



December 2021

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

### Ames AFWA Holiday Party

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Cindy Sippel's home  
1034 NE Aspen Circle  
Ankeny, IA

Please join us for the Christmas party at Cindy Sippel's home. We will be having a potluck dinner and will accept contributions to the scholarship fund. Cindy will be preparing chicken and noodles with mashed potatoes. Salads, appetizers, bread, wine, desserts, or whatever you like are welcome. We ask that everyone put what they are bringing in their invite response. Bring a white elephant gift for the gift exchange.

Directions to Cindy's house: Cindy lives right off Delaware in Ankeny, so if you are coming from the north or the south take Delaware to NE Fountain View Blvd. (it is between NE 9th St and NE 15th St) Right after you enter the development, you will

take a right onto NE Fountain View Dr. Then take another right onto NE Aspen Circle. Cindy's home has a flag pole in the front yard. Feel free to park in the driveway. If you are having trouble finding Cindy's home her cell is 515-450-8670.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's December, even though the weather doesn't feel like it! I am glad of that even though the snow would certainly be good for the earth and provide a more appropriate seasonal feel for Iowa. Here's hoping that you are having a great time preparing for the holidays. I'm looking forward to our Holiday get together at Cindy's this year and hope to see you all there. It's great to be returning to semi-normal in-person activities! Thank you, Cindy for always being such a gracious host for this event.

Happy Holidays!  
Cheryl Carlile

## NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance  
Ames Chapter #158  
Membership Meeting  
November 9, 2021

The monthly membership meeting was held November 9, 2021, at **Jethro's BBQ** in Ames with eight attendees in person and one virtual attendee. The meeting was called to



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order by President, Cheryl Carlile at 7:42 pm. Those in attendance were Cheryl Carlile, Carla Danielson, Annmarie Kurtenbach, Catherine (Kate) Mulder, Margaret Munson, Lisa Palmersheim, Kayla Sander, Cindy Sippel, and Jenny Sturgill. A quorum was present.

### **Minutes**

A proposed amendment to the September minutes was printed in the November bulletin. Cindy Sippel moved and Kate Mulder seconded that the September minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's report**

Cindy Sippel presented the Treasurer's report. The chapter has a balance in the general fund of \$7,012.84 and \$3,983.39 in the scholarship fund. Of the scholarship fund, \$3,600.00 is restricted for the Kathleen M Strum scholarship, leaving an unrestricted balance of \$383.39 in the scholarship fund. The Treasurer's report will be placed on file for chapter inspection.

A question was asked about the timing of dues receipts from National. Cindy will look at the dues report that is available from National.

### **Committee Reports**

*Membership:* Lisa Palmersheim reported that the chapter has 17 members.

*Programs:* Jenny Sturgill asked whether future meetings should be held at Jethro's BBQ in Ames. Those attending indicated the venue is fine. Jenny will reserve the room for future meetings once Jethro's opens their 2022 calendar for reservations. The speaker for February has agreed to speak. She has speakers lined up for the rest of the year but not all are committed at this time. If members have suggestions for speakers and topics, please let Jenny know.

Cindy Sippel has agreed to host the holiday party in December.

*Scholarship:* Cindy Sippel reported that there were no applications for the Kathleen M. Strum Memorial Scholarship. There was one fine candidate for the Beverly M. Wandling Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship committee recommends one \$1,000 scholarship be awarded to Marissa Robinson. Annmarie Kurtenbach moved and Lisa Palmersheim seconded that a \$1,000 scholarship be awarded to Marissa Robinson for spring 2022. Annmarie and Lisa accepted a friendly amendment to the motion, adding that funds be transferred from the general fund to make up the difference if the unrestricted balance in the scholarship fund is less than \$1,000 at the time funds are to be expended. Amended motion carried.

There was a silent auction fund-raiser at the November meeting. Results of the auction



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will be reported at the next meeting. The silent auction will supplement the normal July/December fund-raising for the scholarships.

### Old Business

- a. *National Dues Simplicity Subcommittee:* Margaret Munson reported that the subcommittee met September 22 to continue discussions about the complexities of the current chapter dues system and to look for ways to reduce complexity and confusion. The subcommittee is seeking feedback from chapters about consolidating the dues rates for some member classes. The subcommittee suggested the following groupings: 1) regular and affiliate; (2) student, associate, and retired; and (3) emeritus at \$0 for all chapters.

The Ames Chapter has three separate 2021-2022 dues amounts for the six member classes: \$20 for regular, affiliate, and associate members; \$5 for student and retired members; and \$0 for emeritus members. The article in the bulletin incorrectly reported associate dues at \$5. National has been notified that a report they issued in September 2021 is inconsistent with the dues form submitted by the chapter in December 2020 for the current year. Discussion

indicated that chapter members are fine with the dues structure of the chapter currently.

- b. *Chapter Dues for 2021-2022:* President Carlile noted that chapter dues for the upcoming year are due at national by February 1, 2022, and this is the last regular business meeting before the due date. Kate Mulder moved and Cindy Sippel seconded that the chapter dues be the same as last year: \$20 for regular, affiliate, and associate members; \$5 for student and retired members; and \$0 for emeritus members. Motion carried.

### New Business

No new business.

