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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**

Happy New Year!

We have a new calendar year ahead of us and the days are getting longer.

Although the weather report is saying blizzard for tomorrow, this year is off to a pretty good start. The computer project my team at work has been building for two years is in production as of January 2, with only some minor glitches and bugs. We can celebrate its success while we're shifting our focus to internal processes and some new challenges.

We can all look forward to the continuing success of our chapter and to the programs and events we have coming up in 2009.

-- Margaret

**Meeting Information**

**Date:** Wed., January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009

**Time:** 5:30 PM Networking  
6:00 PM Program  
7:00 PM Dinner/Meeting

**Topic:** New Tax Topics

**Speaker:** Kristi Maitre from IRS  
IRS

**Location:** Buford's Steakhouse  
2601 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Ames

**RSVP:** Penny Strum  
All attendees please RSVP by Tues noon 1/20/09  
email: [programs@amesaswa.org](mailto:programs@amesaswa.org)



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**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. Outreach
    - f. Social event
  6. Old Business
    - a. Gift wrap
  7. New Business
  8. Announcements
    - a. Next Meeting
    - b. Networking luncheon
- Adjournment

**November 2008 Minutes**

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Membership Meeting  
November 19, 2008

Call to Order: The November 2008 Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Margaret Munson in Ames at 7:35 pm on Wednesday, November 19, 2008. Those in attendance were Carolyn

Bauer, Karen Jacobson, Lisa Lembke, Soma Mitra, Margaret Munson, Stephanie Roscoe, Theresa Samson, Kathy Strum, Penny Strum, Brenda O'Neill-Smith, Jan Duffy, Lin Shen, Kate Mulder, Cheryl Carlile and Marilyn Moehlman. A quorum was present. Five guests were present. Introductions were made by everyone.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Karen Jacobson, seconded by Cheryl Carlile, to approve the minutes as printed in the bulletin. Motion carried.

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

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Soma Mitra has assumed Chairmanship of the Committee as Carla Danielson had to step down. Kathy Strum will assist Soma. Non-renewing members have been contacted by Soma. All but two have indicated they will renew. It was noted that Patricia Owens has moved to Chicago and will not be renewing. Karen Jacobson offered to send her Chicago Chapter contact information. Kathy discussed several possible incentives by the Chapter to get new members. There is \$150 in the budget for this.

Program: The December meeting will be a Christmas potluck at Jan Duffy's home on December 17<sup>th</sup>. She will send out an e-mail with directions. It was decided to have soup again and have everyone bring whatever else they would like to share. We will also have the "white elephant" exchange. Members were reminded to bring their checkbooks as this meeting is a fundraiser for our scholarship fund. The January 21, 2009 meeting will feature Christie Maitre from the State of Iowa Department of Revenue, who will speak on a tax update.



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

**Scholarship:** Lisa Lembke reported that the committee had received three applications. One was disqualified for incompleteness. Lisa moved on behalf of the Committee that Katie Koser and Sheila Bergman each be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. No second was needed. Motion carried. Katie Koser's application will be sent to the Ed Foundation once their application forms are available. The Committee was thanked for its work on this year's scholarships.

**Gift wrapping:** The sign-up sheet is being circulated. The committee has bought a safe which will be used to store nightly cash. This will avoid transferring problems which have occurred in the past. Theresa Samson asked for a volunteer to help her unload on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving.

**Outreach:** Stephanie reported that she will send an e-mail asking for time commitments so that the committee can make some decisions about a possible service project.

**Social event:** Jan Duffy has 12 free basketball tickets to the women's game with Drake on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Karen Jacobson noted that CY Stephens was having The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee on Friday, February 13, 2009. Other possibilities include ISU Theatre and the ISU Madrigal Dinner. Karen will send out an e-mail with all the options, prices, etc., and ask for people to rank their interest. Once that information is obtained, a decision will be made which social event to attend.

#### Old Business:

**Report from JNC:** Stephanie Roscoe reported on the sale of inventory items. She and Penny sold \$369 worth for our scholarship fund. Stephanie also reported on the Annual

Meeting where she, Penny and Karen were the delegates for our chapter. The Chapter delegates were sent "instructed" on two of the proposals rather than "informed." Because of discussion and actions taken at the Annual Meeting, when the amendments to the bylaws came up for a vote, our Chapter was one of very few to vote against the majority. Stephanie recommended that the Chapter consider sending future delegates "informed" rather than "instructed" so that they can benefit from the information heard at the Meeting before casting their ballots. The end results of the bylaws amendment changes were that the \$25 application fee will continue and that applications can now be done on the website and bypass the Chapter altogether. National continues to further refine this process. We will need to update our bylaws to conform with the changes in the National bylaws. Jan Duffy will work with Kate Mulder on this.

#### New Business:

**Regional Conference:** Kate reported that the Des Moines Chapter members attending the JNC expressed interest in hosting a regional conference. If we are interested in co-hosting with them, we could hold it in 2010 (our 20-year anniversary) and invite the National Board to attend (this must be done by April 29, 2009 when the decision is made by the National Board on when and where to hold their 2010 meetings). Members were asked to think about this and a decision will be made at the January meeting. If we decide to do this, several members will be needed for a joint steering committee. Jan suggested newer members be involved on the steering committee since it is such a terrific leadership development opportunity.

#### Announcements:

**Next meeting:** The Christmas potluck on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at Jan Duffy's.



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Networking Luncheon: None in December. We had 11 at Aunt Maude's last Friday.

ISU CPE seminar – Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Maximum is 60 people.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Jacobson  
Acting Secretary

### Upcoming Meetings

- 2/18/09 Topic TBA, Buford's Steakhouse
- 3/18/09 Topic TBA, Buford's Steakhouse
- 4/22/09 Topic TBA, Buford's Steakhouse

### Networking Luncheons

Date	Location
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](mailto:membership@amesaswa.org)

### Announcements

Want to make your donations go further? Check with your employer to see if they match your charitable contributions! The Ames ASWA's Scholarship Fund is a great option for that charitable giving. One of our chapter members found out her employer would match her scholarship donations 3 to 1! What a boost for our scholarship fund! All she needed was a 501(c)(3) letter of determination to provide the employer showing our chapter scholarship fund was a qualified exempt organization. We have added this letter to our website, [www.amesaswa.org](http://www.amesaswa.org) under the Chapter ByLaws section so it is available to our members. Of course, if you are planning on getting matching funds, please contact our Treasurer, Renee Twedt, so she knows about the funds when they arrive.

Thanks,

Kate

### Quote of the Month

**A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.**

*-Herm Albright*

Articles and submissions to the newsletter are welcome. Please contact Mary at [bulletin@amesaswa.org](mailto:bulletin@amesaswa.org)