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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 Spring everyone! Yes, I know that there's still frost on the ground, and more snow in the forecast for next week, but I can see sunshine and grass (and no snow) through my window, as I sit in the warmth of my office. To me, that means Spring!

In an effort to keep everyone in the loop, we postponed our meeting this month by one week because there were several "early RSVPs" from people saying they would not be able to make the meeting on the originally scheduled date. Rather than risk not making a quorum, we decided to move the meeting date. I hope everyone enjoyed their green beer that night instead!

One other change I want to call everyone's attention to is that we are going to start meeting as a Board before the actual membership meeting every month. We're doing this based upon feedback regarding the length of our regular meetings and the ability of Members to commit that much time on a week night. The Board meetings will be open to any member who would like to attend, and the Board meeting dates will be announced in conjunction with the regular Membership meeting dates. Since the major item on our agenda for this month is a discussion and vote on the standing rules – and the vote needs go before the whole membership – there is no Board meeting beforehand. However starting in April, we will start having separate Board meetings and, hopefully, that will improve the ability of some members to become more active. I look forward to seeing all of you on Wednesday!

-Stephanie

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MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Wed., March 24th 2010

Time: 5:30 PM Social Time
6:00 PM Speaker
7:00 PM Dinner/Meeting

Topic: Women in Accounting - China

Speaker: Kathy Strum, CPA

Location: Buford's
2601 E 13 St
Ames, IA

RSVP: All attendees please RSVP by email:
programs@amesaswa.org

AGENDA

American Society of
Women Accountants
Ames Chapter #158
March 24, 2010

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership
 - b. Program
 - c. Bulletin
 - d. Scholarship
6. Old Business
 - a. Standing Rules
7. New Business
 - a. TBD

8. Announcements
9. Adjournment

FEBRUARY 2010 MINUTES

February Minutes
American Society of Women Accountants
Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
February 17, 2010

Call to Order: The February 2010 Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Stephanie Roscoe at Aunt Maude's Restaurant in Ames, IA, at 12:28 pm on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. Those in attendance were Jan Duffy, Karen Jacobson, Marilyn Moehlmann, Kate Mulder, Stephanie Roscoe, Sue Jones, Stephanie Fox, Lin Shen, Carla Danielson and Kathy Strum. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Karen Jacobson moved to approve the minutes as printed. Kate Mulder seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Will be sent to the membership via e-mail. The current cash balance is \$7,558.47 with approximately \$5,000 in the Scholarship Fund after everything outstanding has cleared.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

- Karen Jacobson noted that the latest new member is ISU student Jaimie Williamson.
- Mary Mosiman is not continuing her membership due to family obligations.

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Program:

- The March program will be by Kathy Strum on her recent trip to China as part of an accounting delegation with the People to People Ambassadors program.
- The April meeting will be a communications person speaking on memo writing.
- The May meeting is a joint meeting with the Des Moines Chapter of ASWA.
- The June program is still to be determined.
- A discussion was held on the low attendance at recent meetings. Shorter membership meetings were discussed, with possible separate board meetings open to all members. President Stephanie Roscoe will consider calling a separate March board meeting. There would still be a membership meeting to ratify any necessary actions taken by the board.

Bulletin: No report. Please send any bulletin items to Lisa Lembke.

Scholarship:

- None of the Scholarship Committee was able to attend the meeting, so President Stephanie Roscoe reported that 11 applications had been received. Several were disqualified and the committee narrowed the applications down to two with a recommendation for \$1,000 each for the 2010 school year. Stephanie reviewed the applications in detail with the membership and after a

lengthy discussion, Jan Duffy moved and Kate Mulder seconded that Katie Koser be awarded \$1,500 and Alyssa Elgersma be awarded \$1,000 for the 2010 school year. Motion carried.

- A special thank you was given to the members of the Scholarship Committee (Renee Twedt, Cheryl Carlile and Cyndie Jeffrey, Chairperson) for all their hard work.
- Marilyn Moehlmann moved and Stephanie Fox seconded that Katie Koser be our chapter's candidate to the ASWA Educational Foundation National scholarship. Motion carried. President Stephanie Roscoe will work with the Scholarship Committee to process all necessary paperwork to send in the application to meet the April 1, 2010 deadline.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Two new National bylaws were passed at the recent Annual Meeting. Kathy Strum will incorporate these changes into our Chapter bylaws. Vice President Marilyn Moehlmann will assist Kathy.

The networking luncheon scheduled for next week will be held as planned.

Announcements:

The new slate of National board members was announced with Ames Chapter member Kate Mulder serving as Vice President for the 2010-2011 year.

Door Prize: Kate Mulder is winner of this month's door prize.

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Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jacobson, Acting Secretary

UPCOMING MEETINGS

04/21/10 Buford's Restaurant

05/19/10 Time & Place TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next ASWA networking luncheon is on Friday, March 26th, noon at Aunt Maude's.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards, if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book. ."

- Ronald Reagan

Articles and submissions to the newsletter are welcome. Please contact Lisa at bulletin@amesaswa.org