### Announcements

*Women Who Count 2021 Virtual Conference:*

October 18-22. Reduced rates end October 8, 2021. Kayla Sander and Kate Mulder attended some CPE sessions. Both said sessions were worth-while.

*AFWA National Business Meeting:*

November 17, 2021, at 2 pm EST. Registration is open.

*ISU Contemporary Issues in Accounting:*

Registration is open for the in-person conference to be held December 17, 2021.



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## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Munson  
Secretary

## **SEPTEMBER AMENDED MEETING MINUTES**

Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance  
Ames Chapter #158  
Membership Meeting  
September 14, 2021  
Amended November 9, 2021

The monthly membership meeting was held September 14, 2021, at the IowaStater Restaurant in Ames with four attendees in person and two virtual attendees. The meeting was called to order by President, Cheryl Carlile at 6:33 pm. Those in attendance were Cheryl Carlile, Karen Jacobson, Margaret Munson, Lisa Palmersheim, Kayla Sander, and Cindy Sippel. A quorum was present.

## **Minutes**

Karen Jacobson noted that the scholarship committee report was omitted from the August minutes published in the bulletin and proposed that the minutes be amended to show that the committee intends move the application to the fall, with a goal of approving awards at the November meeting.

The committee will also seek ideas for fundraising. Karen Jacobson moved and Cindy Sippel seconded that the August minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

## **Treasurer's report**

Cindy Sippel presented the Treasurer's report. The chapter has a balance in the general fund of \$7,032.80 and \$3,883.37 in the scholarship fund. Of the scholarship fund, \$3,600.00 is restricted for the Kathleen M Strum scholarship. \$1,500 was paid in August for 2020-2021 scholarships leaving an unrestricted balance of \$283.37 in the scholarship fund. An additional donation of \$100 has been received for the Wandling Scholarship so far in September. The Treasurer's report will be placed on file for chapter inspection.

## **Committee Reports**

*Membership:* Lisa Palmersheim reported on several topics.

- a. Networking luncheons. After discussion, members agreed to try virtual networking luncheons for the time being.
- b. National has called a mandatory meeting for chapter membership chairs. Lisa Palmersheim plans to attend the virtual meeting September 29, at 1 pm CST. Cheryl Carlile will attend if Lisa cannot. The membership handbook



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distributed in advance of this meeting was sent out with the bulletin this month. Lisa asked chapter members to review the handbook and to let her know of their ideas regarding recruitment and retention for our chapter.

- c. The chapter Facebook page is getting good reach. Lisa is sharing with other local groups and hopes to continue to grow the audience.
- d. Lisa will follow up with chapter scholarship winners to encourage them to join. Karen Jacobson reported that 2020-2021 chapter scholarship winner Audrey Wagner was awarded a National scholarship, as well. Cindy Sippel will send contact information for the scholarship winners to Lisa.
- e. Lisa reported that we have 17 active members, and that long-time member Brenda O'Neall-Smith regrets she will not be renewing.

*Programs:* Kayla Sander reported that she and Jenny Sturgill are finishing the planning for the year. Since the IowaStater is closed on Tuesday evenings, they will seek alternative in-person locations. Meeting times will be reset. (see below)

The October meeting is joint with the Des Moines chapter and will be a hybrid meeting, with Old Chicago in Ankeny as the in-person location. The speaker will be Jamie Sass, Director of Ivy Writing and Speaking Center, Iowa State University.

More information about the programs for the rest of the year and about the location and/or format for the November meeting will be forthcoming.

Cindy Sippel volunteered to host the Holiday Party in December.

Meeting times will be reset to:

5:30 to 6:00 pm Networking  
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm Program  
7:00 pm Dinner and Business Meeting

*Scholarship:* Karen Jacobson and Cindy Sippel discussed the revised schedule for the scholarship application process. They will distribute revised applications this week, with an application deadline of October 18. The committee will review the applications and make a recommendation at the November membership meeting. They are working on some amendments to the requirements for the Strum scholarship.

There will be a silent auction fund-raiser at the November meeting. Anyone with item(s) to contribute to the auction should let



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Cindy Sippel know the details by November 1. Include a picture, if possible. The silent auction is intended to supplement the normal July/December fund-raising.

### **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. Margaret Munson moved, and Cindy Sippel seconded, that the language proposed by National be approved by the chapter. Motion carried. Margaret Munson will send the revised chapter bylaws to National for their records and will make sure they are posted to the chapter website.
- b. *Meeting time:*  
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### **New Business**

#### *National Dues Simplicity Subcommittee:*

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### **Announcements**

#### *Women Who Count 2021 Virtual Conference*

October 18-22. Reduced rates end October 8, 2021. Registration is available on the National Website.

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

#### *ISU Contemporary Issues in Accounting*

Watch for more information

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Munson  
Secretary

### **SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

Congratulations to Marissa Robinson of Iowa State University who was recently awarded a \$1,000 Beverly M. Wandling Memorial Scholarship for the spring semester.

### **MEETING DATES 2021-2022**

February 8, 2022  
March 8, 2022  
April 12, 2022  
May 10, 2022  
June 14, 2022



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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The questions you ask are more important than the things you could ever say.”

– Thomas Freese

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