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MISSION STATEMENT: to enable women in all accounting and related fields to achieve their full personal, professional and economic potential and to contribute to the future development of their profession.



President's Message

We had a good turnout at our April meeting. Thank you to Sue Ravenscroft for the information on malls and the current situation in Ames. It was very interesting.

We also selected our scholarship winners at the April meeting. To have three such qualified winners is a tribute to the young women joining the profession. What a future the accounting profession has. We are giving \$1800 in scholarships and with only 24 members! I am really proud of you, the members of the Ames Chapter, for your contributions and commitment to our scholarship fund. We met our goal of continuing our past level of giving.

We elected our new Board and officers for next year. Theresa and all the members serving will provide good leadership for us. Can you believe our chapter is officially 15 years old in October? Wow!

If you haven't signed up for our educational seminar with Jim Kurtenbach on Thursday, May 12, there is still time. Contact Jan Duffy or Cindy Sippel. All profits go to the scholarship fund.

Please join us for the May meeting. It will be at Legends in Campustown. Time to try something different. See you on the 18th.

Karen Jacobson
President

Meeting Notice

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

*****NEW LOCATION*****

Skybox at Legend's Restaurant

119 Stanton

Ames, IA

(Parking available underneath the building, in the St. John's Episcopal Church lot, or metered parking on the street or a city lot ½ block away.)

Networking 5:30

Speaker 6:00

Dinner/Meeting 7:00

Topic: Computer Security - Firewalls, Spyware and Viruses

Speaker: Jeff Smool

Dinner Reservations by noon Tuesday, May 17, 2005

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Speaker Information

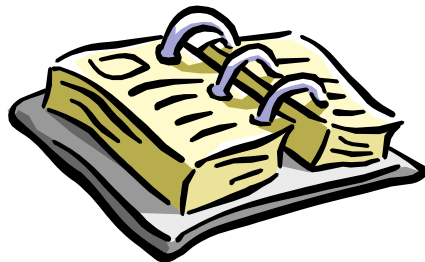
Jeff Smool is Senior IT Technician at Hertz Farm Management and MidIowa Net. His duties include daily computer troubleshooting for a network of about 40 computer users. Jeff is also one of the administrators for the Hertz network in addition to being responsible for the design implementation and updating of the Hertz Farm Management web page. For MidIowa Net Jeff provides back office and user technical support to a variety of users from businesses to individuals.

Jeff 's background includes college courses in computer sciences and criminal justice. As a constant user of the internet, Jeff has used this resource to become knowledgeable in many computer areas. Jeff has prior experience at Fisher Controls providing computer technical support for a base of 500 users spread over five buildings in the Marshalltown area. From time to time, Jeff shares his expertise by teaching Excel classes at Marshalltown Community College.

Topic Information

We will cover how foreign things get into your network/computer and how to identify unwanted pests or nuisances. This program will provide suggested resources and practices to safeguard your network/computer.

Coming Attractions



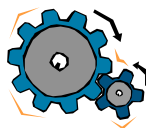
Coming Attractions

Member Meeting Dates

Speaker/Topic

Wed. June 15, 2005

Effective Networking – Marsha Peterson



Networking Luncheons

RSVP to Jan Duffy at 294-1481 or 232-2213..... jduffy@iastate.edu

Date	Location	Time	RSVP by noon on:
Monday, May 30	Panera	11:45	May 29
Wednesday, July 6	Cazador's (west Ames)	12:00	July 5

Seminars

Thursday May 12, 2005 1:00 – 4:30 Gerdin Business Building, ISU, Ames, IA
Business Valuation Seminar by Jim Kurtenbach, Ph.D. 4 hours CPE
www.AmesASWA.org for more information and registration
Cost: \$100 for ASWA members; \$120 for non-members

Iowa Society of Licensed Public Accountants 2005 Spring Seminar

Wednesday & Thursday June 1st & 2nd, 2005
Wildwood Lodge
11431 Forrest Avenue
Clive, IA 50325
515-222-9876

