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March 2020

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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

CPAs Gone Bad

Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Time: 5:30 p.m. Networking
6:00 p.m. Program
7:00 p.m. Dinner and Business Meeting

Location: The Iowa State Restaurant
Gateway Hotel & Conference Center
2100 Green Hills Drive
Ames, IA

Presenter: Dr. William Dilla

William N. Dilla, Ph.D, CPA (Texas) is the Union Pacific/Charles B. Handy Professor of Accounting and chair of the Department of Accounting at Iowa State University. He teaches courses in auditing and fraud examination. His research focuses on information display effects with respect to accounting-related judgments, the relationship between internal audit activities and information security effectiveness, fraud in online environments, and management

control systems for corporate sustainability. He currently serves as an associate editor at the *Journal of Forensic Accounting Research*. Bill received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin and his MBA from Syracuse University. Prior to entering graduate school at the University of Texas, he served on the audit staff of Deloitte.

Learning Objectives & Program Content:

This program will discuss cases of CPAs who have behaved unethically. We will discuss ways for you and your friends to keep from being victimized by such individuals. We will also talk about what to do if you find yourself headed down a "slippery slope" to unethical actions.

Field of Study: Ethics

Program Level: Basic

Program Prerequisites/Advance

Preparation: None

Instructional Delivery Method: Group Live

Recommended Amount of CPE Credit: 1 credit hour

Administrative Policies: Please respond to the invite. Meals will be individual bills. If you would like to make or cancel a reservation and did not receive a separate invite, please send an email to Annmarie Kurtenbach at

Annmarie.kurtenbach@gmail.com. For more information regarding administrative policies



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow – it's March – a time for basketball playoffs, warmer weather, and of course tax season. I encourage each of us to take time to balance our lives with a mix of work and enjoyable past-times. Even with the busy tax season that many accountants are in the middle of now, take a break and enjoy a basketball game or a walk in the warmer weather. It's amazing how a refreshing break can give the answer to an issue you were wrestling with even though you were not consciously thinking about it during the break. It works for me - try it and see if it will work for you!

Congratulations to Cindy Sippel for receiving the Founders Day Award from our chapter! She has been and continues to be an instrumental member of this chapter as shown in the article shared on our [Ames Facebook page](#).

This month we've been promoting our scholarship opportunities and plan to have some deserving applicants to award our scholarship funds to this year.

Take a break and join us for our next meeting Tuesday, March 10th. Our program,

“CPAs Gone Bad” promises to be an interesting program. This is a great opportunity for a mixed evening providing an educational program, sharing accounting issues and/or questions, and getting to know other chapter members. I look forward to seeing you there!

Catherine (Kate) A. Mulder

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

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Membership Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2020

Call to Order:

The February Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Catherine (Kate) Mulder at 7:07 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at the Iowa Stater Restaurant at 2100 Green Hills Drive in Ames, Iowa. Those in attendance were members Kate Mulder, Margaret Munson, Annmarie Kurtenbach, Kayla Sander, Lisa Palmersheim, Karen Jacobson, Cyndie Jeffrey, Cheryl Carlile, and Cindy Sippel. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Karen make a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2019 membership meeting



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as printed in the bulletin. Margaret seconded the motion that was approved.

Treasurer's Report and Budget:

The Treasurer's Reports for September, October, November, December and January were presented by Lisa. The reports will be placed on file for review.

The meeting was suspended at 7:12 for dinner and resumed at 7:32.

Committee Reports

Membership: Current membership stands at 22. The next networking lunch will be on February 20 at Great Harvest. The change in dues payments to a common renewal date will take effect this year. National is holding a series of training on growing AFWA chapters. Margaret and Lisa listened to the call held today on ideas to get new members involved. Virtual meetings were mentioned as an option for chapters. We discussed reaching out to the Young Professionals of Ames.

Programs: We have a full list of programs for the remainder of the year. Bill Dilla will be presenting in March. The April meeting will be at Danfoss presented by Rod Mumm. We discussed opening the April meeting to others including the MAcc students and the Young Professionals of Ames.

