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March Meeting Notice

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

Starlite Village / Buford's Restaurant
The Bunkhouse
2601 East 13th Street
Ames, IA

Speaker: Tom R. Shepherd, State of Iowa—Department of Administrative Services
Topic: Identity Theft

Networking: 5:30

Speaker: 6:00

Dinner/Meeting: 7:00

Dinner Reservations by Noon, Tuesday, April 20

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Presenter's Background

I have been continuously employed with the State of Iowa in the information technology since 1973. I am currently an Executive Officer responsible for ensuring state government's compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), a comprehensive set of federal regulations governing the privacy and security of healthcare information. I also serve as the Information Technology Privacy Officer for the Executive Branch of state government and am a member of the United States Department of Justice Criminal Justice Information Privacy Task Force.

In the past, I have served as the Director of Information Technology Research and Development, Chief Financial Officer, Special Information Technology Projects Manager and Mainframe Data Center Manager for the Information Technology Department. I have been tasked with 18 major projects (with budgets between \$800,000 and \$30 million) in that time, often in addition to other regularly assigned duties.

A native of Ottumwa, Iowa, I received a bachelor's degree in management from Upper Iowa University, graduating summa cum laude in 1995. I am currently enrolled in a Technology Management MBA program at the University of Phoenix - Online.

I was a founding member and past President of Iowa Contingency Planners, Iowa's only professional organization for disaster recovery and contingency planners. I was the team leader for the design and construction of the State Emergency Operations Center in the National Guard's Iowa State Area Command (STARC) Armory at Camp Dodge. I am also a founding member, and currently serve as co-chair, of the of the Iowa Strategic National Implementation Plan (SNIP) regional affiliate organization for HIPAA. The Iowa Regional SNIP Affiliate coordinates the implementation and compliance of HIPAA. The membership of the Iowa Regional SNIP Affiliate is composed of public and private healthcare providers (i.e. hospitals, physicians, dentists, psychologists, pharmacists, durable medical goods providers, nursing homes and their associations) and payers (large, medium and small healthcare insurers) throughout the state.

I am a voting member of the State Records Commission. The State Records Commission is established in the Code of Iowa - Chapter 305 to provide economy and efficiency in the creation, organization, maintenance, use, preservation and disposition of records and to assure that valuable governmental records will be preserved.

I have performed various volunteer work in the past twenty years. From 1982 to 1984, I taught English as a Second Language (ESL) to Indochinese refugees, receiving a Governor's Volunteer Service Award. In that time, I worked with refugee families from Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos with ESL students ranging from six to eighty-three years of age. From 1985 through 1990, I worked as a volunteer tax counselor and preparer for the Internal Revenue Service, specializing in tax preparation for the elderly and physically challenged and provided basic financial counseling. In that time, I received annual outstanding achievement awards from the American Association of Retired People.



President's Message

I have often thought that one of the most difficult things about being president of our chapter is writing the president's message each month. This month the task is even more difficult than normal. As most of you already know, we lost Beverly Wandling in a tragic automobile accident this past month.

Beverly was one of the founding members of our chapter and has served in many positions including President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Scholarship chair. The chapter scholarship was especially dear to Beverly's heart. She was instrumental in starting the scholarship and always encouraged us to give more.

Everything written above is factual but doesn't come anywhere near to expressing what Beverly was all about. She was the most amazing woman. She was involved in so many things and had such a zest for life. Family and friends were very important to her. We had so much fun with Beverly. She always had the best stories to tell and opened her home for our ASWA Christmas party many times. She was the model of what I want to be like as I get older.

It is almost impossible to express what we are going through right now. We have lost someone that we loved and will miss very much but we have many happy memories to cherish. Beverly, you will never be far from us. We will miss you!

April's Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of March minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee reports:
 - a. Membership
 - b. Program
 - c. Scholarship
 - i) Chapter scholarship
 - d. Bulletin
 - e. Nominating Committee for 2004-2005
6. Regional Director report (optional)
7. Old business
8. New business
9. Next meeting: May 19, 2004
10. Announcements
 - a. Networking lunch – Tuesday, May 4 at 11:45 at Hickory Park
11. Adjournment

Membership Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2004

Call to Order: The March 2004 membership meeting of the Ames Chapter#158 was called to order by President, Cindy Sippel at the Gateway Center in Ames on Wednesday March 17, 2004. Those in attendance were Cindy Sippel, Karen Jacobson, Theresa Samson, Marsha Peterson, Margaret Munson, Kathy Strum, Elisa Gibson, Kara Mikesell, Kate Mulder, Pat Jenkins, Sue Rybolt & Nancy Campbell. Mitali Ravindrakumar, Judi Anderson, Cheryl McNaught, and Sue Ravenscroft were guests attending the meeting.

Minutes: Kathy Strum moved and Margaret Munson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting, with spelling corrections, as printed in the Bulletin. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: No Treasurer report.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Cindy Sippel explained national membership Renewal and Recruitment Campaign and thanked those who brought visitors. She explained that our membership had retained the necessary 90%.

Program: There was some discussion of having a conference consisting of 4 hours eligible for CPE with a relative low cost. Several suggested combining with ISU. It was suggested that we could not hope to make money unless having it jointly with ISU. Jan Duffy offered to work on it only if there were others that were willing to help. Marsha Peterson, Theresa Samson, and Cindy Sippel volunteered to help. The committee was to report back to the membership, availability of space, some speaker suggestions, time proposals, and any other information pertinent to making the decision as to whether we go forward with the conference.

Scholarship: Karen Jacobson indicated that the committee is waiting for application to come in, and the deadline is April 15th.

Bulletin: It was decided to ask Dawn to update the names, addresses and phone numbers for our membership list, as many had changed.

Area Director Report: There was no report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: The next meeting will be at Bufords-Starlite Village
The networking lunch will be Thursday April 6 at 11:45 at Wallabys

Adjournment: Motion made by Kara Mikesell seconded by Margaret Munson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Campbell
Secretary

Job Opening

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