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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

As I write this, Thanksgiving is about two weeks away and I'm thinking of how much there is to do before the end of the year while trying to focus on how much there is to be thankful for. We each face many challenges and opportunities every day. ASWA and our chapter provide us with knowledge, tools, colleagues, and friends to help us with our challenges and to celebrate with us in our successes. Thank you for your contribution to making our chapter strong. We can all be thankful for the opportunities that have brought us here.

As women in accounting, we make, encounter, and accept many opportunities in our lives. We seek and attain educational goals through public and private institutions of learning. We continually seek professional certification and growth.

We participate in setting the direction of our profession through ASWA and other organizations.

We influence public policy by voting, volunteering, staying informed, and sharing our knowledge, opinions, and insights with others, including political leaders at all levels.

We work toward financial goals through our jobs and the businesses and other assets we own. We help to improve financial literacy among those around us.

We help children by sharing our vision and our experience and by building an infrastructure of opportunity through schools and libraries and belief in the individual.

I am thankful for the many strong women and men in my family and my community as I was growing up. Their decisions and sacrifices helped build opportunities for me and all of us and for those who follow after.

Thank you for carrying on the work.

Margaret Munson



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MEETING INFORMATION

- Date:** Wed., Nov 19th 2008
- Time:** 5:30 PM Social Time
6:00 PM Speaker
7:00 PM Dinner/Meeting
- Topic:** Fun, fun, fun...The Great Iowa Treasurer's Hunt
- Speaker:** Michael Fitzgerald
Iowa State Treasurer
- Location:** Buford's Steakhouse
2601 E. 13th Street, Ames
- RSVP:** Penny Strum
All attendees please RSVP by Tues noon 11/18
email: programs@amesaswa.org

AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership
 - b. Program
 - c. Bulletin
 - d. Scholarship
 - e. Gift wrap
 - f. Outreach
 - g. Social event
6. Old Business
 - a. Report from JNC

7. New Business
8. Announcements
 - a. Next Meeting
 - b. Networking luncheon
 - c. ISU Seminar – December 19
9. Adjournment

September 2008 Minutes

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Membership Meeting
September 17, 2008

Call to Order: The September 2008 Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Margaret Munson in Ames at 6:45 pm on Wednesday, September 17, 2008. Those in attendance were Carolyn Bauer, Karen Jacobson, Lisa Lembke, Soma Mitra, Margaret Munson, Stephanie Roscoe, Theresa Sampson, Cindy Sippel, Kathleen Strum, Penny Strum, Brenda O'Neall-Smith, Renee Twedt, Pat Jenkins, and Janet Mortvedt. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Several changes were submitted for the June minutes. Stephanie Fox and Renee Twedt were listed as guests but should have been included as members. Renee Twedt moved to approve the minutes as amended. Theresa Sampson seconded the motion which passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report for August was presented to the group. The Treasurer's report was placed on file for review.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Carla Danielson will not be able to help with the membership committee this year so an additional committee member is needed. Kathy Strum volunteered. It was also noted that Heather Scott will not be continuing her membership and Patricia Owens has moved to Chicago.



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Program: The October meeting will be a joint meeting with the Des Moines chapter and will be at Prairie Meadows. The meeting will be on the third Tuesday, the 21st. The State Treasurer will be the speaker for the November meeting speaking on the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt. The holiday party will be held at the December meeting.

Bulletin: Mary Mosiman would like to send the bulletin out one week ahead of the meeting. All information should be sent to her.

Scholarship: The scholarship application has been reviewed and some revisions were made. The requests for the applicant's social security number and age have been removed and a request for a letter of reference has been added. Scholarship applications are due November 1 and the application is available on the chapter website.

The chapter will be making a contribution of \$500 to the American Society of Women Accountants Education Foundation at the National Conference in October. This will be the third year and final year of the three year commitment to The Foundation for the National Scholarship.

Gift wrapping: The committee has met once and is getting started preparing for gift-wrapping at the mall.

Old Business:

Goals 2008 -2009: The chapter goals for the coming year were reiterated:

- Increase membership by a net 5 members.
- Raise \$3,000 for scholarships for all sources (gift wrapping, pen sales, contributions, etc.)
- Offer 7 hours of CPE
- Host a continuing education seminar – potential ideas include how to be treasurer for a non-profit organization, writing the financial part of a business plan, financial literacy

We also discussed the plan to do some kind of community outreach. The committee will be distributing a questionnaire to ask members how much time they would be willing to committee to community outreach.

