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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

September...Wow! I can hardly believe it is the third month of the first quarter. I love all the activity of summer, but I'm always ready for fall to arrive.

Fall brings a return to the routine I thrive on. Part of that routine involves regular contact with friends and colleagues through ASWA. I am so looking forward to this coming year, and hopeful that together we will accomplish the goals we set at our July planning meeting.

I hope to see you all at our first meeting of the new year.

Theresa

Meeting Notice

Wednesday, September 21, 2005

Buford's
2601 E 13th St.
Ames, IA

Networking 5:30

Speaker 6:00

Dinner/Meeting 7:00

Topic: Investments-How Government Entities Invest their monies and the options
Speaker: Roger Wisecup, CPA

Dinner Reservations by noon Tuesday, September 20, 2005

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Standing Reservation List

If you are interested in be included on the Standing Reservation List or have questions, please email Marsha at marsha.peterson@mchsi.com or Kate at cmulder@nev.hfmgt.com .

Cindy Sippel
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Theresa Samson

Karen Jacobson

Kate Mulder

Speaker Information

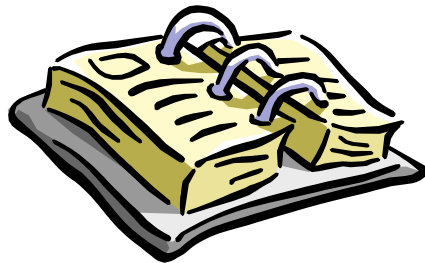
Roger Wisecup, CPA is the current Investment Officer/Treasurer for the City of Ames. Roger has worked in city government positions for the past eight years, spending 6 1/2 of those years as a Treasury Accountant for the City of Des Moines before moving to his current position with the City of Ames. Roger also has practical business owner experience as a small business owner of a franchise Domino's Pizza for six years.

Roger obtained his BA in Accounting from Buena Vista University 1994.

Topic Information

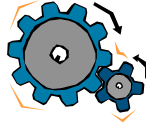
Investments-How Government Entities Invest their monies and the options. This presentation will concentrate on investment policy and the investment vehicles used by public entities. Roger will be covering considerations made before investing and restraints on investments that they have as a public entity.

Coming Attractions



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<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speaker/Topic</u>
10/19/05	Ankeny	Lisa Stuart, ADP – Discharge Documentation in Iowa This is a joint meeting with the Des Moines Chapter
11/16/05	Buford's	To Be Announced
12/21/05	TBA	Christmas Party – no speaker
1/18/06	Buford's	To Be Announced
2/15/06	Buford's	To Be Announced
3/15/06	Buford's	To Be Announced
4/19/06	Buford's	To Be Announced
5/17/06	Legend's	To Be Announced
6/21/06	Legend's	To Be Announced
7/19/06	TBA	Annual Planning Meeting



Networking Luncheons

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>RSVP by noon on</u>
Wed. 8/31	El Azteca (1520 S Dayton Rd)	12:00	Tues 8/30
Wed 10/5	Hickory Park	12:00	Tues 10/4
Mon 10/31	Old Chicago	11:45	Fri 10/28
Fri 12/2	Panera Bread	12:00	Thurs 12/1
Fri 12/30	Aunt Maude's	12:00	Thurs 12/29
Mon 1/30	The Café	12:00	Fri 1/27
Fri 3/3	Olde Main Brewing Co	12:00	Thurs 3/2
Wed 4/5	Dublin Bay	12:00	Tues 4/4
Fri 5/5	Lucullan's	12:00	Thurs 5/4
Thurs 7/6	La Fuente	12:00	Wed 7/5

Seminars/Conferences

September 28-30 Philadelphia, PA 2005 ASWA/AWSCPA Joint Inspired Solutions Conference

Member News

WELCOME to our newest member Cheryl Carlisle. We are glad you have joined us and are looking forward to getting to know you better.

Thank you to all the members of our Chapter for the lovely gift I received as Outgoing President at the June meeting. It is beautiful and graces my desk at my new job. I now work at the Leopold Center at ISU. My new phone number is 294-9388 and my e-mail is kjacobso@iastate.edu. Note there is no "n" on Jacobson. This is the job Jan Duffy told us about that her husband Mike was opening up last March. That networking does pay off. Thanks, again.

Karen Jacobson

September Meeting Agenda
ASWA Membership Meeting
September 21, 2005

1. Call to Order
 2. Quorum
 3. Approval of June Minutes
 4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Monthly Report
 5. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership
 - b. Program
 - c. Bulletin
 - d. Scholarship
 6. Regional Director Report (optional)
 7. Old Business
 8. New Business
 - a. Bylaws Amendments
 9. Announcements
 - a. Next Meeting
 - b. Networking Lunch
 10. Adjournment
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Membership Minutes

Minutes

American Society of Women Accountants

Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
June 15, 2005

Call to Order: The June 2005 Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Karen Jacobson in Ames on Wednesday, June 15 at 7:50 pm. Those in attendance were Carolyn Bauer, Annmarie Kurtenbach, Karen Jacobson, Kara Mikesell, Kate Mulder, Margaret Munson, Marsha Peterson, Theresa Samson, Cindy Sippel, and Kathy Strum. A quorum was present.

Minutes: The May minutes were presented in the bulletin. Kate Mulder moved and Cindy Sippel seconded that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: An amended Treasurer's report for April was presented. Amendments included moving the revenues and expenses from the educational seminar to a net revenue amount and moving the educational seminar budget amount from the general account to scholarship. Treasurer's report for May was presented. Both reports will be placed on file for review.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: We have four new members for the 2004-2005 year.

