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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

First of all, I'd like to say "welcome back" to everyone, as we head into our new ASWA chapter year. Hopefully everyone has had a relaxing, enjoyable summer and is ready to get into the swing of things again.

The July planning meeting was, as usual, a great time to get together with other members, review the opportunities that lie ahead this coming year (and beyond), and exchange ideas with one another as to how to approach them. We reviewed new ideas for scholarship fundraising, as we will no longer be participating in the holiday gift wrapping event; we discussed the slate of Speakers for the upcoming year and how we can continue to offer relevant, enjoyable programs that are worthwhile to our membership; and we also discussed not only growing the number of new members, but how we can enhance the value that ASWA provides to current members, as well.

I'm looking forward to the coming year because, for me, ASWA has turned out to be "more" than I initially expected it to be. It's been a place of lively discussions and learning from people with a different point of view of the world – accounting or otherwise; it's been a place where no matter how busy they may be, members find a way to get involved and help the chapter reach it's goals; and equally important, it's been a place where I've developed friendships and a chance to learn things about other people in their 'outside' lives, and they in turn have learned some things about me.



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Thank you all for being a part of the Ames Chapter of ASWA. I look forward to another great year ahead.

-Stephanie

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Wed., September 16th 2009

Time: 5:30 PM Social Time
6:00 PM Speaker
7:00 PM Dinner/Meeting

Topic: Social networking on the golf course? Do I even know how to swing a club?

Speaker:
Sherry Newsome, Club Pro

Location: Indian Creek Country Club (ICCC)
63012 260th St, Nevada
[Map to ICCC](#)

RSVP: All attendees please RSVP by Tues noon 9/15 email: programs@amesaswa.org

AGENDA

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September 16, 2009

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. Regional Conference
 - b. Standing Rules
7. New Business
 - a. TBD
8. Announcements
9. Adjournment

June 2009 MINUTES

June Minutes
American Society of Women Accountants
Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
June 17, 2009

Call to Order: The June 2009 Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Margaret Munson in Ames at 7:34 pm on Wednesday, June 17, 2009. Those in attendance were Margaret Munson, Kathy Strum, Pat Jenkins, Soma Mitra, Lin Shen, Cindy Sippel, Karen Jacobson, Renee Twedt, Marilyn Moehlmann, Penny Strum and Stephanie Roscoe. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Karen Jacobson moved to approve the minutes with the amendments noted. Stephanie Roscoe seconded the motion which passed.

Treasurer's Report: The May treasurer's report was presented and placed on file for review.

Committee Reports:



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Membership Committee: The membership committee reported that the networking lunches have been well attended. Stephanie Roscoe, Penny Strum and Karen Jacobson have brought guests to meetings this year. If any other members have brought guests this year, please let Soma know. Soma expressed thanks to Kathy Strum for her help on the committee this year. She also expressed thanks to Karen Jacobson, Kate Mulder and Jan Duffy for their advice to the membership committee. We had a target of 35 and at May 31 had a total of 34 members. Stephanie Roscoe will be given credit for a new member, Jean Mesler.

Program: We completed the year by providing more CPE than planned.

Bulletin: Lisa Lembke will be the bulletin chair for the coming year.

Scholarship: Nothing to report.

Outreach: We discussed two options:

1. Working with the YWCA with either IT or office help. Stephanie Roscoe will send out an email to get commitments from members.
2. Stephanie has talked to Donna Gladon about helping women how have been incarcerated. Donna was going to check with a parole officer to see if we could help these women with planning budgets, etc. Stephanie is waiting to hear from Donna.

Old Business:

Regional Conference: We have a committee set for the regional conference: Stephanie

Roscoe, chair; Marilyn Moehlmann, Kathy Strum and Penny Strum. The committee will start preliminary meetings soon.

Gift Wrapping: Margaret sent a letter to Donna Scherr to let her know that we were not going to participate on the gift wrapping both.

