



July 2020

Ames Chapter #158

# THE SPOKESWOMAN

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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

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Please join us and bring ideas for our 2020-2021 programs. The meeting link will be sent to those members who RSVP directly 48 hours before the day of the meeting.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! It's July again and, 2020-2021 is the start of our 30<sup>th</sup> year as a chapter. This chapter year promises a continuation of the special challenges we have been facing since the start of the calendar year. This chapter exists for us to draw support from and to provide support for each other, personally and professionally. Thank you.

Our meetings have historically had three main components: professional development through leadership and networking opportunities in the organization,

professional development through continuing professional education (CPE), and social.

At this month's planning meeting, we will review our goals for last year, set goals for 2020-2021, suggest programs, and catch up with each other. We will also discuss a new schedule for our scholarship application process.

We had two primary chapter goals for last year: (1) increasing membership, and, (2) providing continuing professional education (CPE) as a major component of our meetings.

We failed to meet our membership goal. We had 22 members on July 1, 2019. As of June 30, 2020, we had 19 members, a net loss of three.

We met our CPE goal. We had eight terrific speakers who provided CPE at our meetings, meeting our goal of 6-8 hours despite cancelling April meeting because of the coronavirus. We held virtual meetings in May (CPE program only) and June (CPE and business meeting).

We held a virtual networking luncheon in June (thanks, Jan) and were able to hold a few in person luncheons pre-pandemic. We hope for more virtual networking luncheons in the future.



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In September 2019, we changed our meeting night to the second Tuesday of the month hoping that the revised meeting day would enable more members to be involved in person at our meetings. We had no quorum in July and August prior to the change of meeting night.

We had no business meetings in October, December because of the joint meeting and holiday party. Our April meeting was entirely cancelled. We held our first virtual program in May, but did not include networking or a business meeting. With virtual meetings likely in our future, we need to discuss how (or whether) to include virtual networking and chapter business meetings along with programs for CPE.

As always, July is a chance to make whatever contributions we can to our chapter scholarship fund. Please send any donations to chapter treasurer Cindy Sippel, 1034 NE Aspen Circle Ankeny, IA 50021.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our virtual annual planning meeting at 6:30 pm on July 14.

Stay safe,  
Margaret

## JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Ames Chapter #158  
Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2020

### Call to Order:

The June Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Catherine (Kate) Mulder at 7:58 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, on the Zoom call. Those in attendance were members Kate Mulder, Margaret Munson, Annmarie Kurtenbach, Kayla Sander, Lisa Palmersheim, Karen Jacobson, Jan Duffy, Cheryl Carlile, and Cindy Sippel. A quorum was present.

### Minutes

Cheryl made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2020 membership meeting as printed in the bulletin. Annmarie seconded the motion that was approved.

### Treasurer's Report and Budget:

Lisa reported that the balance in the general fund was \$6,745.50. The scholarship fund has a balance of \$5,832.66. Of this balance, \$3,600 is restricted for the Kathy Strum scholarship and \$1,000 is allocated to the scholarship winner for this year. The remaining balance is unrestricted. The treasurer's report will be placed on file for review.



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**Membership:** Current membership stands at 19.

### Old Business:

**2020-2021 Nominating Committee:** We discussed the proposed slate of officers. Kate volunteered to be secretary, if needed. Jan volunteered to set up the networking lunches for membership.

Jan made a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented. Karen seconded the motion which was approved.

### 2020-2021 Officers

President	Margaret Munson
Vice President	Cheryl Carlile
Secretary	Catherine (Kate) Mulder
Treasurer	Cindy Sippel
Past President	Catherine (Kate) Mulder
Program	Kayla Sander
Program Coordinator	Annmarie Kurtenbach
Publicity	Lisa Palmersheim
Membership	Jan Duffy
Newsletter	Jaimie Williamson
Scholarship	Karen Jacobson
	Penny Strum
	Cheryl Carlile
	Cindy Sippel
Webmaster	Jaimie Williamson

### New Business:

**Member of the Year:** Please send any nominations for member of the year to Margaret Munson.

**Fall AFWA Conference:** The fall AFWA conference scheduled for Chicago, October 28-30 was discussed. A question was asked if there was any word on whether the conference would be held on site as scheduled.

**July Planning meeting:** The July planning meeting will be a virtual meeting. Kayla will set it up.

### Installation of Officers

Outgoing president Kate Mulder thanked everyone who served this past year. She then installed the officers for the coming year and congratulated the new officers.

### Announcements:

None

### Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Sippel  
Secretary



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### JULY 2020 MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes - June
4. Treasurer's Report
5. New Business
  - a. 2020-2021 Chapter Planning
    1. Goals
    2. Programs
  - b. Scholarship Schedule
  - c. Business Meeting Schedule
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment



### July Scholarship Drive

Normally we collect money for the scholarship at the July planning meeting. Since the meeting will be held virtually this year, we would still like to raise money for the scholarship fund. We are considering changing the schedule in order to make a spring semester award and a gift now can help with that. Please send your checks for the scholarship fund to the treasurer, Cindy Sippel, 1034 NE Aspen Circle, Ankeny, IA 50021. Thank you for supporting the Beverly Wandling Scholarship!

### 2020-2021 OFFICERS

- President: Margaret Munson  
[president@amesafwa.org](mailto:president@amesafwa.org)
- Vice President: Cheryl Carlile  
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- Secretary: Catherine (Kate) Mulder  
[secretary@amesafwa.org](mailto:secretary@amesafwa.org)
- Treasurer: Cindy Sippel  
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Penny Strum  
Cheryl Carlile  
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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” – John Quincy Adams

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