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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

President's Message
December Meeting

For most of us, no matter what our religious views or beliefs happen to be, the holidays are a wonderful time of the year. It is also the time when we madly try to attain work life balance that seems like a fleeting dream, especially in today's world of electronic gadgets and virtual networking systems. We go through social gatherings and meetings without ever being disconnected from our laptops, phones and tablets – we are engulfed by the virtual world. These devices are almost extensions of our appendages! Is it possible to escape from this?

We attempt to keep up with our emails so we do not get bombarded with numerous emails at once. Even when we are taking a vacation we check because unless it is a god forsaken place, we have access to the internet! We fear that some emergency might have occurred that needs our

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immediate attention! We would love to delegate, but maybe, just maybe we have learnt through experience that it is less painful to clean up someone's imperfect work than do it right yourself the first time. We would like to go completely off the grid once in a while, shut off all our devices. But, is it possible for us to shut our work-brain off? We have been working for so long and the dedicated women that we are, have given our jobs many times more than what is expected in our position descriptions. Thinking about work has become our second nature.

Yet we should try to just get off the grid once in a while and unwind, take a walk in the woods, start a new hobby, share some laughs with a friend, plant a tree, sit and reflect, go down memory lane, or simply vegetate!

A perfect example of a going-off-the-grid activity would be our holiday party in December! Hope you can join us!

Soma Mitra
President
Ames Chapter

AGENDA

ASWA, Ames Chapter #158
December 2012 Meeting

No meeting in December. There will be a holiday party December 19th.

MEETING INFORMATION

Watch for the evite to our annual Holiday Potluck and White Elephant Gift Exchange Wednesday, December 19 at 5:30 at NewLink Genetics, 2503 S. Loop Drive, in Research Park in Ames. Please note on your evite response what food or beverage you plan to bring. We always have lots of fun and good food so I hope you will join us!

An e-vite has been sent to RSVP for the meeting.

NOVEMBER 2012 MINUTES

Minutes
American Society of Women
Accountants
Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
November 14, 2012

Call to Order: The November Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Soma Mitra in Ames at 7:35 pm on Wednesday, November 14, 2012. Those in attendance were members Kayla Christensen, Jan Duffy, Ann Kurtenbach, Soma Mitra, Marilyn Moehlmann, Margaret Munson,

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Kate Mulder, Lisa Palmersheim, and Barbara Bennett, One guest was also in attendance: Maggie Schlerman. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Jan Duffy moved and Marilyn Moehlmann seconded that the September minutes be approved as written. Motion carried. There was no membership meeting during October because of the joint meeting with the Des Moines Chapter.

Treasurer's Report: None. Soma Mitra reported that Kathleen Strum has resigned as treasurer. Penny Strum has resigned as her assistant. Soma will ask Karen Jacobson to serve as treasurer. If she agrees to accept the position Soma will appoint her to serve as treasurer until June 30th, 2013. Our chapter will accept her appointment if she accepts the position. Kathleen Strum and Penny Strum will be removed from the signature card at US Bank. Soma Mitra and Karen Jacobson will be added to the signature card.

Committee Reports

A. Membership: No report. We currently have 28 members.

B. Program:

a. Marilyn Moehlmann reported that Linda Herman has programs lined up for the remainder of the year.

b. Christmas Party – Our annual Christmas party will be held December 19th. We are looking for someone to host or ideas on an alternate location. Kate Mulder mentioned that we could meet at a restaurant. A note will be sent out asking if anyone want to host.

C. Bulletin: No report.

D. Scholarship: Jan Duffy reported that the scholarship application will be updated and be sent out shortly. Margaret will get the application on the website when it is ready. Jan will serve as Chair. Jaimie Williamson and the new treasurer will serve on the Scholarship Committee.

Old Business

A. Financial Literacy progress report: Lisa Palmersheim reported that the Boys and Girls Club requested that we wait until February to present the module *Paying for College/Cars* because the club members now have basketball practice.



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B. Bulletin Archival Process: Margaret Munson previously sent out a list of the missing bulletins. If anyone has any of the missing bulletins, please send her the electronic version or a paper version and she will scan.

New Business

A. Holiday Party – already discussed.

Announcements

A. Update on ASWA National Conference at San Diego: Kate Mulder was the moderator of the by-laws forum. The name change passed. They are working on a timeline to get the name changed. The name change needed to pass by a 2/3 majority. It passed by about 70%. Our chapter had three votes. The votes were cast as follows to reflect the straw poll from our chapter: Yes – 2, No – 1. Soma nominated Karen Jacobson for the Nominating Committee next year. Karen gave a nice speech and was elected. Our chapter received a 2011-2012 Financial Literacy Program award. Five presentations of *Money Mammals* were given to 240 students by Stephanie Roscoe, Kathy Strum and Kate Mulder.

The *Money Smart Program* was presented to the Boys and Girls Club in Ames by Cindy Sippel, Karen Jacobson and Brenda O’Neill-Smith. Our chapter donated \$500 to the Foundation.

B. ISU Accounting Conference, December 14th – Registration is now open.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kurtenbach, Secretary

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

December – Christmas Party

January – No Meeting

February – Barbara Bennett, Mass Mutual

March – TBA

April 17th – “Who gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate”

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May 15th – Jodi (Adams) Baker –
Administrative Accounting Rules

(Formerly with the Iowa Licensing
Bureau)

June 19th – Special Agents Dani
Coleman & Beth Thompson, IRS

These agents are involved in tax fraud
cases that involve prison sentences.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The man is richest whose pleasures are
cheapest."

~ **Henry David Thoreau**

NETWORKING LUNCH SCHEDULE

Date	Restaurant	Location	RSVP by Noon on
Thur 1/24/13	Fuji	1614 S. Kellogg Ave. Suite 101	Wed 1/23/13
Thur 2/21/13	The Café	2616 Northridge Pkwy	Wed 2/20/13
Wed 3/13/13	Pancho's	1310 S. Duff, Suite 103	Tue 3/12/13
Fri. 4/12/13	Noodles & Company	414 S. Duff	Thur 4/11/13
Thur 5/23/13	Stomping Grounds	303 Welch Ave.	Wed 5/22/13

Articles and submissions to the newsletter are
welcome. Please contact Carla at
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