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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

Iowa Small Business Resources, Overview of America's SBDC Iowa

Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m. Networking

5:30 p.m. Program

6:30 p.m. Business Meeting

Location: The Iowa Stater*

Presenter: Stacey Dryer & Jenica Johnson

Learning Objectives & Program

Content: America's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Iowa is a public-private partnership that leverages the resources of government, higher education and the business community to assist Iowa's businesses to grow and be successful. Operating fifteen regional business assistance centers that are hosted by the three Iowa Regent institutions, ten community colleges and one regional economic development entity; all coordinated through the state center at Iowa State University. Each regional center encourages unique local efforts, region to region and community to

community, to meet small business needs throughout the state.

Representatives from America's SBDC Iowa will discuss the portfolio of resources available for starting and growing a small business including: business registrations, counseling, training and succession planning. The discussion will also include what qualifies an entity as a small business (federal guidelines and qualification) and unique challenges small businesses faced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Field of Study: Management Services

Program Level: Basic

Program Prerequisites/Advance

Preparation: None

Instructional Delivery Method: Group Live

Recommended Amount of CPE Credit: 1 credit hour

*Note: There will be an online option via Zoom



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I know it is technically still Summer, but I feel Fall approaching quickly, especially with the hummingbirds visiting my feeders lately. I love this time of year – for me it is getting back to “normal” with the kids back in school and the beginning of football season. Hopefully, everyone’s off to a great start, despite the resurgence of COVID-19 cases. As we forge ahead, let us focus on building membership. Since we now have a virtual option, the sky is the limit! Focusing on what AFWA means to us like why we joined and what we gain from being a member are some of the talking points to share with any prospective members. Ask them what they would be looking for from an organization like ours. I challenge you to be brave and ask that one person you have thought might benefit from belonging or reach out to former members that may have more time now that their children are older or because they are in retirement. Let’s think about any potential volunteer opportunities we can participate in to gain exposure. Thanks to all of you for your contributions and especially to the Program committee for a great lineup this year. I apologize that I won’t be able to attend this meeting in person as I will be back in Oklahoma for the second (and hopefully final) round of the “Let’s Move Mom” show”. Until our meeting....
Take Care,
Cheryl Carlile

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum (30% of 19 active members)
3. Approval of Minutes – August 2021
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership/Publicity - Lisa
 - b. Programs - Jenny
 - c. Scholarship - Karen
 - d. Newsletter - Jaimie
 - e. Webmaster - Jaimie
6. Old Business
 - a. By-laws - National approved revision
 - b. Meeting time change
7. New Business
8. Announcements
 - a. National Events Update
9. Adjournment

AMES CHAPTER BYLAWS

Our membership approved a proposed change to the Ames Chapter Bylaws (see below for the language) at our July meeting.

Every attempt will be made to fill officer positions so that no officer shall serve more than two [2] consecutive terms in the same office. However, due to the limited number of active members, any officer position, except the Treasurer, may be filled with a member who has already served two [2] consecutive terms in the same office. (Chapter approved)



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The bylaws, including the change, were sent to National for their approval. National's Executive Committee prefers the following language to the change we submitted:

No officer shall be eligible to serve more than two [2] consecutive terms in the same office, except when, after diligent recruitment efforts have failed to secure a new candidate and when the continuity of the Chapter is at risk. This exception shall not apply to the position of Treasurer. (From National)

The language proposed by National will be presented for a membership vote at the September meeting, following the 30-day notice to members sent by email on July 30, 2021.

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance
 Ames Chapter #158
 Membership Meeting
 August 10, 2021

The monthly membership meeting was held August 10, 2021, at the IowaStater Restaurant in Ames with eight attendees in person and one virtual attendee. The meeting was called to order by President, Cheryl Carlile at 7:02 pm. Those in attendance were Cheryl Carlile, Carla Danielson, Karen Jacobson, Annmarie Kurtenbach, Catherine

(Kate) Mulder, Margaret Munson, Kayla Sander, Cindy Sippel, and Jenny Sturgill. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Jenny Sturgill moved and Karen Jacobson seconded that June 2021 minutes and July 2021 minutes be approved as printed in the bulletin. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

Cindy Sippel presented the Treasurer's report. The chapter has a balance in the general fund of \$7,055.92 and \$5,283.34 in the scholarship fund. Of the scholarship fund, \$3,600.00 is restricted for the Kathleen M Strum scholarship and \$1,500 is payable for 2020-2021 scholarships leaving an unrestricted balance of \$183.34 in the scholarship fund.

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

Old Business

a. *Bylaws:* Proposed changes to the chapter bylaws were sent to National. The National Executive Committee proposed alternate language which was emailed to members on July 30, 2021. The revised language will be voted on at the September membership meeting.

New Business

a. *Meeting time:* Because the meeting room at the IowaStater closes at 8 pm, membership meeting times will be changed to:

5:00 to 5:30 pm Networking

5:30 to 6:30 pm Program



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- 6:30 pm Dinner and Business Meeting
b. *Joint meeting:* Jenny Sturgill and Kayla Sander are working on details of the joint meeting with the Des Moines Chapter.

Committee Reports

Membership Cindy Sippel reported that we have 19 active members.

Programs: Jenny Sturgill and Kayla Sander are finishing the planning for the year.

2020-2021 Member of the Year

President Cheryl Carlile presented Kayla Sander with her award as 2020-2021 member of the year.

Announcements

AFWA Virtual Chapter meeting- This month's event is a Round Robin Speed Networking Event on August 17 at 7pm EST. Registration is available on the National Website

<https://www.afwa.org/events/>

Intermediate Accounting- 1.5 CPE | August 24 12-1:30pm EST. Registration is available on the National

Website. <https://www.afwa.org/events/>

Women Who Count 2021 Virtual Conference- October 18-22. Early bird registration ends September 1, 2021. Registration is available on the National Website.

<https://www.afwa.org/events/>

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Munson
Secretary

MEETING DATES 2021-2022

September 14, 2021
October 12, 2021
November 9, 2021
December 14, 2021
February 8, 2022
March 8, 2022
April 12, 2022
May 10, 2022
June 14, 2022

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“By all these lovely tokens, September days are here. With summer’s best of weather and autumn’s best of cheer.” – Helen Hunt Jackson



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