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## President's Message

February seems like the perfect time to reflect on all that membership in ASWA adds to our lives. For me, regular contact with other professionals is important in a number of ways.

As the only accounting professional in my organization, it is so reassuring to know that I have a group of women with a broad range of expertise that I can call on if the need arises. Every time I have asked for advise, help or support it has been given selflessly and without hesitation.

The CPE ASWA provides nearly every month has been fantastic. Even the programs that don't directly pertain to my current situation have been valuable in other ways. They have exposed me to areas that I may be interested in pursuing in the future, or have made me quite sure it is an area I never want to pursue. Some have been valuable in my personal life. The programs that don't qualify for CPE have been equally interesting and useful.

Although I have not had an opportunity to attend a national convention, I was able to participate in a regional conference our chapter sponsored when I was a student. I am looking forward to attending the regional conference in Minneapolis this spring. I WILL attend a national conference someday.

The older I get the more I realize how important the friendship of other women is in my life. The friendships I have formed through ASWA are priceless. Although I have not been able to participate in many of the extra networking and social activities planned by our group, I plan to in the future.

If you have experienced these benefits and know other accountants who could benefit from them, please invite them to one of our meetings. Share with them your thoughts and experiences of our small but mighty chapter. It has been a godsend to me and I thank you all.

Theresa

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## February Meeting Notice

**Wednesday, February 15, 2006**

Ames Chapter #158 of the American Society of Women Accountants

### **Buford's**

**2601 E 13th St.**

**Ames, IA**

Networking 5:30

Speaker 6:00

Dinner/Meeting 7:00

**Topic: XBRL Development: Progress and Challenges**

**Speaker: Diane Janvrin, CPA, CMA, CIA**

**Dinner Reservations by noon Tuesday, February 14, 2006**

**Kara Mikesell**

**515-232-7080**

**Email: [kara@gdgreiner.com](mailto:kara@gdgreiner.com)**

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## Standing Reservation List

If you would like to be added to the Standing Reservation List, please contact Kate Mulder at 515-382-1500 or [cmulder@nev.hfmgt.com](mailto:cmulder@nev.hfmgt.com)

Cindy Sippel  
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Theresa Samson

Karen Jacobson

Kate Mulder

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## Speaker / Topic Information

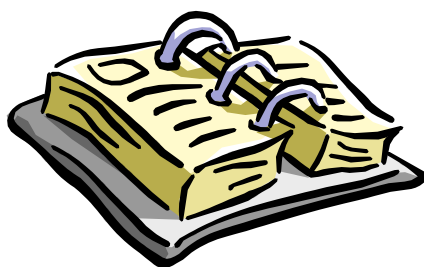
About our Speaker: Diane Janvrin CPA, CMA, CIA, joined the Iowa State faculty as an assistant professor of accounting in January 2001. Diane teaches and researches in the area of information systems. She has published in *Journal of Information Systems* and *Information and Management*. Diane is a member of the American Accounting Association and the ISCPA. She earned her PhD from the University of Iowa.

This presentation will describe the current state of Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) development. As noted in the August 2005 *Journal of Accountancy*, the accounting profession and regulators have made great strides in developing XBRL; however several challenges remain

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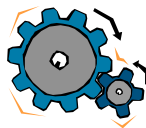
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## Coming Attractions



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<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speaker/Topic</u>
3/15/06	Buford's	International Accounting Standards Update
4/19/06	Buford's	Computer Technology-Data Storage devices & evolution
5/10/06	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](mailto:jduffy@iastate.edu)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>RSVP by noon on</u>
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**

Do you like women's basketball? We are planning a social outing on Thursday, March 2nd. The ISU women play Colorado in the last game of the regular season. The game starts at 7:00 and is at Hilton. If you want to go with us, please let Karen know via e-mail at [kjacobso@iastate.edu](mailto:kjacobso@iastate.edu) or 294-9388 by February 20<sup>th</sup>. You can also give Cindy your money at the meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$10 per ticket. If you have friends that would like to go, bring them along. It should be fun. And if you like walking tacos, Hilton's are to die for! Just ask Cindy and Karen. They never miss the walking tacos when they go. 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](http://www.aswa.org)

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## **Member News**

### **Let's help our New Orleans ASWA Chapter Members!**

We have a couple of opportunities to directly help the New Orleans ASWA Chapter members after the Hurricane Katrina disaster this past year.

