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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.

MEETING INFORMATION

Joint meeting with Des Moines Chapter
(NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION)

Topic: Protecting Public Assets

A presentation which discusses the fiduciary responsibility of officials and employees who handle public monies. Includes examples of fraud in government accounting.

Presented by:

Auditor of State Mary Mosiman, CPA

Tasteful Dinners of Ankeny

121 SE Shurfine Dr. #6, Ankeny

Wed, October 16th

5:15 Networking

5:30 Dinner (buffet)

6:00 Speaker

Cost is \$20 payable to Ames ASWA that night.

RSVP by Monday, Oct 14th to
jduffy@iastate.edu or thru Evite

Presenter's Bio:

Ms. Mosiman was appointed Auditor of State on Monday, May 13, 2013.

Prior to her appointment as Auditor of State, Ms. Mosiman served as the elected Story County Auditor for 10 years before serving as a Deputy in the Secretary of State's Office for over 2 years.

Ms. Mosiman graduated from Iowa State University with a bachelor's degree in Business/Accounting in 1999. She is a member of the Iowa Society of Certified Public Accountants (ISCPA), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), and the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT).

Ms. Mosiman has served on several professional, community, and civic organization boards and committees, including the Iowa State Association of Counties Taxation & Finance Committee, the US Military Academy Selection Board, the Story County United Way Nevada Community Committee, the Ames Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants, the Ames Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee, and the Gilbert Education Foundation Board. She is a past-president of the Nevada Rotary Club.

AGENDA



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There will be no formal meeting in October.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Every October the Iowa State University College of Business hosts a "Young Women in Business" conference. As the chair of the conference committee and a strong supporter of the cause, I like to think that the networking and interaction that happens during that seven hour conference each year puts our participants at an advantage in business and in life.

The conference looks very similar to the conferences we are all familiar with attending. The participants are scheduled to attend multiple sessions during the day in which they get to interact with females holding positions at leading companies. These professional women span the range of recent college graduates who are just learning what it means to be a professional to VP's at international companies. The conference participants also get to attend sessions led by strong, dynamic female faculty members within the College and panel sessions full of enthusiastic, well-rounded College of Business students. The point being that these young women are surrounded by others who are excited to educate them about the amazing opportunities that are out there in the business fields and, more importantly, to encourage them to pursue whatever it is that interests them.

I am much further down my own professional path than these high school students, and much behind some of you reading this. I don't think it

matters what point any of us are at in our professional journey. At any point, we could all use some guidance on which direction to head next and some encouragement to make it up the hills that lie ahead. Most of all, our careers have to be fun, and it is fun to talk to others who share an excitement and a passion for the same things we do. Conferences are great for gathering new information, and they are also fantastic for our soul or whatever it is that drives us to reach whatever goal is lingering just right out ahead.

If I am ever lucky enough to have a daughter, I can't wait to send her to events like *Young Women in Business* where she can interact with some great role models and hear messages that create positive impacts that she will go back to and pull from when she needs them. For us *more experienced* professionals, I think that is what we get every month when we come together for our AFWA meetings. And if we want more, that is what the National AFWA conference is for!

We had an absolutely wonderful launch party last month! (A huge thank you to our planning committee!) Let's continue to spread the word about the opportunities AFWA provides, and let's continue to support each other and share in the challenges, successes, and fun that come from our own journeys.

Hope to see you all at the joint meeting with the Des Moines chapter!

www.business.iastate.edu/events/ywib



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We're very pleased to welcome Jeannie Lemke to our chapter!

Please complete the membership survey and return to Lisa Palmersheim.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Nov 20th Automated Month-end Close Process
 Buford's
 Dec 18th Holiday Get Together
 Jan No meeting
 Feb 19th Making a Business Plan

NETWORKING LUNCH SCHEDULE

@ 12:00 Noon

Tues, Nov 12th Applebee's
 105 Chestnut St., Ames
 Tues, Jan 21st Fuji
 1614 S. Kellogg, #101, Ames
 Tues, Feb 25th The Café
 2616 Northridge Pkwy, Ames
 Wed, Mar 26th El Azteca
 2727 Stange Rd., Ames
 Wed, Apr 23rd Brick Street Grill
 2704 Stange Rd., Ames
 Thurs, May 15th Stomping Grounds
 303 Welch Ave., Ames

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The first thing a kindness deserves is acceptance, the next is transmission."

~ **George MacDonald**

Scottish writer

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