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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it's that time of the year again to be thinking about who you want to be serving as the Chapter's Board of Directors. Have you ever considered serving on your Chapter's Board of Directors? I am sure that you know your current Board members, and you understand some of their activities. Have you considered that you may benefit more from your Board service than you invest in it? When you serve on your Chapter Board, you see a broad diversified picture of your Chapter as a whole. You will learn how your Chapter is organized and what makes it run.

There are many similarities between your company and ASWA. Running a successful chapter is just like running a successful business! Many of the management techniques that you use to monitor and manage your Board will directly carry over to your office.

Board members make decisions! As an active Board member, your input directly influences your entire Chapter, and your ideas and comments have the power to accomplish something. You will learn and practice the leadership skills that will advance you in your professional career.

Board participation means involvement with a new group of professional women. The networking possibilities increase tremendously. Your fellow Board members will come from varied backgrounds with different viewpoints and connections. In the beginning, your only common link may be the professional interest in accounting. At the end of your term, however, other Board members will become friends and co-workers. You can learn to deal with opposing opinions and varied methods to accomplish common goals.

Active participation on your Board reflects well on your resume and improves your professional credentials. Potential employers perceive that Board work shows drive and initiative, and demonstrates the desire to change and improve things. Companies look for employees that demonstrate the leadership skills necessary to succeed in business.

Time is a non-renewable asset. We all have a finite amount of time to spend. We must allocate our time wisely among

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JOINT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WITH ISU ACCOUNTING CLUB

- DATE: Thursday, February 17, 1994
- TIME: 5:00 PM Board Meeting
5:30 PM Program
6:30 PM Dinner
- PLACE: Room 1, Carver Hall
Iowa State University Campus
- MENU: Pizza at DaVinci's
Cost not to exceed \$10 per ASWA member attending. Contributions from those not attending welcome.
- RESERVATIONS/
GUEST NAMES: Sue Logan, Hospitality
294-9537 Work
292-0105 Home
- DEADLINE: Wednesday, 12:00 Noon
February 16, 1994
- PROGRAM: Career Planning
- SPEAKER: Miles Morrow, CPC

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Mr. Morrow is Vice President of Key Employment Services, the largest employment agency in the state of Iowa. He has earned the CPC, Certified Personnel Consultant, a designation granted by the National Association of Personnel Specialists. Miles has been specializing in the placement of accounting and financial professionals for approximately 9 years with Key. Previously, he recruited on college campuses for a major Des Moines corporation. His clients are mostly Midwestern based and vary from Fortune 500 firms to small, emerging business enterprises that require resourcing as well as consultative advice on staffing.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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our families and our careers. We must evaluate where and when we choose to spend our time and become involved. Each activity must meet our personal and professional needs to be worth the time commitment. Many members are finding that ASWA Board service meets these needs and results in a positive return.

There are many reasons to participate on your chapter's Board of Directors. The benefits of Board service clearly outweigh the time commitment involved. Most Board members say that every hour spent working on Board projects result in more than an hour's benefit.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact me or one of the members of the Nominating Committee.

See you all at the Student Activities Night - February 17th (3rd Thursday).

Kim

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

2/12/94	Kim Supercynski & Annette Kane
3/12/94	(IPT Telethon)
4/9/94	Karen Jacobson
5/14/94	Kim Supercynski
6/11/94	Jane Thomsen

Members, if you wish to assist someone above, please contact Jane Thomsen.

About the only thing that comes without effort is old age.

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NETWORKING LUNCHEONS

February 24, 1994	Lucullan's
March 24, 1994	Hickory Park
April 28, 1994	Mandarin
May 26, 1994	People's - Campustown
June 23, 1994	Applebee's

All networking luncheons start at noon. Plan now to attend one or more of these luncheons. It's a great way to get to know your colleagues.

NOTE: The next networking luncheon for Ames Chapter members working in Des Moines will be on Tuesday, February 22nd, 11:30 PM, at Winston's in the Skywalk. Call Karen Jacobson at 242-4401 by Monday (the 21st) if you can come because she will be making reservations.

ATTENTION, MEMBERS!

Please note the change in meeting date from our regular second Thursday to the **THIRD** Thursday. This was done to accommodate the Accounting Club and one of the major interviewers on campus. Please try to attend. Because we are small in number, we need each and every member to make this joint meeting a success.

ATTENTION, MEMBERS!

CHANGE IN TIME FOR IPTV TELETHON

11:00 AM - 1:15 PM

Instead of

10:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Please contact Kim if you are interested in working at the telethon on March 12th.

