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### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance is to enable women in all accounting and finance fields to achieve their full potential and to contribute to their profession.

### MEETING INFORMATION

#### Planning Meeting

Wednesday, July 20, 2016  
6:00 pm

Jan Duffy's House  
3014 Roxboro Drive  
Ames, Iowa

Dinner will be pot luck – salads, bread, desserts, wine, etc. Jan will have drinks and table service.

Be sure to bring your check books! We will accept donations to the scholarship fund.

Please RSVP through the separate evite being sent. Please include what you will bring for the pot luck in your RSVP.

### NETWORKING LUNCHEON

TBD

Begins at 12:00 P.M.

Please RSVP through the separate evite being sent.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A couple months ago, I received a Facebook event invitation to my 10 year high school reunion. When I first saw the invitation, I had to do the math in my head to verify that it had actually been 10 years since I've graduated from high school. The fact that it had been that long since I had graduated from high school took me off guard, especially since it had been awhile since I even thought about high school. I had to stop and do some self-reflection. What have I achieved since graduating high school? What do I still want to achieve? How am I actively working to achieve my goals?

Ten years ago I was working full-time at Hawkeye Real Estate and waitressing part-time while waiting to begin my freshman year of college at William Penn University. Currently, I am proud alumni of Iowa State University and a Certified Public Accountant. I am very happy with my achievements but also realize that there is still much more that I want to achieve. This self-reflection also helped lead me to



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switching my career in a way that aligned more with the goals I still wanted to achieve.

I encourage each and every one of you to just do a 1 year, 5 year, or 10 year self-reflection. What have you achieved? What do you still want to achieve? How are you working to achieve your goals?

At our July planning meeting, we will be applying this same principal. We'll be reviewing what we have achieved while setting new goals for the coming year. I look forward to our upcoming year and am very excited to start my term as president. Hope to see you at our July planning meeting!

Jaimie

**AGENDA**

Planning for upcoming year and setting goals. No formal agenda. Minutes will be taken.

Committee chairs from last year should bring their files from last year and a summary of their committee's activity.

**2016-2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS**

President: Jaimie Williamson  
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**MINUTES – June 2016**

Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance  
Ames Chapter #158  
Membership Meeting  
June 15, 2016

Call to Order:  
The June Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Lisa Palmersheim at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at The Iowa Stater Restaurant in Ames, Iowa. Those in attendance were members: Margaret Munson, Jan Duffy, Lisa Palmersheim,



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Theresa Samson, Marilyn Moehlmann, Cindy Sippel, Jaimie Williamson, Elizabeth Almond (Bruns), Ann Kurtenbach and Kate Mulder.

A quorum was present.

### Minutes:

Kate Mulder moved that the minutes of the April meeting be approved as published in the May and June bulletin. The motion was seconded by Margaret Munson. Motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report:

Ann Kurtenbach presented the Treasurer's Report. The April and May report was handed out. The balance in the General Account as of May 31, 2016, is \$8,8,12,20. The balance in the Scholarship Account as of May 31, 2016, is \$1,434.30 with an unrestricted balance of \$234.20. The report will be placed on file for review. The Treasurer's Workshop net income was \$1,338.48, there will be an additional expense for a gift for Katie, our speaker for the workshop.

### Committee Reports:

- A. Membership:
  - 1. No report.
- B. Program:
  - 1. Jan volunteered to have the July planning meeting at her house. More details will be provided in regards to the potluck meal.
  - 1. Jan's husband has committed to providing our August program.
- C. Bulletin:
  - 1. No report.
- D. Scholarship:
  - 1. No report.
- E. Treasurer's Workshop:

- 1. Jan Duffy reported that she thought it was a great event and everyone who served on the committee was a tremendous help and they enjoyed working together.
- 2. Discussion was held regarding the potential of making this seminar a yearly event.

### Old Business:

- A. 2016-2017 Officer Nominations
  - 1. Cindy moved that the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee be approved as published in the April, May, and June bulletin. The motion was seconded by Theresa. Motion carried.
  - 2. Recognition of the 2015-2016 Officers
    - President: Lisa Palmersheim
    - Vice President: Jaimie Williamson
    - Secretary: Kayla Sander
    - Treasurer: Ann Kurtenbach
    - Past President: Theresa Samson
    - Program: Cindy Sippel, Elizabeth Almond (Bruns), and Julie Luther
    - Membership: Karen Jacobson and Marilyn Moehlman
    - Newsletter: Jaimie Williamson
    - Scholarship: Margaret Munson, Theresa Samson, and Ann Kurtenbach
    - Webmaster: Margaret Munson
  - 3. Installation of the 2016-2017 Officers
    - President: Jaimie Williamson
    - Vice President: Elizabeth Almond (Bruns)
    - Secretary: Kayla Sander
    - Treasurer: Kate Mulder
    - Past President: Lisa Palmersheim



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Kurtenbach

Membership: Jing Li and Jan Duffy

Newsletter: Cindy Sippel

Scholarship: Theresa Samson, Kate  
Mulder, and Cheryl Carlile

Webmaster: Margaret Munson

- B. Outstanding Member of the Year  
Committee

New Business:

- A. No new business

Announcements:

- A. Jaimie has accepted a new position with World Food Processing, please update her e-mail address in your contact information to [cyclone.52577@gmail.com](mailto:cyclone.52577@gmail.com). Jaimie has also received a three year, all expenses paid scholarship from Columbia Southern University to pursue her MBA with a concentration in finance. Columbia Southern University is a partner with AFWA.
- B. Lisa hopes to complete a part of her Toastmaster's project with the AFWA group. She will look into the details, but she believes she needs to work in a group/committee in which she can demonstrate her leadership skills.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaimie Williamson, Acting Secretary

## **Quote of the Month**

"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals." Melody Beattie

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