Auditorium on Saturday, October 29 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$40.50 or \$36.50, but we can get a discount of \$4.00 each if we get 15 people to attend, and also one free ticket for each 15 that we get. If you are interested, we can hold a block of tickets. Please let Jan Duffy know if you would like to attend, and feel free to bring guests. Email me at jduffy@iastate.edu by October 15 if interested. Sooner would be better, since I'm not going to hold a block of tickets until I hear from at least 4 or 5 people that they are interested.

Website for information on the performance is: <http://www.center.iastate.edu/events/Monty.asp>

Regional

Region 3, North Central Region, Regional ASWA Conference May 18-20, 2006 in Minneapolis, MN.

Plan now to attend - experience the excitement of this dynamic organization! Regional conferences don't get any closer unless we (or the Des Moines chapter) host them! See details at www.aswa.org

Member News

Thank you, Ames ASWA chapter members for the wonderful support you provided the ASWAEF and me at the 2005 JNC in Philadelphia, PA in September. I was thrilled to see our chapter gave the largest contribution (\$300) of any chapter presenting funds at the Awards Gala and Foundation Auction. Thank you for donating those funds in honor of me as a National ASWA Board Member. Your support and enthusiasm is so inspiring. What a great group of women! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Kate Mulder

Please remember to return your member update forms. If you need another copy, please let Kara know at kara@gdgreiner.com or 515-232-7080.

Board Minutes

American Society of Women Accountants

Ames Chapter #158

Planning Meeting

July 20, 2005

The planning meeting for the 2005-2006 fiscal year was called to order by President, Theresa Samson, at 7:30 p.m.. Those in attendance were Dominique Bryant, Karen Jacobson, Ngoc Phan, guest, Catherine Mulder, Sue Rybolt, Pat Jenkins, Brenda O'Neill-Smith, Cindy Sippel, Carla Sacco, Mary Mosiman, Nancy Campbell, Margaret Munson, Cheryl Carlisle, Kara Mikesell, Ann Kurtenbach, Theresa Samson and Jan Duffy.

Cindy Sippel moved, and Kate Mulder seconded a motion to suspend all normal business except approval of membership.

Jan Duffy recommended Cheryl Carlise be accepted for membership. Carla Sacco made a motion for approval, subject to National. Karen Jacobson seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Membership Minutes
American Society of Women Accountants
Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
July 20, 2005

Call to order: The July 2005 Membership meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President, Theresa Samson at Jan Duffy's home on Wednesday, July 20, 2005. Those in attendance were Dominique Bryant, Karen Jacobson, Ngoc Phan, guest, Catherine Mulder, Sue Rybolt, Pat Jenkins, Brenda O'Neill-Smith, Cindy Sippel, Carla Sacco, Mary Mosiman, Nancy Campbell, Margaret Munson, Cheryl Carlisle, Kara Mikesell, Ann Kurtenbach, Theresa Samson and Jan Duffy.

Jan Duffy made a motion to elect delegates to the National Conference September 28- October 1 in Philadelphia; Brenda O'Neill-Smith seconded the motion.

Margaret Munson made a motion for Karen Jacobson to take both votes and Kate Mulder and Kathy Strum are the backup's, Mary Mosiman seconded the motion.

Discussion was tabled to instruct or inform Karen Jacobson at the September meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dominique Bryant
Secretary

Membership Minutes
American Society of Women Accountants
Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
September 21, 2005

Call to Order: The September 2005 Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Theresa Samson in Ames on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:32 pm. Those in attendance were Carolyn Bauer, Nancy Campbell, Karen Jacobson, Kate Mulder, Margaret Munson, Kathy Strum, Sue Rybolt, Mary Mosiman, Theresa Samson, and Cindy Sippel. A quorum was present.

Minutes: There was one correction to the June minutes as presented in the bulletin. Karen Jacobson moved and Kate Mulder seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for September was presented and will be placed on file for review.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: We discussed the possibility of using the November meeting for a membership drive where all members would be encouraged to bring a guest and the topic would be a Social Security reform discussion. The program and membership committees will meet to discuss plans for a membership meeting.

Program Committee: The October meeting will be a joint meeting with the Des Moines chapter to be held in Ankeny. The meeting will be on Wednesday, October 19 (our regular meeting night).

Bulletin: The deadline for the October Bulletin is October 3.

Scholarship: Two of our scholarship winners were in attendance. Kathy Strum presented certificates to Abby Reinert and Nicole Bogler.

Old Business: None

New Business:

National Conference in Philadelphia

ASWA Education Foundation (ASWAEF) Contribution – Typically our chapter has donated \$10 per member to the education foundation. For 2005, that would be a donation of \$250. Karen Jacobson moved and Margaret Munson seconded a motion that we donate that amount. The motion passed. The chapter also discussed a basket/auction donation and how these kinds of donations have not always brought as much money as the item donated. A motion was made by Kathy Strum and seconded by Nancy Campbell that our chapter donate an additional \$50 to the education foundation in lieu of an auction item this year. The motion passed. The donation will be made in honor of Kate Mulder our member on the national Board of Directors.

Bylaws Amendments – Two bylaws amendments will be discussed and voted on at the National Conference. The group decided to make a recommendation for each amendment separately. The first amendment concerned the amount of members that would be needed to charter a new chapter. Currently a group of 30 or more members are required to begin a new chapter. The proposed amendment would allow for a smaller group along with some additional requirements. A motion was made by Kathy Strum and seconded by Sue Rybolt that our delegate (Karen Jacobson) is sent with an informed (as opposed to instructed) position regarding this amendment. The motion passed. The second amendment concerned the make up of the National Board. The Board is currently composed of 15 members. The proposed amendment would allow for a board of 14 as the largest and 9 as the smallest. Margaret Munson made a motion, which was seconded by Cindy Sippel that we send our delegate informed on this amendment also. The motion passed.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be October 19, 2005, at a location to be determined in Ankeny.

Networking Luncheon: The October networking luncheon is Wednesday, October 5 at Hickory Park.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Sippel
Acting Secretary

Contributions and announcements for the next issue of the Spokeswoman would be gladly accepted. Please send any contributions or ideas to the newsletter chair, Kara Mikesell, kara@gdgreiner.com.
The deadline for the November issue is October 31, 2005.
