



September 2023

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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

"Blockchain, Bitcoin & Cryptocurrency"

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Time: 5:30 p.m. Networking

6:00 p.m. Program

7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Location: Old Chicago

1610 S Kellogg Ave

Ames, IA

AFWA Presentation Online by Jason B. Freeman, J.D., CPA of Freeman Law, PLLC

Jason Freeman is a dual credentialed attorney (J.D.) and CPA, an author, professor of law and a trial attorney. Additionally, Jason is the founding and managing member of Freeman Law PLLC, representing clients in litigation and disputes with a focus on

federal and state tax controversies, as well as white collar and financial disputes (both criminal and civil). He also assists clients with tax compliance.

Learning Objectives and Program Content: Mr. Freeman has presented on Blockchain, Bitcoin & Cryptocurrency to the AFWA national audience. We will watch the presentation and discuss it as a chapter group.

Field of Study: Information Technology

Program Level: Basic

Program Prerequisites/Advance

Preparation: None

Instructional Delivery Method: Group Internet

Recommended Amount of CPE Credit: 1 credit hour

Administrative Policies: Please respond to the Evite by Monday, September 11th.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm just getting back to work after 6 days off. My daughter got married and my son was home to visit. I forget sometimes how good it can be for my motivation to just take a break. It's good to clear your mind and come back to work refreshed with a new outlook. I feel less stressed and more



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positive about my goals. I'm hoping each of you can do the same at some point this year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting.

Carla

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum (30% of 19 active members=6)
3. Approval of Minutes – August 2023
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership/Publicity
 - b. Programs
 - c. Scholarship
 - d. Newsletter
 - e. Webmaster
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Announcements
9. Adjournment

AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance
Ames Chapter #158
Membership Meeting
August 8, 2023

Call to Order:

The August Membership Meeting of the Ames Chapter #158 was called to order by President Carla Danielson at 7:33 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at Old Chicago in Ames, Iowa. Those in attendance were members Kate Mulder, Jan Duffy, Karen Jacobson, Carla Danielson, Jenny Sturgill and Cindy Sippel. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Kate made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2023 membership meeting as printed in the bulletin. Jenny seconded the motion that was approved.

Treasurer's Report and Budget:

There was no formal financial report for July, however Cheryl noted in an email prior to the meeting that the only activity was interest on the accounts for July. The balance in the general fund was \$5,076.22. The scholarship fund has a balance of \$3,839.47. Of this balance, \$2,350 is restricted for the Kathy Strum scholarship and the remaining balance of \$1,489.47 is available for the Beverly Wandling Memorial Scholarship.



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Committee Reports:

Membership/Publicity:

Cindy will send out a survey regarding networking lunches and what days work best and will then set up a schedule for the lunches and distribute.

Programs:

Diane Janvrin will be speaking at the joint meeting in October. Jenny will set up the September meeting. She proposed that the September meeting be online using one of the National CPE programs. We discussed that it may be easier to get speakers for online meetings.

Scholarship:

The scholarship applications have been updated for the new year and will be posted on the website. Jan has a basket to donate to the annual meeting if they are doing baskets. Jan will also check with Hilton to see if there are any fundraising activities that we could do there. The scholarship fund can use donations.

Newsletter:

No report.

Webmaster:

No report.

Old Business:

The only follow-up to the July planning meeting noted is that we continue to discuss whether to have in person or online meetings or a combination.

New Business:

AFWA Annual Meeting:

We no longer need to vote on delegates to represent the chapter since all conference attendees are delegates.

Announcements:

Registrations for the annual conference are currently \$100 off.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Sippel, Secretary



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2023-2024 OFFICERS

President: Carla Danielson

Vice President: Lisa Palmersheim

Secretary: Cindy Sippel

Treasurer: Cheryl Carlile

Programs: Jenny Sturgill / Kayla Sander

Program Coordinator: Ann Kurtenbach

Scholarship: Jan Duffy, Cindy Sippel, Cheryl Carlile

Membership/Publicity: Kate Mulder

Past President: Cheryl Carlile

Nominating Committee Chair: Cheryl Carlile

Bulletin: Margaret Munson

Webmaster: Margaret Munson

NETWORKING LUNCH SCHEDULE

Networking Lunch	Restaurant	Location
9/25/2023	West Towne Pub	4518 Mortensen Rd, Ames
10/23/2023	Wallaby's	2733 Stange Rd, Ames
11/27/2023	The Café	2616 Northridge Pkwy, Ames
12/18/2023	Aunt Maude's	547 Main St, Ames
1/15/2024	Cornbred Barbecue	523 Main St., Ames
2/26/2024	Applebees	105 Chestnut St, Ames
3/25/2024	Dublin Bay	320 S. 16th St, Ames
4/22/2024	Hickory Park	1404 S Duff Ave. Ames
5/20/2024	Brick City Grill	2640 Stange Rd, Ames
6/214/2024	Provisions Lot F	2400 N Loop Dr, Ames

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