



# Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance

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## Ames Chapter

Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance  
Ames Chapter #158  
Membership Meeting  
September 14, 2021

The monthly membership meeting was held September 14, 2021, at the IowaStater Restaurant in Ames with four attendees in person and two virtual attendees. The meeting was called to order by President, Cheryl Carlile at 6:33 pm. Those in attendance were Cheryl Carlile, Karen Jacobson, Margaret Munson, Lisa Palmersheim, Kayla Sander, and Cindy Sippel. A quorum was present.

### **Minutes**

Karen Jacobson noted that the scholarship committee report was omitted from the August minutes published in the bulletin and proposed that the minutes be amended to show that the committee intends move the application to the fall, with a goal of approving awards at the November meeting. The committee will also seek ideas for fundraising. Karen Jacobson moved and Cindy Sippel seconded that the August minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's report**

Cindy Sippel presented the Treasurer's report. The chapter has a balance in the general fund of \$7,032.80 and \$3,883.37 in the scholarship fund. Of the scholarship fund, \$3,600.00 is restricted for the Kathleen M Strum scholarship. \$1,500 was paid in August for 2020-2021 scholarships leaving an unrestricted balance of \$283.37 in the scholarship fund. An additional donation of \$100 has been received for the Wandling Scholarship so far in September. The Treasurer's report will be placed on file for chapter inspection.

### **Committee Reports**

*Membership:* Lisa Palmersheim reported on several topics.

- a. Networking luncheons. After discussion, members agreed to try virtual networking luncheons for the time being.
- b. National has called a mandatory meeting for chapter membership chairs. Lisa Palmersheim plans to attend the virtual meeting September 29, at 1 pm CST. Cheryl Carlile will attend if Lisa cannot. The membership handbook distributed in advance of this meeting was sent out with the bulletin this month. Lisa asked chapter members to review the handbook and to let her know of their ideas regarding recruitment and retention for our chapter.
- c. The chapter Facebook page is getting good reach. Lisa is sharing with other local groups and hopes to continue to grow the audience.

- d. Lisa will follow up with chapter scholarship winners to encourage them to join. Karen Jacobson reported that 2020-2021 chapter scholarship winner Audrey Wagner was awarded a National scholarship, as well. Cindy Sippel will send contact information for the scholarship winners to Lisa.
- e. Lisa reported that we have 17 active members, and that long-time member Brenda O’Neill-Smith regrets she will not be renewing.

*Programs:* Kayla Sander reported that she and Jenny Sturgill are finishing the planning for the year. Since the IowaStater is closed on Tuesday evenings, they will seek alternative in-person locations. The October meeting is joint with the Des Moines chapter and will be a hybrid meeting, with Old Chicago in Ankeny as the in-person location. The speaker will be Jamie Sass, Director of Ivy Writing and Speaking Center, Iowa State University.

More information about the programs for the rest of the year and about the location and/or format for the November meeting will be forthcoming.

Cindy Sippel volunteered to host the Holiday Party in December.

Meeting times will be reset to:

- 5:30 to 6:00 pm      Networking
- 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm      Program
- 7:00 pm                  Dinner and Business Meeting

*Scholarship:* Karen Jacobson and Cindy Sippel discussed the revised schedule for the scholarship application process. They will distribute revised applications this week, with an application deadline of October 18. The committee will review the applications and make a recommendation at the November membership meeting. They are working on some amendments to the requirements for the Strum scholarship.

There will be a silent auction fund-raiser at the November meeting. Anyone with item(s) to contribute to the auction should let Cindy Sippel know the details by November 1. Include a picture, if possible. The silent auction is intended to supplement the normal July/December fund-raising.

**Old Business**

a. *Bylaws:* Proposed changes to the chapter bylaws were sent to National. The National Executive Committee proposed alternate language which was emailed to members on July 30, 2021. Margaret Munson moved, and Cindy Sippel seconded, that the language proposed by National be approved by the chapter. Motion carried. Margaret Munson will send the revised chapter bylaws to National for their records and will make sure they are posted to the chapter website.

b. *Meeting time:*

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**New Business**

*National Dues Simplicity Subcommittee:* Margaret Munson reported that the subcommittee will meet September 22 to continue discussions about the complexities of the current chapter dues system and to look for ways to reduce complexity and confusion.

**Announcements**

*Women Who Count 2021 Virtual Conference* October 18-22. Reduced rates end October 8, 2021. Registration is available on the National Website. <https://www.afwa.org/events/>  
*ISU Contemporary Issues in Accounting* Watch for more information

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Munson  
Secretary