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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

Congratulations to everyone for making it through April 15th! It doesn't matter if you're a tax preparer or not, this infamous deadline impacts all of us and it represents one of those "to do" items that we can check off the list for this year. Of course there are other deadlines and projects that are ready to take its place, so don't forget: one of the benefits of ASWA is experiencing the camaraderie of other women in the accounting profession who, like you , balance the challenges of work life with family and friend relationships – and whose stories are often amusing and anecdotal. So if you haven't been to a meeting in awhile, come on out and get reacquainted with everyone.

I would also like to send a big THANK YOU to Kathy Strum for her presentation on "Accounting for Women in China". I know we all enjoyed learning about the differences not only in education, training and governmental regulations, but of what the work environment is like for women in accounting firms throughout China. It was obviously a fascinating trip and we all enjoyed learning from it. For our meeting this month, Abhijit Rao, PhD Candidate in English at Iowa State University, will be speaking on a common genre of professional communication: "Composing Presentations". The talk will cover formal and informal presentations, their composition process, delivery, and some common dos and don'ts. The latter half of the session will be an open discussion on presentations and other genres of communication, such as memos, job packets, letters, and emails.



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One last note to everyone: we will NOT be having a Board Meeting prior to our regular membership meeting on Wednesday. The reason is because the two items on the agenda require discussion and voting of the entire membership: final review and acceptance of the Chapter By-Laws, and voting on the Slate of Officers for the upcoming year.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Wednesday!
-Stephanie

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Wed., April 21st 2010

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

Topic: Composing Presentations: The presentation will discuss a common genre of professional communication-- presentations. The talk will cover formal and informal presentations, their composition process, delivery, and some common dos and don'ts. The latter half of the session will be an open discussion on presentations and other genres of communication, such as memos, job packets, letters, and emails.

Speaker: Abhijit Rao,
PhD Candidate in English

Bibliography: Abhijit Rao currently pursuing a PhD in English (Rhetoric and Professional Communication) at Iowa State University. His interest is business communication and its role in informing, persuading, and building solidarity. He has taught courses in business communication at Iowa State and currently works as a communication consultant in the College of

Business, where he helps students develop their communication skills.

Location: Buford's
2601 E 13 St
Ames, IA

RSVP: All attendees please RSVP by email: programs@amesaswa.org

AGENDA

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April 21, 2010

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
6. Old Business
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 - a. 2010 – 2011 Slate of Officers
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March 2010 MINUTES

November Minutes
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Call to Order: The March 2010 Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Stephanie Roscoe in Ames at 7:40 pm on Wednesday, March 24, 2010. Those in attendance were Kathy, Strum, Stephanie, Roscoe, Sue Jones, Margaret Munson, Soma Mitra, Lisa Lembke, Cindy Sippel, Karen Jacobson, Marilyn Moehlmann, Janet Mortvedt, Kate Mulder, and one guest. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Kate Mulder moved to approve the minutes. Karen Jacobson seconded the motion which passed.

Treasurer's Report: The February report was distributed and will be placed on file for review.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

- The networking lunch scheduled for Friday, March 26 will be cancelled.

Program:

- The next meeting will be April 21 at Buford's. The program will be on communication.

Bulletin: Nothing to report.

Scholarship:

- Selling concessions at Hilton raised \$400-500. We will look for other opportunities for fund raising.
- April 1 is the deadline to submit scholarship applications to National. The application from our chapter was submitted on March 16.

Outreach: Stephanie talked about the Volunteer Center of Story County. There are two programs where we could help. The chapter has a login for the center's website. Please see Stephanie if you would like to be involved.

- Youth and Shelter Services – tutors
- Adult literacy – For adults with learning disabilities. Time commitment would be 30 minutes a week. Students are matched with teachers. The hours are flexible but they prefer days and mornings.

Old Business

- Standing Rules: Additional changes were discussed by the members. The updated standing rules will be published in the April bulletin. The membership will vote on the standing rules at the April meeting.

New Business:

- Chapter Dues rates – These are due to National and will be kept the same as last year.
- Nominating Committee – Margaret Munson will chair the nominating committee. Soma Mitra and Carla Danielson will also serve on the committee.

Announcements:

April Board Meeting: There will be a Board meeting at 5:15 p.m. on April 21 before the membership meeting. The Board meeting is open to all members.

April Membership Meeting: the Membership meeting will be at Buford's on April 21 with the usual schedule: 5:30 p.m. social, 6:00 p.m. speaker; meeting to follow.

Door Prize: Sue Jones is winner of this month's door prize.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sippel, Secretary



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

05/18/10 Prairie Meadows
Note May is a Joint Meeting with Des Moines ASWA Chapter on Tuesday

06/16/10 Time & Place TBA

STANDING RULES

Please Read the Standing Rules prior to the meeting. A copy will be sent out to the group in a separate email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next ASWA networking luncheon is on Wednesday, April 28th, noon at Applebee's.

Xiaowen Guo, student member, and her husband Feng Liu, welcomed their first child, a daughter Lexi Liu, on March 15, 2010. Lexi was born at 7 lb. 7 oz., and about 20 1/2" in length. Congratulations Xiaowen, Feng and Lexi.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Be moderate in order to taste the joys of life in abundance."

- Epicurus

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