Standing Rules: Additional changes were suggested for the standing rules. We will continue the discussion at a later date.

New Business:

Planning meeting: Committee chairs are requested to bring a report for the past year to the meeting. Incoming committee chairs should bring ideas for the coming year to discuss at the meeting. The budget will be presented at the September meeting for the approval by the membership.

Inventory: Stephanie Roscoe make a motion that the chapter purchase 50 pens and 75 pen/letter opener gift sets after the end of the year. Pat Jenkins seconded the motion which passed.

Installation of officers: Margaret Munson installed the officers for the coming year and acknowledged the current year officers for their service.

Announcements:

Next meeting: July 15 at 6:00 pm. Planning meeting at Cindy Sippel's house.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sippel, Secretary



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Planning Meeting 2009 MINUTES

Planning Meeting Notes
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July 15, 2009

Outstanding Member Award Presentation: The Outstanding Member Award for 2008-2009 was presented to Lisa Lembke.

Committee Budget information: Please submit any budget requests for the coming year.

Committee Reports: If you have not submitted a report for the past year, please do so as soon as possible.

Update on Outreach: Stephanie will email possible outreach projects. Two projects that were mentioned were the Butterfly Freedom House and working with the Department of Corrections.

2011 Regional Conference: The committee will meet in August and bring information to the September meeting.

Goals:

Membership: Increase membership by a net 3

Increase participation of current members

Scholarship Fundraising Ideas: Seminar

CPE: 7 hours

Program ideas/speakers include: IFRS, not-for-profit treasurer information, 1099 misc, Financial Partners, ISU Speakers Bureau, Robert Half seminars, social networking, dining etiquette

October meeting: will coordinate timing with National Conference

Will try to have a combination of hard topics and soft topics

Meetings: Goal is to keep the meetings to a set time this year to conclude by 8:00.

Will look at other options than dinner meeting, possibly wine and hors d'oeuvres

May also have prizes at end of meeting to encourage attendance

Members: Member survey

Personal phone calls – To get better attendance at meetings the membership committee will try to assign a “buddy” to call about attending the meetings.

Reconfirm standing reservations

Speakers: May look at 2-3 paid speakers.

Budget Budget needs to be clear on who can spend money.

May need to change some lines on the treasures report to clarify where money is allocated and spent.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sippel, Secretary

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 10/21/09 Joint Meeting with the Des Moines Chapter ASWA
Time & Place TBA
- 11/18/09 Topic TBD, Buford's Restaurant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASWA Ames Chapter Outstanding Member Award Presented Wednesday July 15, 2009

The recipient of the 2008 - 2009 Outstanding Member Award has a relatively short tenure with our Chapter, but not surprisingly, she was nominated by multiple Members. Nominators cited not only the time she spent volunteering for the ASWA gift wrapping fundraiser, but also for her continued willingness to serve in Board positions for the Chapter.

During the busy Holiday season, this year's recipient found time to volunteer 40 hours at the ASWA / ABWA gift wrapping booth. She did so during a time that's very busy for all of us with family and holiday obligations; but what was also impressive was that she volunteered those hours while being extremely busy at work – not only with domestic travel, but overseas travel, as well. She did so willingly because she knew her employer would match financial contributions to ASWA. The \$500 matching

contribution she earned was a large portion of the total scholarship money raised by our Chapter this year. As a member of the scholarship committee, this year's recipient truly exemplified what it means to be committed.

We should also be reminded that this year's recipient has continued to serve in various Board positions since she joined the Chapter - including Secretary, Scholarship Committee and, for the coming year, Newsletter. Her continued willingness to serve in these roles shows her support of fellow members, and her commitment to the success of our Chapter.

Lisa Lembke, the great energy you bring to the efforts of our Chapter have been noticed, commended and appreciated. It is with great pleasure that we – the Ames ASWA Chapter - present you with the Outstanding Member Award.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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