Program Committee:

- Thanks to Marsha Peterson for speaking on Networking.
- The July planning meeting will be July 20 at Jan Duffy's home. An announcement with details will be emailed..

Bulletin: There will be no bulletin in July.

Bylaws: Theresa Samson is reviewing chapter bylaws for amendments to align with National ASWA bylaws. The review is on-going and, since Theresa will be President in the coming year, we may look for someone else to complete the review.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- President Karen Jacobson thanked the outgoing officers and directors for their service with her during the past year:
 - Vice President: Theresa Samson
 - Secretary: Margaret Munson
 - Treasurer: Annmarie Kurtenbach
 - Past President: Cindy Sippel
 - Membership: Jan Duffy and Brenda O’Neill-Smith
 - Newsletter: Kara Mikesell
 - Program: Marsha Peterson and Kate Mulder
 - Scholarship: Kathy Strum, Annmarie Kurtenbach, and Pat Jenkins
- New officers and directors were installed by President Karen Jacobson:
 - 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, Annmarie Kurtenbach
 - Program: Sue Rybolt and Kate Mulder
- Theresa Samson presented out-going President Karen Jacobson with a plaque recognizing her second term as President of the Ames Chapter and thanking her for her service.
- Reports from ASWA National and ASWA Education Foundation:
 - Kate Mulder and Kathy Strum attended a regional conference in May where Kate was installed as a Director of the National ASWA Organization. The national directors meet twice a year and their emphasis is the membership as a whole. They create and implement the organizational strategic plan. The next National Conference will be September 28-October 1 in Philadelphia. Everyone who can attend should do so. There will be a regional conference in Minneapolis next May 18-20 and the national board will meet in conjunction with that regional meeting. Kate also announced that the President’s Council will be holding a series of audio conferences to build that part of the organization.
 - Kathy is serving on the national ASWA Education Foundation Board and their first face-to-face meeting was also held at the regional conference in Huntsville. The EFWA is not supporting ASWA scholarships. The ASWA-EF Board holds 2 board meetings and attends 2 regional conferences each year. Kathy emphasized that need is an important factor in awarding national scholarships. She is also encouraging our chapter to support a national scholarship applicant.

Announcements:

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be the annual planning meeting, July 20, at Jan Duffy’s.

Networking Luncheon: The next networking luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2005, at Cazador’s at 12:00 noon. Note that Cazador’s has moved to the former Minsky’s location near the west Hy-Vee.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Munson
Secretary

News from National

Dear ASWA Member,

Like all Americans, those of us at ASWA are deeply saddened by the terrible loss of life and appalled at the damage inflicted by Hurricane Katrina. For those of you who have been personally touched by this disaster, please accept our heartfelt sympathies.

Indeed, a tragedy of this magnitude will require the assistance of the entire nation in rebuilding the communities that were in the path of the hurricane. We want you to know that ASWA is offering assistance by extending resources and support wherever possible, including:

- * Soliciting funds that will be given to the affected chapters, to be disbursed by the chapter leadership. To support this worthwhile cause, please [click here](#).
- * Helping affected individuals with a resource list posted in our members only section of the ASWA Web site, that will provide information about individuals opening their homes, the status of our chapter members, etc.

We urge you to support and participate in these efforts. You can learn more by visiting the [Hurricane Relief page](#) on our Web site.

What Hurricane Katrina destroyed in a few days will take years to rebuild, but we have faith in the resources and expertise that the nation, and the ASWA, can provide.

We thank you for all you have already done - or will do - to relieve the suffering of hurricane victims. Please help us continue to strengthen our national network so that we can provide as much support as possible.

Sincerely,

Debbie L. Michael , CPA
2005–2006 National President

Laura D. Skoff, CAE
Executive Director

Hello JNC Supporters!

The 2005 ASWA/AWSCPA Joint Inspired Solutions Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is just 3 weeks away!

We have a great conference program lined up for you beginning with our very first session. Our opening keynote session will be presented by Dorothy Leeds, a professional speaker who is dubbed the "Questioning Crusader" and is the author of several best-selling motivational books. Dorothy promises to engage the audience by combining her skills obtained as a Broadway professional with over 20 years of hands-on business experience as an executive, business owner and

consultant, to demonstrate how to ask the right questions in life to do more, and be more, both personally and professionally.

Dorothy is also an experienced media personality who appears frequently on broadcast and cable television including Today (NBC), Good Morning America (ABC) and Smart Money (CNBC), among many others. As well, Dorothy has written for and/or been featured in publications including The New York Times, Money, USA Today, Forbes and Business Week, to name a few.

Have you registered yet? You may **register online** now and you may also view the **preliminary program** online at these links.

Hotel Reservations: Please note that we have received notification from the Philadelphia Loews Hotel that regrettably, the hotel has been oversold during our JNC conference dates. Representatives from Loews wanted us to relay their apologies for this inconvenience. **For those attendees who are in need of room reservations, we urge you to call "A Room With A View" for hotel overflow assistance at 1-800-780-4343.** They will secure the lowest available rate as close as possible to the Loews Hotel. This is a free service for all ASWA/AWSCPA attendees

Job Opportunities

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

Part-time Accounting position avail. 10/1/05. Financial statement preparation, with payroll and tax knowledge. Send resume to PO Box 2349, Ames, IA 50010 by 9/10/05.

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, kara@gdgreiner.com.