Ames Chapter No. 158
American Society of Women Accountants
Board of Directors Meeting
January 13, 1994

CALL TO ORDER: The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, Ames Chapter, was brought to order at approximately 5:10 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, 1994, at Applebee's, Ames, Iowa, President Kim Supercynski presiding.

QUORUM: A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE: The following Board members were in attendance: Kathy Strum, Kate Mulder, Judy Farthing, Karen Jacobson, and Kim Supercynski.

BUSINESS:

Minutes: There were no minutes because there was no quorum at the December meeting and no official business was conducted.

Treasurer's Report: At the end of December 31, 1993, there was \$651.71 in the checking account and \$916.11 in the savings account. The only outstanding bills are one member's dues to National and the second half of last year's scholarship. The scholarship fund has such a large balance due to the generous donations of several of our members. The report was placed on file for audit.

OLD BUSINESS: Another T-shirt order was discussed and it was decided to only order the CPA design in XL and XXL sizes. Margaret Haubrich will be notified and she will contact Beverly Wandling who handled the original order. The meeting with the ISU Accounting Club was discussed and the Board felt it was necessary to take the students out for pizza afterwards like we did last year. However, it was decided that only the ASWA members attending would be required to contribute no more than \$10 each, with the difference paid by the Chapter. Additional donations from members not attending would be greatly appreciated to help defray the cost. Jan Duffy will make the arrangements. Karen Jacobson will contact the speaker Miles Morrow and finalize arrangements with him.

NEW BUSINESS: Kim Supercynski announced that the IPTV Telethon will be held in March and we have been scheduled to work on Saturday, March 12th from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We need 10 volunteers for our shift. Potential new members include Laurie Gustafson from ISU and Annette Kane.

Nominating Committee: On motion made by Kate Mulder, seconded by Judy Farthing, motion carried that Karen Jacobson be the Board's representative on the Nominating Committee.

Scholarship: The Chapter scholarship applications need to get out to the students soon. Kate Mulder will visit with Margaret Haubrich about this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 10th, at 5:00 p.m. immediately preceding the Joint Meeting with the ISU Accounting Club in the Carver Building at Iowa State.

ADJOURNMENT: The motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 5:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Jacobson, Secretary

TAKE IT

One Day At A Time

"There are two days in every week about which we should *not* worry - two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is *yesterday*, with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, and its aches and pains.

Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed. We cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone.

The other day we should *not* worry about is tomorrow.

Tomorrow is beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun will rise, whether in splendor or behind a mask of clouds. But it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow.

This leaves only one day - *today*.

Anyone can fight the battles of just one day. It is when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities - yesterday and tomorrow - that we break down.

Let us therefore live *one* day at a time:

- Author Unknown

Ames Chapter No. 158
American Society of Women Accountants
Membership Meeting
January 13, 1994

CALL TO ORDER: The January meeting of the Ames Chapter No. 158 of the American Society of Women Accountants was called to order at approximately 7:45 p.m. on January 13, 1994 at the office of Iowa Benefits in Ames, President Kim Supercynski presiding.

QUORUM: A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE: There were 7 members in attendance (Nancy Campbell, Kim Supercynski, Jane Thomsen, Karen Jacobson, Kathy Strum, Kate Mulder, Sue Logan).

BUSINESS:

Minutes: On motion made by Kathy Strum, seconded by Jane Thomsen, motion carried unanimously that the minutes for the November 11, 1993 meeting be approved as printed in the Bulletin.

Treasurer's Report: At the end of December there was \$651.71 in the checking account and \$916.11 in the savings account. The second half of last year's scholarship (\$150) will be presented shortly out of the savings account. The report will be placed on file for audit.

Committee Reports:

Administrative Reporting: No report.

Bulletin: The deadline for the February Bulletin is January 21, 1994. A discussion was held on possible quarterly bulletins for next year with no decision being made.

Bylaws: No report.

Education and Legislation: No report.

Hospitality and Member Relations: The next networking luncheon will be January 27th at Applebee's in Ames and January 19th in Des Moines. Meeting will be on February 10th for a joint meeting with the ISU Accounting Club.

Membership: Kim Supercynski reported that Annette Kane will be joining ASWA, but has a conflict with the meeting night this year. She also indicated that Laurie Gustafson from ISU was interested in the organization and had talked with her.

Program: Kim Supercynski will speak to Jan Duffy about the speaker on the Eastern Block for the March meeting.

Public Relations: Jane Thomsen reported that she had several ideas for a speaker for the dinner on May 14th, but had not finalized one yet. Kim Supercynski offered her assistance if needed. The Meals on Wheels list was updated through June, 1994.

