

The Spokeswoman

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN ACCOUNTANTS

Ames Chapter No. 158

May 2003



May Meeting Notice
Wednesday, May 21, 2003
Hotel at Gateway Center
Conference 1 (Note Room Change)
US Hwy 30 & Elwood Drive
Ames, IA

Networking: 5:30 Speaker: 6:00 Meeting/Dinner: 7:00

Dinner Reservations by Noon, Tuesday, May 20

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Speaker: Kate Mulder

Topic: Opportunities Beyond Our Local Chapter

Kate will speak to us about the Regional Director position and how she got the opportunity to serve in the position, other National Board positions, committees, and of course the National and Regional Conferences. Karen Jacobson will help present real life experiences from National Conference and serving on National Committees.



President's Message

May – flowers, Mother's Day, graduations. Lots of parties. Lots of beginnings. Lots of endings. I didn't attend my last college graduation – it seemed unnecessary to go through the ceremony. But it somehow looks different from the parent-generation point of view. Our son likes ritual and celebrations and went to his. A niece and a nephew are graduating soon. Both of them decided not to participate in the ceremonies.

Somehow, as their aunt, I'm not getting proper closure. (They did all that work, and I'm not getting punch and cookies.) It is a wonderful accomplishment for them and we are all proud of their achievements.

I am very pleased that our chapter has attracted several candidates for our chapter scholarship. As we prepare for or remember the graduations in our lives, let's be generous in our giving to the chapter scholarship fund so we can help others achieve that goal for themselves. During this season of transitions, it is laudable that we can help others with their professional preparation.

We will also have elections of officers at the May meeting. Be sure to be there to help shape our chapter's future. We'll look forward to seeing you on May 21.

Membership Minutes

American Society of Women Accountants

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Membership Meeting

April 16, 2003

Call to Order: The April 2003 membership meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Margaret Munson at the Gateway Center in Ames on Wednesday, April 16th at 7:48 pm. Introductions were made by guests and members in attendance: Jan Duffy, Dawn Tank, Karen Jacobson, Ann Kurtenbach, Margaret Munson, Theresa Samson, Nancy Campbell, Soma Mitra, Brenda O'Neill-Smith, Cindy Sippel, Amy Boggess, Margaret Wilson, Mary Mosman, Beverly Wandling, Angie Anderson, Kate Mulder and Speaker Ken Jones. A quorum of members was present.

Minutes: Motion made by Nancy Campbell and seconded by Margaret Wilson that the March 2003 minutes be approved as printed in the Bulletin, with one correction. The speaker's name in the list of members and guests in attendance should be "Diane." Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was handed out. It was noted that the \$600 special scholarship for the ISU student was returned because the student was not registered for the second semester. The scholarship will be awarded to him again this fall when he returns to class. A discussion was held on possible fund-raisers for the Scholarship Fund. One suggestion was a Trivial Pursuit Tournament. Jan Duffy will get more information on this subject. Cindy Sippel volunteered to do the "review" of last year's financial records. We filed the form to continue as a tax-exempt group. We don't have enough receipts to require us to file separately with the IRS. We decided not to increase chapter dues at this time. They remain \$20.50 for regular members and \$5 for student members. The deadline for names of new officers to be reported to National requires that they be elected at the March membership meeting. Motion made by Jan Duffy and seconded by Theresa Samson that the Treasurer's report be accepted and placed on file for review.

Committee Reports:

Membership: It was reported that our chapter has had 7 new members and 1 associate this year. Although we lost three members for non-renewal (Jennifer Ketchum, Marty Landers and Penny Strum), our chapter leads the region in net new members. Brenda O'Neill-Smith presented Dawn Tank with her membership certificate. She noted that we have three applications for membership to be presented at the Board Meeting this evening (Amanda (Amy) Boggess - student and Dominique Bryant and Soma Mitra - regular). Brenda has blank applications and new brochures from National at the meeting.

Program: Jan Duffy and Theresa Sampson discussed future programs. The committee asked for ideas. Several were suggested including HIPAA (the new privacy rules on health information) and property taxes (from the perspective of a local legislator Jim Kurtenbach).

Scholarship: We have received eight scholarship applications so far. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2003. A report will be given at the May meeting.

Bulletin: Pat is updating the membership list. Those members who have not sent back updated information are encouraged to send it to her soon. Also, report any news items to her.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee is composed of Cindy Sippel, Theresa Samson, and Dawn Tank. The tentative slate is Cindy Sippel – President, Nancy Campbell – Secretary, Beverly Wandling – Treasurer. Additional members volunteering this evening are Karen Jacobson – Scholarship, Brenda O’Neill-Smith and Jan Duffy – Membership and Dawn Tank – Bulletin. Any member who is interested in serving as Vice President or Program Chair should contact one of the committee members. New members are encouraged to volunteer.

Chapter Award: Jan Duffy, Nancy Campbell and Cindy Sippel were on the Committee. They presented the Outstanding Member Award to Karen Jacobson.

Networking Luncheons: Jan Duffy e-mailed a schedule of dates for the Networking Luncheons for the next several months. She chose different days of the week so that more people would have an opportunity to attend. The first such luncheon will be at Panera’s on Friday, May 2 at 11:30 am.

New Business:

None

Announcements:

The next meeting will be May 21, 2003 at the Gateway Center in West Ames.

The number of rooms still available for the National Conference in San Diego in September was discussed. It appears that the number is limited at this time. Anyone wishing to attend might want to consider making her reservation now.

Adjournment: Motion made by Cindy Sippel and seconded by Theresa Samson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Jacobson
Secretary

Board Minutes

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Board Meeting

April 16, 2003

Call to Order: The April 2003 Board Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Margaret Munson at the Gateway Center in Ames on Wednesday, April 16 at 8:26 pm. Cindy Sippel, Jan Duffy, Margaret Munson, Beverly Wandling, Theresa Samson, Brenda O’Neill-Smith and Karen Jacobson were present. A quorum was present.

Minutes: The minutes for the February 19, 2003 Board Meeting were reviewed. On motion made by Jan Duffy, seconded by Beverly Wandling, motion carried that the minutes be approved with the two time changes.

Agenda: On motion made by Jan Duffy, seconded by Karen Jacobson, motion carried that all other items of business be suspended except for the new membership applications.

Membership: Applications for membership for Amanda (Amy) Boggess – student, Dominique Bryant – regular, and Soma Mitra - regular were presented. Motion made by Brenda O’Neill Smith and

seconded by Theresa Sampson that the applications be accepted subject to approval by National.
Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion made by Cindy Sippel and seconded by Beverly Wandling that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Jacobson
Secretary

Thank You

I would like to thank the members of the Chapter Award Committee for selecting me as Outstanding Member for this year. Thank you, too, Beverly, for nominating me. I am truly honored to receive this award. I love this organization and this Chapter very much. All of you members (and those I have met nationwide) have given me so much more than I have given back. I wish everyone could benefit as much as I have during the years I have been a member. Thank you all, Ames Chapter members.
Karen Jacobson