



# Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance

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## Ames Chapter

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Ames Chapter #158  
Membership Meeting  
February 8, 2022

The monthly membership meeting was held February 8, 2022, at Jethro's BBQ in Ames with eight members and one guest attending in person and one member attending virtually. The meeting was called to order by President, Cheryl Carlile at 7:32 pm. Those in attendance were members Cheryl Carlile, Anne Clem, Carla Danielson, Karen Jacobson, Annmarie Kurtenbach, Catherine (Kate) Mulder, Margaret Munson, Kayla Sander, and Cindy Sippel, and guest Marissa Robinson, 2022 Beverly M. Wanding Scholarship recipient. A quorum was present.

### **Scholarship Certificate Presentation**

Karen Jacobson presented Marissa Robinson a certificate recognizing her receipt of the 2022 Beverly M. Wanding Scholarship awarded by the Chapter for spring semester 2022.

### **Minutes**

Kate Mulder made and Anne Clem seconded a motion that the November 2021 membership meeting minutes be approved as printed in the bulletin. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's report**

Cindy Sippel presented the Treasurer's reports for November 2021; December 2021; and January 2022. As of January 31, 2022, the Chapter has a balance in the general fund of \$7,157.92 and \$3,983.43 in the scholarship fund. Of the scholarship fund, \$3,600.00 is restricted for the Kathleen M Strum scholarship, leaving an unrestricted balance of \$383.43 in the scholarship fund. The 2022 Beverly M. Wanding Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 was paid in January. The payment budgeted for the AFWA Foundation will be made soon.

Several dues payments were received from National in November and December.

The Treasurer's report will be placed on file for Chapter inspection.

### **Committee Reports**

*Membership:* The Chapter has 16 members.

*Programs:* Kayla Sander reported that the committee is hoping conditions will allow scheduling a tour for one of the upcoming meetings and the committee will be completing plans for the year as Covid conditions become clearer.

### **Old Business**

**National Dues Simplicity Subcommittee:** Margaret Munson reported that the subcommittee met in December and January to continue discussions about the current Chapter dues system and to look for ways to make it simpler. The subcommittee suggested the following groupings for dues for all Chapters: 1) regular and affiliate; 2) student and associate; 3) retired; and 4) emeritus with dues for emeritus set at \$0 for all Chapters. On recommendation by the subcommittee, the National AFWA Board (National Board) approved combining the regular and affiliate member classes into one group for Chapter dues. At the January meeting, the subcommittee recommended to the National Board that the student and associate member classes be combined into one group for Chapter dues and that

retired be a separate Chapter dues class. The subcommittee also recommended to the National Board that the emeritus member class have dues set to zero dollars for all Chapters.

The subcommittee is working on setting tiers for the groups with the expectation that Chapters will be able to choose the tiers this year, in time for National to apply the simplified structure to the 2022-2023 year.

Because the Ames Chapter dues structure as approved for 2022-2023 differs from the subcommittee recommendations, it is likely that the Chapter will need to revisit our Chapter dues for 2022-2023 once the groups and tiers are approved by the National Board.

## **New Business**

### **Nominating Committee**

Margaret Munson will chair the nominating committee. Kate Mulder will serve on the committee and Cheryl Carlile also volunteered. Carla Danielson agreed to serve as President. While all other positions are open, the Chapter must select a new Treasurer since Cindy Sippel has served her two-year term. Program is also a critical need as Jenny Sturgill will be unable to serve a second term.

### **Chapter Committees**

Cheryl Carlile noted that there are two committees on the list published by National that our Chapter could enact: long-range planning and special events/fundraising. After a brief discussion, it was decided there are not enough current members to pursue additional committees at this time.

### **Special Presentation**

Ames Chapter founding member Karen Jacobson was recognized by the Chapter for completing 50 years as an ASWA/AFWA member. Kate Mulder shared highlights from the essay she had asked Karen to write: "Fifty Years with AFWA". In 1971, Karen became a member of the Chicago Chapter, where she served as Chapter President for part of the 1979-1980 year. She left the Chicago Chapter Presidency when she moved to Iowa, where she joined the Des Moines Chapter and later became a member at large. In 1990, Karen and two others successfully founded the Ames Chapter with over 30 members. Karen has served as Ames Chapter President three times and has held most offices and served on the Chapter Board most years since the founding. Karen has also served AFWA and The Foundation at the National level. She has received service awards from both National and the Chapter.

The Ames Chapter is pleased to confer Emeritus member status to Karen Jacobson for her dedication to AFWA and to our Chapter. Karen's essay will be posted on the Chapter website and shared through Chapter social media.

Karen was presented a bouquet of tulips that can be replanted outside in the spring and will be receiving her Emeritus pin from National soon.

## **Announcements**

Kate Mulder noted that on February 15 at 2pm EST, Wendi Hall from the AFWA Milwaukee Chapter will present free CPE – Top 10 Mobile Apps. Register on the National Website.

Check the National Website for other upcoming CPE.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Munson  
Secretary