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## President's Message

Spring finally seems to have arrived! The grass is “greening up” and although there is still a chill in the air, you can tell it is getting warmer every day.

Spring always makes me think about the ritual of spring cleaning, and not just in a literal sense. Along with the drive to clean out closets, wash windows and reorganize my kitchen cupboards, I also feel the need to reorganize my life. During the long months of winter I fall into some bad habits: eating too much, sleeping too much and not exercising enough. Spring gives me an extra boost of energy to get things in order before the rush of summer activity.

I've been thinking about our upcoming elections and what I want to get in order before the end of this year. I'm taking advantage of this little energy boost to document some things I want to pass along to my successor. I would encourage each officer to do the same. If anyone has suggestions for CPE or suggestions of any kind, please email me or the appropriate chairperson. Don't think you have to wait for the planning meeting in July!

I'm also thinking about the fact that there are only 3 more meetings this year. At the planning meeting last July we established a goal of retaining our then current membership numbers. To date we still have five members that have not renewed and no new members. We have talked about some good strategies for reaching our goal and I believe we are able to attain it. Please invite anyone you know who could benefit from joining to attend one of our meetings.

I hope to see you all on the 19<sup>th</sup>!

Theresa

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### April 2006 Meeting Notice Wednesday, April 19, 2006

Ames Chapter #158 of the American Society of Women Accountants

**Buford's Bunkhouse**  
**2601 E 13<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Ames, IA 50010**

**Social/Meeting: 5:30**

**Program: 6:00**

**Dinner: 7:00**

**Topic: Computer Technology-Wireless Opportunities & Pitfalls**

Speaker: Jeff Smool

**Dinner Reservations by noon Tuesday, April 18, 2006**

**Kara Mikesell**

**515-232-7080**

Email: [kara@gdgreiner.com](mailto:kara@gdgreiner.com)

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## **Standing Reservation List**

If you would like to be added to the Standing Reservation List, please contact Kate Mulder at 515-382-1500 or [cmulder@nev.hfmgt.com](mailto:cmulder@nev.hfmgt.com)

Cindy Sippel  
Kara Mikesell

Jan Duffy  
Theresa Samson

Karen Jacobson

Kate Mulder

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## **Nominations**

**AMES CHAPTER #158**

**Slate of Nominations**

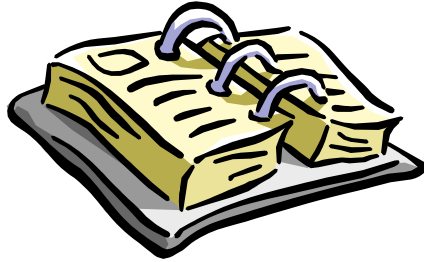
**2006-2007**

<b>President</b>	<b>Pat Jenkins</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Ann Kurtenbach</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Carolyn Bauer</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Dominique Bryant</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Margaret Munson Karen Jacobson</b>
<b>Program</b>	<b>Cindy Sippel Donna Gladon</b>
<b>Bulletin</b>	<b>Mary Mosiman</b>
<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>Jan Duffy, Chair Dominique Bryant Cheryl Carlile</b>
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	<b>Theresa Samson</b>

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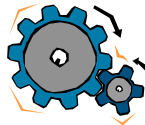
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<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Speaker/Topic</u>
<b>5/10/06</b>	Legend's	Hertz Brazil; Loyd A. Brown
6/21/06	Legend's	The Business of Volunteering; Sue North
7/19/06	TBA	Annual Planning Meeting



## Networking Luncheons

RSVP to Jan Duffy at 294-1481 or 232-2213..... [jduffy@iastate.edu](mailto:jduffy@iastate.edu)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>RSVP by noon on</u>
Fri 5/5	Lucullan's	12:00	Thurs 5/4
Thurs 7/6	La Fuente	12:00	Wed 7/5

## Regional

**Region 3, North Central Region, Regional ASWA Conference May 18-20, 2006 in Minneapolis, MN.**  
Plan now to attend - experience the excitement of this dynamic organization! Regional conferences don't get any closer unless we (or the Des Moines chapter) host them! See details at [www.aswa.org](http://www.aswa.org)

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## Agenda

### American Society of Women Accountants Ames Chapter #158 April 19, 2006

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of March Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Monthly Report
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Membership
  - b. Program

- c. Bulletin
  - d. Scholarship
- 6. Old Business
  - a.
- 7. New Business
  - a. Election of Officers
- 8. Announcements
  - a. Next Meeting-May 10, 2006
  - b. Networking Lunch
- 9. Adjournment

**Membership Minutes**  
**American Society of Women Accountants**  
 Ames Chapter #158  
 Membership Meeting  
 March 15, 2006

**Call to Order:** The March 2006 Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Theresa Samson in Ames on Wednesday, March 15th at 7:40 p.m. Those in attendance were Dominique Bryant, Karen Jacobson, Kate Mulder, Annmarie Kurtenbach, Pat Jenkins, Margaret Munson, Carla Sacco, Theresa Samson, and Cindy Sippel. A quorum was present.

**Minutes:** Cindy Sippel moved and Karen Jacobson seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report for February was presented and will be placed on file for review.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership Committee:** Cindy no report.

**Program Committee:**

- April's program confirmed speaker is Jeff Smool and May's program confirmed speaker is Lloyd Brown.

