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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

I owe a big "Thank You" to past president Karen Jacobson for filling in for me at the October meeting. It sounds like the Ames chapter was well represented and much was accomplished in the five minute meeting!

I'd just like to remind everyone of our goal of attracting 5 new members this year. It will take all of us to attain our goal. Think of someone you can invite to one of our meetings, or make a special effort to make visitors feel welcome.

Kate, Jan and Karen have contacted our members who have not renewed this year. Retaining our current membership is as important as attracting new members. It is inevitable that we will lose some individuals through career changes and relocation. If we continue to be responsive to our members needs, there will be few other reasons for non-renewal.

National has a new initiative that will increase our name recognition and perhaps help in our recruitment efforts. Over 250 graduation accounting schools have been identified and their department chairs have been sent information packets about ASWA. The packets contain information about ASWA in general, chapter scholarship chairs, and information about ASWAEF and its scholarship programs. A second mailing will follow in the spring to remind them of the benefits of membership which they will hopefully pass on to their graduating students.

Keep thinking of ways we can get our name out there and help others benefit as we have.

Be safe and have a happy Thanksgiving!

Theresa

Meeting Notice

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Ames Chapter #158 of the American Society of Women Accountants

Cazador Restaurant

3605 Lincolnway (in the old Minsky's building)

Ames, IA 50014

Social/Meeting: 5:30

Program: 6:00

Dinner: 7:00

Topic: Roundtable Discussion of Social Security Reform

Speakers: Sue Ravenscroft and Brett Blanchfield

Dinner Reservations by noon Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Sue Rybolt

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Standing Reservation List

If you would like to be added to the Standing Reservation List, please contact Kate Mulder at 515-382-6596 or cmulder@nev.hfmgt.com

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Karen Jacobson

Kate Mulder

Speaker Information

Dr. Sue Ravenscroft moved to Iowa State University fall of 1998, after teaching at Eastern Michigan University for ten years. Her research has been published in The Accounting Review, Journal of Applied Psychology, Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes, Behavioral Research in Accounting, Advances in Management Accounting, Issues in Accounting Education, Journal of Accounting Education, and other journals. In addition, she has presented numerous papers at national and regional meetings. She has spoken on panels on business ethics and service learning at national accounting meetings. She has received the Excellence in Research Award at ISU (2000) and received a similar award earlier at Eastern Michigan University (1994). Currently she is serving as editor for Issues in Accounting Education and is on the editorial board of Behavioral Research in Accounting and Advances in Public Interest Accounting. She has worked for Peat Marwick Mitchell (now organized as KPMG) and is a CPA in the state of Iowa.

Brett Blanchfield is a Certified Real Estate Property Appraiser with Hertz Farm Management, Inc. in Nevada, Iowa. Brett joined Hertz Appraisal Services in May 2003 providing his expertise in appraisals at the Nevada office. Brett received a B.S. in Agriculture Economics with emphasis in farm and ranch management from the University of Nebraska in May 1998.

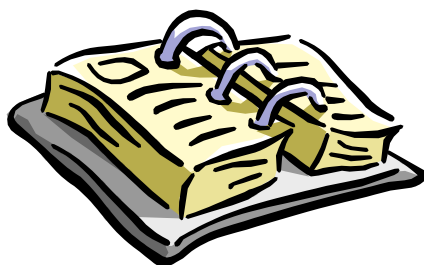
Brett has experience in commercial, farm and condemnation appraisals in Iowa, Kansas and Missouri. He assisted with his dad's farm and independent appraisal business for three years after graduating from the University of Nebraska. Brett then gained more experience working for Appraisal Associates in Kansas City, Missouri, followed by Keller & Associates in Lawrence, Kansas.

Brett was raised on a farm near Churdan, Iowa and attended Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, for two years. In May 1998, he received his Bachelors degree from the University of Nebraska in Agriculture Economics with an emphasis in Farm and Ranch Management.

Brett has also taken numerous courses towards his Master's of Agronomy from Iowa State University (nutrient management, soils, weeds, pests and weather).

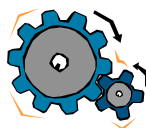
Brett is a member of the Appraisal Institute and is working toward his MAI designation. He and his wife, Vanessa, live in Des Moines, Iowa, where Vanessa is an attorney at Wells Fargo.

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<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speaker/Topic</u>
12/21/05	TBA	Christmas Party – no speaker
1/18/06	Buford's	Retirement Funding Vehicles; Rose Donati
2/15/06	Buford's	XBRL Computer Language; Diane Janvrin
3/15/06	Buford's	International Accounting Standards Update
4/19/06	Buford's	Computer Technology-Data Storage devices & evolution
5/17/06	Legend's	Hertz Brazil; Loyd A. Brown
6/21/06	Legend's	The Business of Volunteering; Sue North
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>
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

Conferences

The accounting department at Iowa State University will be hosting the 3rd annual Contemporary Issues in Accounting Conference in the Gerdin Business Building on Friday, December 16 from 8:00 to 4:00. The program will offer 8 CPE credits. For information, please visit our website at: <http://www.bus.iastate.edu/accounting/cpe/> . If you have any questions, call Jan Duffy at 294-1481 or email at jduffy@iastate.edu. We hope to see you there!!

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

Agenda

American Society of Women Accountants

Ames Chapter #158

November 16, 2005

1. Call to Order
 2. Quorum
 3. Approval of September/October Minutes
 4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Monthly Report
 5. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership
 - b. Program
 - c. Bulletin
 - d. Scholarship
 7. Old Business
 8. New Business
 - a. National Conference
 - b. Hurricane Katrina "Adopt A Member" Scholarship
 9. Announcements
 - a. Next Meeting-Holiday Party at Jan Duffy's
 - b. Networking Lunch
 10. Adjournment
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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 January issue is January 2, 2006.
