



March 2021

Ames Chapter #158

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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

Chapter Roundtable: COVID-19 Impacts in Accounting Related Fields

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

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

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

COVID-19 has impacted all of us significantly over the past year, and it is a great time to learn from each other. Please join us to share and discuss how COVID-19 has impacted you in your professional role and your company.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is starting to feel like spring! We are enjoying the beautiful weather after all that cold and snow. (Although my 8-year-old grandson is sad that the snow is going away.)

I started filling out our taxes yesterday. It always reminds me why I did not become a

tax accountant. I hope those of you who did have time to enjoy the challenge.

Spring also means it is time to fill our board for the year starting in July. If you have not already, please let Kate know what role you would like to have.

I am looking forward to our virtual meeting next Tuesday. See you there.

Margaret

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum (30%)
3. Approval of Minutes – February 2021
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership
 - b. Programs
 - c. Bulletin
 - d. Scholarship
 - e. Publicity
 - f. Webmaster
6. Old Business
 - a. Nominating Committee
 - b. National Dues Simplicity Subcommittee
7. New Business
8. Announcements
 - a. Chapter Chat | Corporate and Affiliate Membership: "Selling



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- a. AFWA in Your Community.” |
March 30, 2021 12:00PM EST
- b. AFWA Connect.Advance.Lead.
Conference | June 17-18, 2021
- c. 2021 Women Who Count
Conference | Oct. 20-22
- d. Other

9. Adjournment

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

The event was held February 9, 2021 as a Zoom meeting with 7 people in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President, Margaret Munson at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were Cheryl Carlile, Jan Duffy, Karen Jacobson, Catherine (Kate) Mulder, Margaret Munson, Kayla Sander, and Cindy Sippel. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Jan Duffy moved we approve the November 2020 meeting minutes as printed in the bulletin. Cindy Sippel seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Karen Jacobson moved we approve the December 2020 meeting minutes as printed in the bulletin. Cindy Sippel seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's report

Cindy Sippel provided November, December and January reports. As of January 31, 2021,

the general fund balance was \$6,947.62 and the scholarship fund balance was \$5,033.08. Of the scholarship fund, \$3,600.00 is restricted for the Kathleen M Strum scholarship with the remaining balance of \$1,433.08 unrestricted. The \$300 donation to the Educational Foundation was sent in November. Cindy will revise reports to show the \$300 Educational Donation in the Year To Date column and resend reports to the membership.

The revised Treasurer's report will be placed on file for chapter inspection.

Committee Reports

Membership The chapter has 20 members. Jan Duffy will begin setting up networking lunches again.

Programs – Kayla asked for program suggestions.

March - Cindy suggested a membership round table discussion of how Covid has affected people. Discussion of the PPP program changes was also suggested.

April - Danfoss tour. With Covid, it will be changed to present the Danfoss fraud story virtually.

May - Jim Summers – Negotiating

June – Diversity & Inclusion – Jan Duffy

Bulletin – Watch for Jaimie's emails.

Scholarship – Cheryl Carlile, Chair, reported activity. Cindy updated applications,



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Margaret updated website; Cheryl sent scholarship apps to DMACC, Marshalltown; Buena Vista and ISU. It was suggested to make it easier to complete applications, we may want to use Google docs to make the application a fillable pdf next year. Deadline for this year's scholarship application is March 5, 2021.

Social Media – No activity. Margaret will try to post more information.

Webmaster – Jaimie Williamson is having trouble uploading to the website. Margaret is helping by uploading information while they look into a solution that will allow Jaimie to upload information.

Old Business

a. *National Dues Simplicity Sub-committee*
As our chapter representative on the above sub-committee, Margaret has attended one of the National meetings. National feels that they are losing new members when chapter dues come up at the bottom of the application online. Just moving the chapter dues to the top of the application is apparently not a simple solution. National thinks applying for membership will be simpler with less levels of chapter dues. All membership dues were supposed to be moved to 6/30 renewals, but due to program complications that has not been done. Perhaps chapter dues simplification will be rolled into the 6/30 renewal update. Margaret will attend the next

meeting at end of February and update us after that.

New Business

a. *Nominating Committee – Immediate Past President (Kate) + 2*
Catherine (Kate) Mulder, as Past President will chair the committee. Jan Duffy volunteered to help on committee. Volunteers to fill board positions are:
President – Cheryl Carlile
Past President – Margaret Munson
Treasurer – Cindy Sippel
Secretary – Margaret Munson
Scholarship – Karen Jacobson, Chair
Cindy Sippel

Anyone interested in filling a board position should contact Kate Mulder or Jan Duffy.

Announcements

a. *National Free CPE Webinars* – Members discussed continuing to offer free CPE to other AFWA members on our Zoom meetings. The membership agreed to continue this practice.
b. *IRS Liason* – Karen Brehmer is retiring at the end of February. We will have a new liason but don't know who that is yet.
c. ISU Analytics conference in April.
d. Mary Feeney Bonawitz passed at the end of December. She will be missed.
e. Lisa Palmersheim's grandfather passed away. We extend our condolences to her and her family.



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f. Kayla's mother-in-law was struck by a truck when walking in December. She is making progress and is now able to converse with family and learning to walk again. She should be able to go home soon.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**AFWA – Ames Chapter Nominating Committee
For year 2021-2022**

Nominating Committee – Catherine (Kate) Mulder, Chair and Jan Duffy

President	Cheryl Carlile
Vice President	
Secretary	Margaret Munson
Treasurer	Cindy Sippel
Past President	Margaret Munson
Program	Jennifer Sturgill (with Kayla Sander's help)
Program Coordinator	Ann Kurtenbach
Membership/Publicity	Lisa Palmersheim
Newsletter	
Scholarship	Karen Jacobson, Chair Cindy Sippel Anne Clem
Webmaster	

NETWORKING LUNCH SCHEDULE

March 26th

April 28th

May 26th

June 28th

All networking lunches will be virtual

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“You must prune to bloom. If the dead weight is not pruned and removed, it compromises the quality, performance, and output of the vine. When you prune what's not working in your life, you make the space and place for renewal to happen and for new growth to spring forth.”

- Suzan C. Young

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