CPE: 16 Hours including 3.5 hrs of SAARS

Cost: Before May 23, 2005	Member	\$220
	Non-Member	\$240
After May 23, 2005	Member	\$250
	Non-Member	\$270

Topics & Speakers to include: Iowa Department of Revenue – Opal Current
Internal Revenue Service
Health Savings Accounts – Lisa Stuart, ADP
Iowa Legislature
SAARS update, Peer review, Ethics, Circular 230 – Keith Oltrogge
Panel Discussion on Non-Profit Accounting and Tax
Attorney prospective on non-profit organizations – David Updegraff
Income Taxation – 1041 Estates
Income Taxation – 1040 Decedents 7 Surviving Spouses

For more information contact Verna E Frank, LPA at:

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Member News

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Kathy Strum has been selected to receive the ISCPA 2005 award for outstanding public service. She will be receiving her award at the annual meeting in Des Moines on May 11th.

2005-2006 Slate of Officers

President -----	Theresa Samson
Vice President -----	Pat Jenkins
Secretary -----	Dominique Bryant
Treasurer -----	Annmarie Kurtenbach
Past President -----	Karen Jacobson
Bulletin -----	Kara Mikesell
Membership -----	Cindy Sippel
-----	Carla Sacco
Scholarship -----	Jan Duffy
-----	Pat Jenkins
-----	Annmarie Kurtenbach
Program -----	Sue Rybolt
-----	Kate Mulder

May Meeting Agenda **ASWA Membership Meeting** **May 18, 2005**

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of April minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Monthly Report
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership
 - (1) Presentation of certificates
 - b. Program
 - (1) Report on Educational Seminar
 - c. Bulletin
 - d. Bylaws
 - e. Member of the Year Award
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Announcements
 - a. Next meeting – June 15, 2005, Legends, Ames
 - b. Networking Luncheon – Monday, May 30, 2005 – Panera – 11:45 am
9. Adjournment

Membership Minutes

Minutes

American Society of Women Accountants

Ames Chapter #158

Membership Meeting

April 20, 2005

Call to Order: The April 2005 Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Karen Jacobson in Ames on Wednesday, April 20 at 7:45 pm. Those in attendance were Carolyn Bauer, Dominique Bryant, Jan Duffy, Karen Jacobson, Pat Jenkins, Annmarie Kurtenbach, Kara Mikesell, Mary Mosiman, Kate Mulder, Margaret Munson, Theresa Samson, Cindy Sippel, Kathy Strum, and guest Cheryl Carlile. A quorum was present.

Minutes: The February minutes were presented in the March Bulletin. Kate Mulder moved and Theresa Samson seconded that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried. There were no March minutes because there was no quorum. Notes from the March meeting were printed in the April bulletin.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's reports for February and March were presented and will be placed on file for review.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Jan Duffy introduced guest Cheryl Carlile. We have four new members so far this year and are hoping for more. Membership certificates will be mailed to new members not able to attend this meeting.

Program Committee: Jan Duffy and Cindy Sippel reported that they have 17 registrations so far for the half-day educational seminar to be held May 12, with Jim Kurtenbach as speaker, at the computer lab at the Gerdin Business Building on the ISU campus. Deadline for registration is May 1. Next month's program will be about computer security.

Bulletin: Kara Mikesell reported that the deadline for the May Bulletin is May 2.

Scholarship: Kathy Strum moved and Pat Jenkins seconded that three candidates recommended by the Scholarship Committee for the Beverly M. Wandling Memorial Scholarship each be awarded \$600. Motion carried. Scholarship recipients will be invited to the September meeting. Deadlines for next year were discussed.

