

The Spokeswoman

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS

Ames Chapter No. 158

September 1999



President's Message

Our brave little group has been clinging together for nine years now. The reason we survive is because of Cindy, Kathy, Kate, and Karen. Others of us have occasionally taken the lead, but none as consistently and devotedly as these four. They have always been there to take on the most responsible jobs, to urge us on to do the impossible, to give strength to our small numbers.

Because of them, we have accomplished more than one could imagine: hosting a Prairie States Conference, giving two \$500 scholarships a year, having a third of our membership at a national conference. Probably every group is held together by the glue of a few good leaders who provide the enthusiasm, the guidance, the time commitment, and the belief that it can be done.

We have met every other challenge, I just have to believe that we can meet the challenge of "beefing up" our membership. I personally will try to do a better job of being prepared to provide more leadership than you witnessed at the July meeting. I can say that and know it is not too much of a challenge since Karen pretty much took charge in July when I didn't have a clue. Let each of us make a personal commitment to make an effort to be a better member of this organization. Making a commitment to attend all meetings is a good place to start.

There is still time to join Karen and me in Seattle in October. The national conventions are a connection to the greater organization of women moving into leadership positions in our profession; they are opportunities for continuing education classes; they are great places to meet new friends and spend time with old ones; they are just plain fun. I have been to Chicago, Washington, D.C., Long Beach, St. Petersburg, Minneapolis, Chattanooga and Anchorage, Alaska. Join ASWA and see the world!

As we begin our 10th year we have a new opportunity for all of us to share in this effort to make our ASWA Ames Chapter a viable organization, ready to meet new challenges and to provide each other with the support and encouragement we need to reach our potential in our professional, community and family lives. Thank you Cindy, Kathy, Kate and Karen for leading the way.

Beverly Wandling

Meeting Notice
September Meeting Ames Chapter:
Wednesday, September 15
Elwell's Chefs Inn
6400 West Lincolnway
Ames IA

Social: 5:30
Dinner: 6:30

Meeting: 6:00
Speaker 7:00

Speaker: Roger Murphy
Topic: The Uniform Accountancy Act

Roger Murphy is an associate professor at ISU. He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Colorado State University. He has taught at ISU for 30 years. He also serves as the administrative and investigative consultant to the Iowa Accountancy Examining Board. Roger is a CPA and a member of various organizations including the Governmental Finance Officers' Association, the AICPA, the Iowa Society of CPAs and the Institute of Management Accountants. He has been awarded status as a Diplomat of the American Board of Forensic Accounting. He has published several articles that have appeared in national as well as local journals.

Dinner Reservations by Tuesday noon, Sept. 14

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Planning Meeting
July 22, 1999

The planning meeting for the 1999-2000 fiscal year was called to order by President Beverly Wandling at Wandling Engineering on Wednesday, July 22, 1999, at 7:10 PM. Those in attendance were Jan Duffy, Karen Jacobson, Marti Landers, Kate Mulder, Brenda O'Neall Smith, Sue Ravenscroft, Cindy Sippel, Kathy Strum and Beverly Wandling.

A special thank you to Beverly was noted for the wonderful dinner. Contributions totaling \$240 were raised tonight for the Scholarship Fund.

Sue Ravenscroft will be applying for membership shortly.

The group discussed possible goals. The group decided on three goals:

1. 90% member retention – with 4 new members
2. Increase public awareness of the Ames Chapter of ASWA by (a) at least one public service project this year and (b) a web page
3. A minimum CPE of 6 hours

Karen Jacobson will contact WOI Radio regarding their fall fund drive and Cindy Sippel will contact Iowa Public Television regarding their spring fund drive. Jan Duffy volunteered to be in charge of something “fun” quarterly.

Kate Mulder and Sue Ravenscroft are in charge of programs and will contact the Des Moines Chapter regarding our joint meeting in October. The membership meeting will be November 17th. Topics were discussed for various meetings. Kate and Sue will attempt to plan the programs for the entire year so that this information can be used in recruiting new members.

Cindy Sippel volunteered to look over the books before the new treasurer assumes her duties.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Jacobson
Secretary

Note: There are no official minutes from the June 1999 meeting. The only business conducted was the installation of officers and presentation of the scholarship winners.

Officers for 1999-2000

President	Beverly Wandling
Vice-President	Jan Duffy
Secretary	Karen Jacobson
Treasurer	Marti Landers
Immediate Past President	Sherri Martin
Program	Kate Mulder
	Sue Ravenscroft
Membership	Kathy Strum
Bulletin	Cindy Sippel
Scholarship	Marti Landers
	Margaret Munson
	Cindy Sippel – chair

ASWA Conference Dates

59th Annual National Conference

Seattle, Washington

October 28-30, 1999

Registration Fees

Before September 15 \$395 for ASWA members

After September 25 and Onsite \$495 for ASWA members

Note from the Denver Chapter

Denver is again ordering Master Tax Guides. The cost per book this year is \$13 plus shipping until Sept. 25th. Then the cost goes to \$18 plus shipping. This is the same book CCH sells retail for \$46. The Denver ASWA order is large enough to create a volume discount which Denver passes on the local chapter. This discount allows you to provide the books to members at a discount as a benefit. The ASWA logo is on the cover. You may use them to raise the ASWA community profile by contacting small firms or sole practitioners and offering the book to them.

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Please review the following list, give me additions and corrections. I will update and send it out with each bulletin.

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