Bulletin: No report

Scholarship: The deadline of scholarship application is March 6. We noted that students can apply for the National scholarship themselves. They do not need to go through the chapter to apply. The application has been updated for the current year and has been sent to ISU, DMAcc, Buena Vista University, Marshalltown CC. We discussed the possibility of changing the deadline for the scholarship and moving it up to the fall with the decision being made before the end of the fall semester. We thought there may be more applications if the deadline was in the fall. Cheryl made a motion to move the scholarship deadline for next year to the fall. Kayla seconded the motion which was approved.

Social media: Upcoming events will be posted on Facebook. The scholarship application will also be posted on social media.

Webmaster: No report

Old Business:

Founder's Day Award: The Founder's Day Award was presented to Cindy Sippel.

New Business:

2020-21 Nominating Committee: Cindy Sippel and Cheryl Carlile will be on the nominating committee. Karen has volunteered to be on the scholarship committee. Kayla has volunteered to



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continue on the program committee. Since she has already served two years on program, we discussed the by-laws. The by-laws state that officers can only serve two terms in their office. Since program was not specifically named as an officer, we determined there was enough latitude in the by-laws to allow her to continue on program.

2020-21 Chapter dues rates: Karen moved that we make no changes to the chapter dues rates for the coming year. Cindy seconded the motion which was approved.

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sippel
Secretary

- d. Scholarship
- e. Social Media
- f. Webmaster
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Nominating Committee
- 7. New Business
- 8. Announcements
- 9. Adjournment

MEMBER NEWS



Pictured from left to right: Margaret Munson, Cindy Sippel, and Catherine (Kate) Mulder

MARCH 2020 MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Quorum (30%)
- 3. Approval of Minutes – February 2020
- 4. Treasurer’s Report
- 5. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership
 - b. Programs
 - c. Bulletin

At the membership meeting on Tuesday, February 11th, Cindy Sippel was presented with the Founder’s Day Award by members Margaret Munson and Kate Mulder. Cindy Sippel joined AFWA and the Ames Chapter in February 1992. She served as Publicity Chair for the 1992-1993 Chapter year and hasn’t stopped



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since. She has been an officer or a committee member 26 of the 28 years she was eligible. She has held most of the Chapter offices and has served on all the standing committees – publicity, program, membership, bulletin, and scholarship.

Cindy was instrumental in the decision to continue the Chapter during a low point in the mid-1990's and she encouraged us again in 2010's, including serving a fourth term as president. It is believed that we would not exist as a chapter today without her staunch support. She has played a key role in the success of the Chapter every year that she has been a member.

Cindy has hosted many of our holiday parties and annual planning meetings, graciously welcoming us into her home. She has built on Chapter traditions, like the White House ornament for the holiday gift exchange that was started by the late Beverly Wandling, and has helped position the Chapter to move forward into 2020 and beyond.

For her consistent and continuing contributions to the Chapter, the Ames Chapter of AFWA was pleased to present

Cindy Sippel with our Founder's Day Award.

NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Networking Lunch	Restaurant	Location
Friday, March 27	Provisions Lot F	2400 N Loop Dr, Ames
Monday, April 27	Flame and Skewer	2801 Grand Ave (North Grand Mall)
Thursday, May 21	Stomping Grounds	303 Welch Ave, Ames
Tuesday, June 23	Café Beaudelaire	2504 Lincoln Way, Ames

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

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started." – Mark Twain



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2019-2020 OFFICERS

President: Catherine (Kate) Mulder

Vice President: Margaret Munson

Secretary: Cindy Sippel

Treasurer: Lisa Palmersheim

Past President: Cindy Sippel

Program: Jan Duffy
Kayla Sander

Program Coordinator: Ann Kurtenbach

Publicity: Lisa Palmersheim

Membership: Margaret Munson

Newsletter: Jaimie Williamson

Scholarship: Anne Clem (Chair)
Cheryl Carlile
Lisa Palmersheim

Webmaster: Margaret Munson