Old Business: Member of the Year nominations are due to Theresa Samson by April 20.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Kathy Strum moved that the proposed slate of officers as published be elected by unanimous consent. Cindy Sippel seconded. Motion carried. Officers for 2005-2006 are: President - Theresa Samson; Vice President - Pat Jenkins; Secretary - Dominique Bryant; Treasurer - Annmarie Kurtenbach; Past President - Karen Jacobson; Bulletin - Kara Mikesell; Membership - Cindy Sippel and Carla Sacco; Scholarship - Jan Duffy, Pat Jenkins, and Annmarie Kurtenbach; Program - Sue Rybolt and Kate Mulder.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be May 18, 2005, at Legends in Campustown in Ames.

Networking Luncheon: Thursday, May 05, 2005, at Hickory Park at 11:45 am. Contact Jan Duffy.

Southeast Regional Conference: Kate Mulder and Kathy Strum will be installed in their respective offices at the conference. Kate will be an ASWA director; Kathy will be an Educational Foundation director.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Munson Secretary

News from National

The current issue of ASWA's THE COMMUNIQUÉ is now available online at <http://www.aswa.org/i4a/pages/Index.cfm?pageid=3414>.

This issue contains:

- Tips for Recruiting New Members
- Sample Office Installation Speeches
- The Chapter Officers and Committee Form

In every issue:

- Upcoming Calendar of Events
- Regional Director Listing

If you have trouble logging in or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at ASWA at etanner@aswa.org or (703) 506-3265.

Message from ASWA's 2004-05 & 2005-06 National Presidents

Hello ASWA Members -

On behalf of the ASWA National Board of Directors, thank you for supporting your professional association during the past year. We are privileged to count you among the 4,000 members of ASWA, the best and the brightest women in the accounting profession.

Your membership is up for renewal and we encourage you to maintain your support of ASWA. Some of the exciting programs that ASWA is offering in 2005-2006 that you won't want to miss include:

- **Online Career Center**, job seeking members will be able to post resumes to our new career site for free. As well, members seeking job candidates will receive discounted resume searches from a database containing over 100,000 accounting, finance and banking resumes.
- **The Edge Magazine**, an industry magazine designed to keep your finger on the pulse of the accounting and financial services professions, assist you in maintaining work/life balance, and highlight pioneers in your profession.
- **The ASWA/AWSCPA Joint Inspired Solutions Conference**, September 28 - October 1, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where you'll benefit from a selection of more than 40 high-quality seminars and workshops and the opportunity to explore the historical city of Philadelphia;

Take advantage of ASWA's online membership renewal today! Simply click on the secure [ASWA Membership Renewal Invoice](#) and follow the 4 easy steps below...

1. Enter your last name and member ID number (you may request your ID number at the login screen)
2. Answer the questions on the form

3. Enter your credit card number and expiration date (we accept AMEX, MC & Visa)
4. Click the "Submit" button!
*ASWA has obtained a secure site certificate from VeriSign to ensure that your information is secure

If you wish to pay by check or prefer to fax your credit card information to ASWA, do not click the "Submit" button. Simply print out the form after you enter your information and send it to us with your payment. Send your check to ASWA Lockbox, PO Box 826131, Philadelphia, PA 19182-6131 or fax your renewal form with credit card payment to 703-506-3266.

This year's membership renewal provides you the opportunity to give to our foundation! The mission of the American Society of Women Accountants Educational Foundation (ASWAEF) is to encourage and advance financial literacy, scholarships and life skills through programs of recognition, research and outreach for women in accounting and related fields. For more information about the ASWAEF, please click here to go to our website.

ASWA stands for excellence. Your support is your commitment to our profession, and to your career and life balance. Please renew your membership today.

Sincerely,

Debbie L. Michael, CPA
2005-2006 National President

Christi L. Olsen, CPA
2004-2005 National President

Job Opportunities

If you are looking or know someone who is looking for a new position, look no further.

Other News

Contributions and announcements for the next issue of the Spokeswoman would be gladly accepted. Please send any contributions or ideas to the newsletter chair, Kara Mikesell, klmikesell@mcleodusa.net. The deadline for the June issue is May 31, 2005.