**Bulletin:** April 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline for April bulletin

**Scholarship:**

- Sending out letters to the scholarship recipients to the September meeting. The recipients are: Nicole Bogler and Mindy Rife.

**Old Business:**

- Adopt a member for the New Orleans chapter - \$115 was pledged. The pledges will be due in June. AnneMarie will mail the check to the New Orleans Chapter.
- Ames Public Library – Margaret Munson is listed as the ASWA Ames Chapter contact. She will remain the contact.

**New Business:**

- Nominating committee: Karen Jacobson, Margaret Munson. Election will be held at the April Meeting.

#### **Announcements:**

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be April 19<sup>th</sup> at Bufords.

**Networking Luncheon:** The May networking luncheon is Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> at Lucallans.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dominique Bryant  
Secretary

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## Other News

### **New Iowa ethics CPE requirement**

As of January 1, 2006, the Iowa Accountancy Examining Board is requiring active certificate holders to complete a minimum of four hours of continuing education devoted to ethics and rules of professional conduct. The first ethics CPE requirement for individuals whose certificate renewal date is July 1, 2008 (**those with last names beginning A-K**), is to be completed by December 31, 2007. For individuals whose renewal date is July 1, 2009 (those with last names beginning L-Z), the first ethics requirement is to be completed by December 31, 2008. The rules state that ethics CPE should be completed in the two-year period ending December 31, prior to the CPA's July 1 biennial renewal date.

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## IRS News

- Register now [for one-day introductory workshops](http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=96083,00.html) for small and mid-sized 501(c)(3) organizations. The workshop will explain what these organizations must do to keep their tax-exempt status and comply with tax obligations.

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=96083,00.html>

- Electronic Payment questions can now be emailed to [sbse.eftps@irs.gov](mailto:sbse.eftps@irs.gov).

EFTPS has customer service representatives that are available to answer industry specific questions on the Batch and Bulk Provider Program at 800-945-0966, available from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday.

- Over one-half of **SIMPLE IRA** plans have not been properly updated for recent law changes. The IRS is offering limited relief to these SIMPLE IRA plans, until December 31, 2006. The March 8 [Special Edition of the Employee Plans News](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-tege/se_0306.pdf) explains this Relief Initiative.

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- **AUTOMATED COLLECTION SYSTEM CASE HANDLING**

Based on feedback from you, the tax practitioner community, IRS has updated the Automated Collection (ACS) system to enable you to be the first point of contact for these issues. ACS issues a Case Reference Number (CRN) to tax practitioners with a valid Power of Attorney. . When returning ACS calls, the tax practitioner can contact either the Practitioner Priority Service (866-860-4259 and be routed to ACS -option 3) or contact ACS directly at 800-829-3903 or 800-829-7650. The tax practitioner will receive a voice prompt for entering a SSN or EIN, but should remain on the line without entering anything at this prompt. By holding, the tax practitioner will automatically be placed in a queue to speak with an employee that can access the account using the CRN.

**CP2000 NOTICES.** The Practitioner Priority Service can now give you priority routing for resolution on CP2000 notice (the proposed notices sent when 1099S & W2s are matched against tax returns, and income appears not to have been included on a return). This change is the result of input from the preparer to their Stakeholder Liaison. If you see IRS systemic issues that need improvement, please contact your IRS Stakeholder Liaisons. For Iowa, please email [Anne.L.Hullinger2@irs.gov](mailto:Anne.L.Hullinger2@irs.gov) or [Kristy.S.Maitre@irs.gov](mailto:Kristy.S.Maitre@irs.gov).

● **PHISHING?** The IRS has established an electronic mailbox, [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov), taxpayers to send information about suspicious e-mails they receive which claim to come from the IRS. The IRS does not send out unsolicited e-mails asking for personal information. For schemes other than phishing, please report the fraudulent misuse of the IRS name by calling the Treasury Inspector General at 800-366-4484.

For information on handling identity theft, visit the Federal Trade Commission's Web sites at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft) and [www.OnGuardOnline.gov](http://www.OnGuardOnline.gov) (and click on Topics).

● Practitioners may incorrectly be using Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for records that are covered under routine established agency procedures. Refer to the [online chart](http://www.irs.gov/foia) (at <http://www.irs.gov/foia>) for information on obtaining tax records or the [Electronic Reading Room](http://www.irs.gov/foia/article/0,,id=110353,00.html) for publicly available records. (at <http://www.irs.gov/foia/article/0,,id=110353,00.html>).

● **PRIVATE DEBT COLLECTION.** Three firms have been awarded contracts to participate in the private debt collection initiative. The firms are:

- The CBE Group Inc., Waterloo, Iowa.
- Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, Austin, Texas.
- Pioneer Credit Recovery, Inc., Arcade, N.Y.

IRS has a fact sheet on [Safeguards Included in \(the\) Private Debt Collection Initiative](http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=155065,00.htm) <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=155065,00.htm>.

● A "[My Money](http://www.mymoney.gov/index.shtml)" toolkit is available free from the government to help your clients save, invest and manage money: <http://www.mymoney.gov/index.shtml>

**RECENT TECHNICAL GUIDANCE** – available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

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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](mailto:kara@gdgreiner.com).  
**The deadline for the May issue is May 1, 2006.**  
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