One way is to give a direct contribution. These direct contributions are not tax deductible, but do go directly to other ASWA members. Details on how this works are available on line at [www.aswa.org](http://www.aswa.org) by clicking the link for Hurricane Katrina Relief.

The second way is to "Adopt a Member". Here is an excerpt from our National President, Debbie Michael's message to Chapter Presidents (Oct. 8, 2004) explaining this program:

"Also, in an effort to help the beleaguered ASWA members in New Orleans and other affected areas, the ASWA Board of Directors has voted to waive the 2006 – 2007 membership dues for these 65 – 70 members at approximately \$100 each. To cover the cost of this initiative, an "Adopt A Member" Campaign has been launched as a challenge to you, the chapters, to sponsor one or more members' dues from the affected region. There are over 80 active chapters and if each of you sponsored just one member, the cost would be covered.

If your chapter is interested in being a part of this important campaign, please contact Monika at [monika@labhartmiles.com](mailto:monika@labhartmiles.com) with your chapter's pledge -- or interest in pledging. We'll be announcing those chapters at the Annual Business Meeting. The monies will not need to be collected until the Spring, so you'll have lots of time to fundraise throughout the year!"

During the above Board meeting, I pledged the Ames Chapter to adopt a member of the New Orleans chapter for next year. Karen Jacobson and Kathy Strum have offered their support to this cause also and pledged to

help me in this endeavor. If other chapter members would like to help, we will be taking pledges at the February meeting. I'm hoping that our chapter can soon report that we are willing to adopt more than one member! What a wonderful way to support our fellow ASWA members and help them keep their chapter strong during this unbelievable disaster. Please pledge a few dollars to help our New Orleans ASWA Chapter members!

Kate Mulder

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## Agenda

### American Society of Women Accountants

#### Ames Chapter #158

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of November Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Monthly Report
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Membership
  - b. Program
  - c. Bulletin
  - d. Scholarship
6. Old Business
  - a. Gift Wrapping Partnership with ABWA
7. New Business
  - a. Chapter Dues Rate
8. Announcements
  - a. Next Meeting-March 15, 2006
  - b. Networking Lunch-March 3, 2006 at 12 noon  
Olde Main Brewing Company
9. Adjournment

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## Membership Minutes

### American Society of Women Accountants

#### Ames Chapter #158

#### Membership Meeting

#### November 16, 2005

**Call to Order:** The November 2005 Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Theresa Samson in Ames on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:48 pm. Those in attendance were Dominique Bryant, Jan Duffy, Karen Jacobson, Kate Mulder, Annmarie Kurtenbach, Sue Rybolt, Kara Mikesell, Janet Mortvedt, Theresa Samson, and Cindy Sippel. A quorum was present.

**Minutes:** Kate Mulder moved and Karen Jacobson seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership Committee:** Cindy no report. There was discussion regarding how to reach ISU students. Cindy asked for suggestions for a membership meeting. It was suggested using the ethics conference as a membership drive. Offer some incentive for attending.

**Program Committee:** Kate has most of the meetings scheduled. Kate discussed the programs. It was decided to move the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to another date due to the Regional Conference on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Bulletin:** None

**Scholarship:** Discussion of information on our website. It was decided to move up the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. We will advertise this the next couple of weeks.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**National Conference in Philadelphia** -Karen Jacobson reported both of the amendments were passed. We will need to amend our by laws. Next Year conference is in Las Vegas on Sept 20-22. The conference in Philadelphia had very good speakers. National is looking into providing online CPE to our members. They are wanting to do more internally for our members. If we recruit a member, we get entered into a drawing for a \$3,000 gift certificate or a cruise.

Hurricane Katrina – Adopt a member. It has been recommended to pay one member of the New Orleans chapter. Each chapter pays for one person’s annual dues. Kate will be taking pledges.

Des Moines – Joint Meeting – Discussion to continue meeting? Maybe next year have our meeting in South Ames. We will address the issue if the Des Moines chapter reciprocates next year. Tabled to the planning meeting.

Fund raiser ideas – Gift wrap at Borders. Jan will contact Borders. Karen will call North Grand Mall.

**Announcements:**

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be December 21<sup>st</sup>, at Jan Duffy’s home.

**Networking Luncheon:** The January networking luncheon is Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at The Cafe.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dominique Bryant  
Secretary

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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](mailto:kara@gdgreiner.com).  
**The deadline for the March issue is February 27, 2006.**  
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