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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

The Confidence Gap?

Wednesday, August 20th

Iowa Stater at the Gateway
2100 Green Hills Dr., Ames

Jan Duffy will lead a discussion on women and confidence. We will be focusing on the article in the Atlantic magazine which can be found at:

<http://www.theatlantic.com/features/archive/2014/04/the-confidence-gap/359815/>

Please read the article and take the survey before you come.

5:30 Networking

6:00 Speaker

7:00 Dinner/Meeting

The program committee doesn't feel that this will qualify for CPE. However, we felt that it would be a very useful way to have an important discussion, to network and

get to know everyone. We hope that you can attend.

RSVP: through the evite or to
jduffy@iastate.edu

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August 2014

I am so excited to be starting another year with AFWA! Armed with ideas from our July planning meeting, I have no doubt we will have a successful year. I am continually impressed by the women in our organization and your willingness to give and support one another.

As some of you know, this is the second time I have been honored to serve as president of this organization. So much has changed since then! I am surprised by the amount of information available on the national website for chapter leaders. Although it is very helpful, there really is no substitute for the notes and suggestions of our own former leaders. If you have not already done so, please pass this information along to the newly installed leaders. It is critical to our success as a chapter. Thank you!



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Please forgive the brevity of this message. Our daughter is getting married the 16th of August and I am having difficulty concentrating on much of anything else. As I am writing this message, the wedding is three days away and I am consumed with last minute details. If any of you have been involved in planning a child's wedding, you can imagine where my head is! By the time we meet this major life event will be behind me.

I do promise that I will be much more focused in the coming months.
 Theresa Samson

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!

Elizabeth Bruns

We are very pleased to share the good news that our scholarship recipient, Elizabeth Bruns, has been selected for the 2014 Masters Academic Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 funded by The Foundation. She was promoted in the July issue of Accountability and noted on the Foundation page of the website.

Congratulations to Elizabeth and the Ames Chapter!

SLUMBER PARTY

Or stop in for an evening of fun with Kathy Strum

When: August 23rd – Start around 3-4pm with Potluck Dinner around 6pm

Where: Kathy's house – (address to follow)

RSVP: If you can join the Slumber Party Please email Kathy directly at Kstrum@midiowa.net or 515-957-4020 or 515-290-6022. Indicate if you plan to stay overnight or just come down for the evening.

First Thursday Hot Issues - IRS

Thanks to Marilyn Moehlmann for volunteering as our representative on a monthly IRS update call. Every month there is a conference call/webinar for tax practitioners held by the IRS Stakeholder Liason. Marilyn will be listening in and providing updates to our Chapter.

Thanks, Marilyn!

AGENDA

Agenda – August 20, 2014

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes



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MINUTES –June 2014

Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance
Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
July 16, 2014

Call to Order:

The July Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Theresa Samson at 7:25 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2014. Those in attendance were members Elizabeth Bruns, Jan Duffy, Adela Hodzic, Karen Jacobson, Marilyn Moehlmann, Catherine Mulder, Margaret Munson, Lisa Palmersheim, Theresa Samson, Cindy Sippel, and Jaimie Williamson. A quorum was present.

One guest, Sarah Kolby, was also present.

Minutes:

Karen Jacobson moved that the minutes of the June meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Cindy Sippel. Motion carried.

It was also discussed that when minutes are amended, the amended minutes should be sent by the Secretary to the Newsletter committee to be put in the next bulletin. These amended minutes will also reflect that they are amended in the title.

Treasurer's Report:

Karen Jacobson handed out the treasurer's report. The balance in the General Account is \$7,766.88. The balance in the Scholarship Account is \$3,448.03. Scholarship funds in the amount of \$2,000 still need disbursed. Signatures on the bank accounts will be changing due to the change in officers. We are still waiting to receive money related to the survey sent by Bill Dilla and an employer matching contribution from Barbara Bennett's company.

Committee Reports:

- A. Membership: In the 2013-2014 year we had 5 new members and lost 3 members, resulting in a net gain of 2 members.
- B. Program: In the 2013-2014 year we had 7 meetings with CPE credit.
- C. Bulletin: No Report
- D. Scholarship: In the 2013-2014 year two scholarship recipients were selected, with the total amount of scholarships awarded was \$3,000. One of our scholarship recipients, Elizabeth Bruns, was also selected as a recipient of the national scholarship. Fundraising ideas for the scholarship committee were suggested including the possibility of working a concert or a Cyclone event.

Old Business:

- A. Chapter Director and Officer Insurance: No report.



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New Business:

- A. Officer Turnover Material: All 2013-2014 officers should turnover their reports and committee materials to the new officers. Theresa also mentioned that new officers may want to check out the AFWA Chapter Procedures Manual.
- B. Chapter Goals:
 - 8 meetings with CPE credit, we will be meeting in August again this year with no meeting in January. Meetings will also continue to be scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of the month
 - Net membership gain of 0. Long term goal is to maintain our medium sized organization status of 30 members or more
 - Average attendance of 50% of members
- C. Program Ideas:
 - The following programs were suggested: new revenue recognition standards, FBI agent, identity theft/cyber security, communication (oral, written, and/or business), team building, Social Security, financial planner, public pension programs, and a discussion on the confidence article Jan e-mailed earlier this year.
 - It was discussed that we could hold a 4 hr CPE event on the new revenue recognition standards as a scholarship fundraiser. This event could be held in conjunction with the Des Moines Chapter or possibly a Big 4 firm. It

was discussed that this event could possibly take place on our scheduled meeting date of May 20, 2015.

- Catherine also suggested holding a meeting(s) at the new Hertz Farm Management Building.
- Karen will call the Iowa Accountancy Examining Board to make sure we are following the proper protocol regarding CPE.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaimie Williamson, Secretary

NETWORKING LUNCH SCHEDULE

@ 12:00 Noon

- Thurs, Aug 28th Olde Main Brewing Co.
316 Main St.
- Tues, Sept 30th Applebee's
105 Chestnut St.,
- Wed, Oct 29th Fuji Japanese Steakhouse
1614 S. Kellogg
- Wed, Nov 12th The Café
2616 Northridge Pkwy
- Fri, Jan 23rd El Azteca
2727 Stange Rd.
- Mon, Feb 9th Aunt Maude's
547 Main St.
- Thurs, Mar 26th Wallaby's
2733 Stange Rd
- Tues, Apr 28th Panera Bread
309 S. Duff
- Thurs, May 14th Stomping Grounds



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any"

~ **Alice Walker** – Author & Activist

Articles and submissions to the newsletter are welcome. Please contact bulletin@amesafwa.org