Publicity: No report.

Scholarship: Kate Mulder will visit with Margaret Haubrich regarding getting the applications for our Chapter scholarship out to the students. The second half of last year's scholarship is now ready for disbursement.

Student Activities: The speaker for the Joint Meeting with the ISU Accounting Club to be held in February will be Miles Morrow from Key Employment Services in Des Moines, who will be talking about various aspects of career planning.

OLD BUSINESS: President Supercynski discussed the Scorecard committee. Sue Logan has a list of approximately 30 potential members and letters will be sent out in 1-2 months. It was suggested that the Chapter brochure be updated so that it could be mailed out with the letters. Karen Jacobson will discuss this with Joan Rost and update the brochure. Nancy Campbell will take care of getting it printed. It was decided not to order any additional T-shirts to take to Prairie States unless someone is going for sure. The re-order can wait until the 1994 JAM if necessary. Kate Mulder will discuss this with Margaret Haubrich.

NEW BUSINESS: The individual profile updates have been received from National. The amended bylaws recently passed at JAM are on file and our Chapter bylaws must be updated to reflect them. Karen Jacobson will give a copy of them to Bylaws Chair Sharon Croissant for updating. President Supercynski handed out a Professional Clothing Discount Cards received from National. The IPTV Telethon will be March 12th from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Members who participated last year were very enthusiastic. Karen Jacobson noted that the Telethon conflicts with our regularly scheduled date for Meals on Wheels. Kim will contact the Hospital regarding this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: February Meals on Wheels volunteers were announced, as were the networking luncheons and the Joint Meeting with the ISU Accounting Club on February 10th.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion made by Nancy Campbell, seconded by Kate Mulder, motion carried unanimously that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

PROGRAM: Kim showed a video titled "Get More Done in Less Time" put out by Communication Briefings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen E. Jacobson, Secretary

IRS
DIRECTOR'S LIAISON COMMITTEE

Members of the District Director's Liaison Committee are listed here. The Committee was established to provide the Internal Revenue Service with feedback on administrative and procedural problems and how to solve them. It's part of the IRS's continuing efforts to provide prompt customer service to practitioners and taxpayers in Iowa. In addition, the Committee provides a vital communications link between the District IRS office and tax practitioners so specific issues can be candidly discussed with a focus on solutions.

Each member is appointed by the Director. They will represent not only their own opinions and concerns, but the opinions and concerns of the practitioner community as well. Please feel free to contact them and give them your ideas and concerns so they can be brought to the Committee. The Committee meets four times a year.

Accountants Association of Iowa

Rick Oelerich - Davenport
Michael J. Lantz - West Des Moines
Don Yoder - Kalona

Iowa Society of CPA's

Curt Brand - West Des Moines
Tom Thompson - Fairfield

Iowa Society of Accounting Practitioners

Richard D. Jones - Cedar Rapids
Richard Rash - Des Moines

Iowa State Bar Association

Lee E. Wilmarth - Decorah
Lawrence Beckman - Council Bluffs

Education

Margaret Redenbaugh - Buena Vista College
James Monroe - Drake University
Margaret Aten - Simpson College

Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance

Gerald Bair - Des Moines

Tax Return Preparers

Ray McClellan - West Des Moines
(Owner of Mr. Tax)

Industry

Nancy Campbell - Ames
(Sauer-Sundstrand)
Catherine Mulder - Nevada
(Hertz Associated LTD)

(Way to go, Nancy and Kate!!! - Editor)

The following appeared in an issue of Reader's Digest several years ago. The author is unknown.

Lord, keep me from the habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details - give me wings to get to the point.

I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pain. Help me to endure them with patience. But seal my lips on my own aches and pains - they are increasing and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

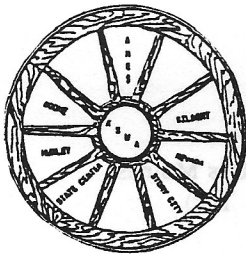
Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all - but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Take a break from the busy times of year end and tax season. Attend the monthly meetings of ASWA. It's a great way to relax and have fun. Make the effort to join us. You'll be glad you did.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
February 17, 1994	Board and Membership Meetings Joint Meeting with ISU Accounting Club
February 22, 1994	Networking Luncheon - Des Moines
February 24, 1994	Networking Luncheon - Ames
March 10, 1994	Board and Membership Meetings
March 12, 1994	IPTV Telethon

DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH BULLETIN IS FEBRUARY 18, 1994