

The Spokeswoman

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October Meeting Notice
Tuesday, October 15, 2002
Des Moines ASWA Chapter



President's Message

I was recently at a hair salon where a 4-year-old boy was waiting for his mother. The salon wasn't busy so there was plenty of room for him to wander around and try to figure out what everything was for. He was fascinated watching the stylist wash someone's hair. He wondered about the hair color. He was curious about the big hair dryers and the blow dryers. "Whatcha doin'?" "Why?" "What's that?" The brooms were about his size. The chairs went up and down and around. He reminded me of several things I'd like to share.

- When we experience things every day, we forget how complex or mysterious or interesting those things were when they were new to us and how much someone else might be interested in (or confused by) what and how we do things.
- When we are focused on what we are trying to do, we tune out what seems to be extraneous information or noise.
- I have a sign on my wall that says, "The problem with being right is that it affects your hearing." We can learn a lot if we listen and pay attention to the questions and comments that go on in the background. (The sign doesn't always work as a reminder.)
- It's a lot cuter when it's somebody else's problem.

So, as with most things, it's a balancing act. How wonderful that we can develop our skills so that things we do every day become second nature. And how important it is to sometimes be able to recapture the mystery and delight of our first success with those tasks as a reminder to ourselves and to be able to share what we've learned with someone.

How great it is that we can concentrate and focus so we're not driven batty by trivial distractions. And how important it is that we sometimes let those distractions in and welcome what we can learn from them about ourselves and our processes.

Life is a tapestry.
See you in Ankeny.

American Society of Women Accountants

Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
September 18, 2002

Call to Order: The September 2002 Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Margaret Munson at Lucullan's in Ames on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:47 pm. Those in attendance were Jan Duffy, Nancy Campbell, Karen Jacobson, Kate Mulder, Margaret Munson, Brenda O'Neill-Smith, Margaret Wilson, Pat Jenkins, Penny Strum, Kathy Strum and Cindy Sippel. A quorum was present. Our three scholarship winners and two guests were also present.

Minutes: Motion made by Nancy Campbell and seconded by Cindy Sippel that the July 2002 minutes be approved as printed in the Bulletin. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was included in the Bulletin this month and placed on file for review. The budget was presented. After discussion on motion made by Jan Duffy, seconded by Margaret Wilson, motion carried that the budget be tabled until the next meeting in October. Jan Duffy agreed to make sure the issue of the \$200 donation to the Ed Foundation would be addressed at the October meeting. She will also be responsible for bringing the check to the Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

Old Business

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: A membership chairperson is still needed. Brenda O'Neill-Smith and Penny Strum agreed to co-chair this committee.

Program: Miles Morrow has agreed to speak to our group sometime this year, but needs suggestions for a topic. A discussion was held on possible meeting places. The ISU Conference Room in the new Frederiksen Building was suggested. Rental is \$30. Jan Duffy will check out the catering service at ISU.

Scholarship: Cindy Sippel introduced our three scholarship winners: Susan Schuster (Jr.), Marsha Peterson (Jr.) and Kari Baas (Sr.). All are students at ISU. Cindy presented framed certificates to each of the winners.

Bulletin: Pat Jenkins asked for any suggestions regarding possible changes to improve the Bulletin.

New Business:

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be October 15, 2002, at the Ankeny Airport with the Des Moines Chapter.

National Conference: The National Conference is being held in New Orleans starting October 16th. We have five members attending: Kate Mulder, Kathy Strum, Karen Jacobson, Jan Duffy and Beverly Wandling. Karen reported that Elaine Clark of the Omaha Chapter had asked for volunteers to introduce speakers and monitor rooms. If anyone is interested, they are to let Elaine know before the end of September. Karen volunteered to attend the Chapter Presidents Council to represent the Ames Chapter, as Jan Duffy would not be available to do so. The membership agreed Karen should attend as a voting member if acceptable by the CPC. Margaret Munson will contact the CPC President regarding this. On motion made by Jan Duffy, seconded by Cindy Sippel, motion carried that Karen Jacobson and Kate Mulder be elected as delegates to the Annual Meeting, and that Karen Jacobson, Kate Mulder and Kathy Strum be elected as alternate delegates to the Annual Meeting. Margaret Munson will send in the required notification to National.

Area Director Report: Kate Mulder reported that she has been to all the chapters in this area now. Many of them are experiencing the same issues we are, especially with regard to membership.

Announcements: Margaret Munson reported on the Mary Greeley Volunteer Tea and the ISU activity being held this upcoming Tuesday per Sue Ravenscroft. Margaret has a new job title and change of duties at the Iowa Utilities Board. She is now the Deputy Executive Secretary. Penny Strum also changed jobs. She is now on the accounting staff at Pike Construction in Ames. Kate Mulder's son recently got married, Cindy Sippel's daughter will get married this Saturday, and Margaret Wilson has a new grandson. Congratulations to everyone!

Adjournment: Motion made by Nancy Campbell and seconded by Cindy Sippel that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jacobson
Secretary

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