Thank you to Marilyn Moehlmann for hosting the planning meeting in her home.

Joint National Conference – October 28-30, Dallas, TX

- Volunteers – Karen Jacobson is serving on the committee that is recruiting volunteers for the National Conference.
- Delegates – Our chapter will have three delegates this year. Penny Strum, Stephanie Roscoe, Kathy Strum, Karen Jacobson and Kate Mulder are all planning to attend. Renee Twedt may be attending also. Karen Jacobson moved and Kathy Strum seconded a motion to name Penny, Stephanie and Renee as delegates with Penny, Stephanie, Renee, Kathy, Kate and Karen as alternates. The motion passed.
- Free registration – The chapter has one free registration that can be used by a fist-time attendee to the conference. If Renee is able to attend, she will use the free registration.
- New By-laws – There will be three by-laws that will be presented at the annual meeting:
 - 1) Applications will go directly to National. They will no longer go to the Chapter before being forwarded to National.
 - 2) Changes to the renewal date based on the member's anniversary date.
 - 3) Removal of additional fees.

After much discussion of the different proposed by-laws, a motion was made by Kathy Strum and seconded by Carolyn Bauer. The motion was for the delegates to support the first and second proposed by-laws and to vote informed on the third proposal based on the outcome of number 2. The motion passed.



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Chapter Inventory – The chapter has the following items in inventory:

- Flashlights – 9
- Golf ball packs – 13
- Pen & slitter sets – 26
- Pens – 36
- Pen refills – not counted

We will be sharing a table with the Florida chapter at the conference to sell these items.

New Business:

Leads for National – National asked chapters about soliciting email addresses from guests. The chapter agreed to do this only if the guests have given their permission.

Volunteers for Community Diversity meetings – Margaret told the chapter about the opportunity for the chapter to be involved in Community Diversity meetings in Ames. There is an opportunity for 2 people to be trained as facilitators, 3-5 people to participate in the meetings or on the program. There will be 2-5 sessions in October and early November. If anyone is interested, please see Margaret for details.

Announcements:

Next meeting: Joint meeting with the Des Moines Chapter at Prairie Meadows on October 21st

Networking Luncheon: Soma and Kathy will be looking at setting up a schedule for networking lunches.

CPA FaceBook – Margaret can forward the email if anyone is interested.

ISU CPE seminar – This has been scheduled for December 19. Save the date.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Upcoming Meetings

12/17/08	Holiday Potluck Party Time & Place TBA
1/21/09	New Tax Topics Kristi Maitre from IRS Buford's Steakhouse 2601 E. 13 th Street, Ames

Networking Luncheons

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fri Nov 14	Aunt Maude's
Fri Jan 30	Olde Maine Brewing Co
Fri Feb 27	Dublin Bay
Tues Mar 31	Lucullan's
Thur Apr 30	El Azteca

Please RSVP to Soma by noon the previous day. 294-9583 or membership@amesaswa.org



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Announcements

Congratulations to:

Angie Anderson and husband Wade are the proud parents of daughter Lillian Jane Anderson. Lillian was born May 26, 2008. Lillian was 7 lbs, 8 ½ oz, and 20 inches at birth. Lily joins big sister Lauren Mae, age 4. Congratulations Angie and Family!

Tracy Spykerman and husband Zach are the proud parents of son Dane Michael. Dane was born September 2, 2008. Dane was 7 lb, 12 oz, and 21 ½" long at birth. He has blue eyes and blonde-brown hair. Dane is welcomed by older sister, Mya, who is two years old. Congratulations Tracy and Family!

CPE Announcement: Jan Duffy

The Iowa State Accounting Department will be hosting the 6th annual Contemporary Issues in Accounting Conference on December 19, 2008 in the Gerdin Business Building. Eight credits of CPE will be available. For information or to register, please go to:

http://www.business.iastate.edu/events/accounting_cpe We appreciate all the support that ASWA members have provided our conference.

Quote of the Month

It's the constant and determined effort that breaks down resistance, sweeps away all obstacles."
Author--Claude M. Bristol

Articles and submissions to the newsletter are welcome. Please contact Mary at bulletin@amesaswa.org