

The Spokeswoman AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS

Ames Chapter No. 158

April 2001



April Meeting Notice
Tuesday, April 17, 2001
Chef's Inn
6400 West Lincolnway
Ames, IA

Social/Meeting: 5:30 Program: 6:00 Dinner: 7:00

Mini Menu:	Broiled Chicken Salad \$10.00	Chef Salad \$9.50
	Prime Rib Sandwich \$14.00	Cheese Manicotti \$14.00
	Broiled Chicken Breast \$15.00	

Dinners listed come with a non-alcoholic beverage and tip is included for that price. A cash bar is available.

Joint meeting with Beta Alpha Psi

Dinner Reservations and menu selection by noon Monday, April 16

Kate Mulder
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Guest Speaker: *Miles Morrow, CPC*

Topic: *Factors Impacting Our Profession*
Job Market Today
The Future of Accounting
How Much are We Worth?

About our Speaker:

Miles is a Senior Consultant, Accounting & Finance, with ACSYS Inc. He has specialized in sourcing, procuring, and placing mid-executive level accounting talent throughout the United States since 1985. His specialty area is CPA's, with an emphasis in manufacturing, healthcare, insurance and service.

Typical positions that Miles consults with include CFO, Tax Director, Controller, Audit Manager, Cost Accounting Manager, Internal Auditor, Public Accounting Partner, and Reimbursement Manager. Miles conducts searches for many Certified Public Accounting firms, including many of the Big 5 and large Regional firms. His responsibilities lead him into the arenas of coaching and counseling, position description evaluation, corporate needs assessment, recruiting, benefits evaluation, and negotiation.

Miles is a CPC, a Certified Personnel Consultant, a designation by NAPS, the National Association of Personnel Specialists.



President's Message

Cyndie Jeffrey did a great job last month of discussing the challenges that faces our industry with mergers and acquisitions. As accounting strives to better serve users of financial statements many issues arise. On the surface there may seem to be straightforward answers. But as we look at how it affects different decisions and different kinds and sizes of companies, the answers are more difficult to come by.

We can no longer say accounting is a career that is stable; that the rules are set and we know what should be done. Accounting is definitely a dynamic, growing, changing field that each of us uses our skills and knowledge to provide valuable information. As stated in the CPA Vision: "CPA's... Making sense of a changing and complex world." Well said.

Quote of the month:

"The ideal workplace is where each employee can answer yes to:

1. Were you treated with dignity and respect today?
2. Were you given the tools needed to make a contribution that gives meaning to your life? and if so,
3. Did someone notice that you did?

Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill
Wall Street Journal 3/2/01

Look forward to seeing you Tuesday

Brenda

Proposed slate of Officers 2001-2002

President	Jan Duffy
Vice-President	Margaret Munson
Secretary	Jennifer Ketchum
Treasurer	Elisa Gibson
Program	Theresa Samson
Membership	Penny Strum
Bulletin	Pat Jenkins
Scholarship	Elisa Gibson
	Nancy Campbell
	To be determined
	later

American Society of Women Accountants
Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
March 21, 2001

Call to Order: The March 2001 membership meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Brenda O'Neill-Smith at Chef's Inn in Ames on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:30. Those in attendance were Jan Duffy, Elisa Gibson, Karen Jacobson, Pat Jenkins, Jennifer Ketchum, Marti Landers, Kate Mulder, Margaret Munson, Theresa Samson, Kathy Strum, and Penny Strum. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Motion made by Karen Jacobson and seconded by Marti Landers that the February 2001 minutes be approved as printed in the bulletin. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report presented by Marti Landers was accepted and placed on file for review.

Committee Reports:

Bulletin: No committee report. Deadline for items for the next bulletin is one week before the next meeting.

Membership: Penny Strum reported that National is holding a special on membership dues for new members, with payment of the annual dues amount covering the remainder of this society year and all of next.

Program: Kate Mulder reported that the April meeting will be a joint meeting with Beta Alpha Psi, at Chef's Inn on Tuesday, April 17. There will be a limited menu and Beta Alpha Psi members will be attending as guests of the chapter and its members. Members may contribute to buying dinner for our Beta Alpha Psi guests. A motion was made by Jan Duffy and seconded by Karen Jacobson that any funds collected more than what is needed for dinner for the guests should go to the Chapter scholarship fund. Motion carried. The membership voted last month to make up any shortfall out of the Chapter treasury.

Miles Morrow will be the speaker at the April meeting. Gary Maydew will speak at the May meeting, and Barb Ettleson will speak in June.

Scholarship: The deadline for scholarship applications is March 31, 2001.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee placed before the membership the following slate of officers: President – Jan Duffy; Vice President – Margaret Munson; Treasurer – Elisa Gibson; Secretary – Jennifer Ketchum; Bulletin – Pat Jenkins; Program – Theresa Sampson; Membership – Penny Strum. The scholarship committee will be Elisa Gibson, Nancy Campbell, and a member to be determined.

South Central Area Conference in Kansas City: The conference will be held June 1-3, 2001. The National Board will be installed at this conference. Members are encouraged to attend.

Networking Lunch: Jan Duffy will send out notices about networking lunches.

Old Business:

Chapter Award: Jan Duffy will report to the members next month about establishing a Chapter Award.

New Business: None

Adjournment: Motion made by Kate Mulder and seconded by Kathy Strum that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Munson
Secretary

Upcoming Programs

<u>Month</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
April	Miles Morrow	Factors Impacting Our Profession Job Market Today The Future of Accounting How Much are We Worth?
May	Tihira Hira	Social Issues of Gambling
June	Barb Ettleson	Anger Analysis

Reminder from the Bulletin Chair!

Please let me know of any items of interest about our members, new jobs, etc. I would like to include them in the bulletin. Also, let me know if any updates needed for our membership list. I will publish an updated list in the each bulletin.

**THANK YOU,
Cindy Sippel, Bulletin Chair**

New E-mail Address

Laura Farney has a new e-mail address - lauraf@bsfcpa.com. Her old e-mail address will soon be discontinued.

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