



# Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance

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## Ames Chapter

Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance  
Ames Chapter #158  
Membership Meeting  
March 15, 2017

### Call to Order:

The March Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President-Elect Elizabeth Almond at 7:31 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at The Iowa Stater in Ames, Iowa. Those in attendance were members: Ann Kurtenbach, Margaret Munson, Jan Duffy, Kayla Sander, Lisa Palmersheim, Brenda O'Neill-Smith, Theresa Samson, Cindy Sippel, Karen Jacobson, Catherine Mulder, and Elizabeth Almond.

A quorum was present.

### Minutes:

The February meeting minutes required an amendment regarding the member list of those in attendance. An updated version of the February minutes will be available on the chapter website. Cindy Sippel moved that the minutes of the February meeting be approved as amended. The motion was seconded by Jan Duffy. Motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report:

Catherine Mulder presented the Treasurer's Report. The February report was handed out. The balance in the General Account as of February 28, 2017, is \$7,135.40. The balance in the Scholarship Account as of February 28, 2017, is \$5,698.90 with an unrestricted balance of \$3,098.90. The report will be placed on file for review.

Catherine also relayed that she received a thank you for the chapter regarding the national scholarship gift made by the chapter.

Jan Duffy made a suggestion that the monetary amount for flowers sent on behalf of the chapter for funerals be increased to \$75. This will be taken into consideration during the review of the chapter's standing rules. Updates to the standing rules will be discussed at the April meeting. It is strongly encouraged that all members thoroughly read the standing rules before attending the April meeting.

### Committee Reports:

#### A. Membership:

1. No report from the committee
2. Margaret Munson reminded the group of the networking lunch opportunities available. You can always find a schedule on the chapter website.

#### B. Program:

1. The upcoming program duties/plans are as follows:  
**April** – Karen Jacobson will plan – Scams w/ Ames Police – Detective Johnson  
**May** – Libby Almond will plan – Retirement Planning

**June** – Lisa Palmersheim will plan & present – How to Conduct Productive Meetings

C. Bulletin:

1. No report

D. Scholarship:

1. The scholarship committee of Theresa Samson, Catherine Mulder, and Cheryl Carlile reported that there were no applicants for the Kathleen M Strum memorial scholarship. The committee will contact Penny Strum with an update including what was done to promote the scholarship.
2. There were several applicants for the Beverly M Wandling memorial scholarship. The committee made the recommendation to award a \$1,000 scholarship to both Leah Harvey and Jael Kupl. Jan Duffy moved to accept the recommendation of the scholarship committee. The motion was seconded by Brenda O'Neill-Smith. Motion carried. The committee will honor the recipients at the April meeting and immediately notify the recipients of the opportunity to apply for the National scholarship online.

E. Social Media

1. No report

Old Business:

A. 2017-2018 Nominating Committee

1. Lisa Palmersheim, Jan Duffy, and Karen Jacobson will serve on the nominating committee. They have already started the work to contact members regarding specific positions. All chapter members should look for an email in April with the proposed slate of officers. The proposed slate of officers will also be included in the April bulletin. A vote on the proposal will take place at the April meeting.

New Business:

A. Chapter Dues Rates 2017-2018

1. Karen Jacobson moved to charge a \$20 for chapter dues. The motion was seconded by Ann Kurtenbach. Motion carried. Elizabeth Almond will relay the motion on to Jaimie Williamson who will submit the chapter dues form to National.

B. Chapter bylaw changes

1. Margaret Munson and Cindy Sippel provided a draft of updates for discussion. Multiple suggestions were offered by the members. Margaret and Cindy will consider the suggestions and send an updated version out with the April bulletin so the topic can be reopened for further discussion. All members are strongly encouraged to carefully read the chapter bylaws prior to the April meeting and be ready for discussion. Also, all members are welcome to contact Margaret with any ideas and/or concerns relating to changes.

Announcements:

- A. Karen Jacobson reminded the chapter about the information that was emailed to all AFWA members regarding the Foundation's program with the Girl Scouts called "Fiscally Fit". Please look for the email you should have received on this for more information or contact Karen if you need the email forwarded to you.

- B. Jan Duffy notified the chapter about an annual supply chain conference that is hosted by the College of Business at Iowa State University. The Voorhees Conference has a \$25 registration fee and will offer 4 hours of CPE. The 2017 conference will be held on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-2:30 at the Sukup endzone space. There are still plenty of seats available for anyone interested.
  
- C. Elizabeth Almond shared an article with the chapter regarding some interesting statistics on workplace satisfaction for males and females. The article came from the "Lift Iowa" newsletter through the Business Record in Des Moines. All members are encouraged to consider signing up for the free "Lift Iowa" newsletter.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Sander, Secretary