

President's Message

Hi everyone!

I'm very excited to kick-off the 2009-2010 year for the Des Moines AGA Chapter! We have several CPE opportunities planned for our members. For example, "Lunch 'n Learns" and audio conferences will be offered each month, giving members an opportunity to earn up to 3 CPE hours per month!

The first Chapter meeting of the year will be a **combined** Lunch 'n Learn/audio conference on Wednesday, September 2. Our speaker will be Terry Rich, President/CEO of the Iowa Lottery and the audio conference is titled "Grants Management in Today's Environment". A Quizno's lunch will be offered.

We will also host a training seminar on May 19, 2010, which will provide a minimum of 5 hours of CPE. I'm very excited to inform you that our Chapter has contracted with Patrick Kuhse, a speaker on business ethics and critical thinking skills for the May 19th seminar. Patrick's presentation is titled "Prominence to Prison: Why Smart People Do Dumb Things". If you would like more information on Patrick, feel free to visit his website at www.speakingofethics.com. We are still working on the details for this seminar but don't forget to **SAVE THE DATE!!**

As always, if you become aware of other CPE opportunities that our Chapter should consider, please do not hesitate to bring them to our attention. Feel free to contact members on the CEC. The CEC members include: Cindy Weber, Valerie Wedgeworth, Patricia Townsend, Kim Knight, Natalie Storm, Brenda Loy, Janice Evans, Denise Ragias, Cheryl Mather and Michelle Wendel. Email addresses and phone numbers for CEC members are included in this newsletter.

I also want to let you know that we are currently working on our Chapter's website and hope to have it ready soon! We hope the changes will make the website more user-friendly and keep our members up to date on AGA events happening not only for our Chapter, but also at Regional and National levels.

And finally, *CONGRATULATIONS* to our Chapter for winning the following National awards:

- **Platinum status** which is the highest number of chapter recognition points possible for an AGA Chapter. Points are received for educational events (i.e. audio conferences), attendance at Chapter meetings, community service projects and so on.
- **First place** for newsletter.
- **Honorable mention** for website.

Great job to everyone involved and thank you for your efforts!!!

Cindy Weber, Chapter President

Sept. Events

Hoover Building
Level A, Room #6
Des Moines, IA

Wed., Sept. 2, 2009

11:30 — 1:00

Speaker

Terry Rich,
President/CEO,

Iowa Lottery Authority
"Creating New Ideas in
a Tough Economy"

Recommended CPE: 1 Hr

Bring your own lunch or
pre-order a Quizno's box
lunch.

1:00 — 2:50

Audio Conference

"Grants Management in
Today's Environment"

Recommended CPE: 2 Hrs

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AGA CEC August Meeting Minutes

President Cindy Weber opened the August 4, 2009 meeting of the Chapter Executive Committee. Other CEC members present were Natalie Storm, Kim Knight, Cheryl Mather, Janice Evans, Denise Ragias, Patricia Townsend and Valerie Wedgeworth. Also present was Rosemary Johnson.

Have we made arrangements for our compilation?

- A big thank you to Rosemary Johnson for performing the FY2009 compilation. One question was raised as a result of the compilation regarding what the \$50 State Fair bill was for.
- Rosemary has agreed to do the FY2010 compilation.

Cindy informed the CEC that Sue Battani will be unable to serve on the CEC for the year.

- Kim volunteered to contact Michelle Wendel to see if she would be interested in filling the Membership Director position in Sue's absence.

We need to set the location for the future Lunch 'n Learn/audio conferences – Knudsen Room or Hoover Building? Did anyone look into the Historical Building for the Lunch 'n Learns?

- Hoover has been reserved for September. Natalie will be checking out a laptop for use (Patricia agreed to be back-up).
- Natalie made a motion to have all audio conferences and lunch 'n learns, beginning December 16, 2009, in the Hoover Building except the May 19, 2010 training session. Valerie seconded. All agreed.
- Natalie is checking on availability of the training rooms in the Hoover Building so Valerie can release those we do not need in the Knudsen Room.
- The May 19, 2010 training session is tentatively scheduled to be in the Jessie Parker Grant Room. Valerie has this room reserved.
- The following lunch n' learns are combined with audio conferences: September 2, October 7 and March 3.

The speaker for the September 2 Lunch 'n Learn will be Terry Rich, President/CEO of the Iowa Lottery. Registrations for the September 2 lunch/audio conference will be due August 28, 2009. Who will handle the Quizno's order?

- Kim volunteered to do the Quizno's order.
- Previously, we got box lunches for \$5 + tax with a minimum order of 15. We have tipped the driver \$10/delivery.
- Place the order on Monday, August 31. Let John know the week before that we will be placing a large order and verify the rate is still \$5 + tax.

Future Lunch n' Learn speakers include: a financial planner (possibly in October); Michael Fitzgerald, Treasurer of State (date to be determined); Christie Maitre, IRS (January 2010).

- The financial planner could be Jamie McDermott or someone else.
- Other suggestions for speakers included – Jon Murphy, Governor's Office to speak on ARRA (maybe October); Patty Schroeder, Des Moines Schools to speak on ARRA (maybe in March)

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Possible May 2010 ethics speaker, Patrick Kuhse. Fee is \$1,500 plus expenses. Let's vote on this today so we can enter into an agreement/contract with him if that is what we want to do.

- A Contract Review Committee was established to review the Kuhse contract, prepare/develop an agenda, review the fee, etc as needed. Valerie, Cindy, Natalie and Kim volunteered to serve on the committee.
- Patricia made a motion (seconded by Janice) to have the May 19, 2010 speaker be Patrick Kuhse. All agreed.
- Valerie will contact Patrick and Contract Review Committee.

Denise Ragias passed the CGFM exam! Consider her for our scholarship.

- Congratulations Denise!!!
- A motion was made by Valerie (seconded by Natalie) to make the \$500 member scholarship to Denise for passing the CGFM in FY2009 to be paid in FY2010.

Approval of the budget for 2009-2010.

- Patricia, Kim, Natalie and Cindy participated on the Budget Committee and developed the budget that was handed out today.
- Janice is to research what the Scholarship Committee recommended for early careers. Was it 1 or 2 \$500 scholarships?
- We will need to amend the budget for having Patrick Kuhse at the May 2010 seminar because we are required to amend if we will exceed the budget by 1%.
- Natalie made a motion (seconded by Janice) to approve the budget as is. All agreed.

Monthly expenses (if any) and financial report presentation.

- August expenses: Pay Denise Ragias for the \$500 member scholarship
- Kim made a motion (seconded by Valerie) to approve the payment of August expenses. All agreed.

Procedures for paying for regional attendance (\$500 budget). I believe we need to open this up to all members and make them aware of this. Requests must be submitted in writing and approved by the CEC in advance. We are proposing to reimburse members who attend ARRA in K.C. on August 17 with this budget item.

- There was discussion that the one regional PDC that Mid-Mo puts on is only for CEC members. Overall cost to attend is \$400-\$500 per person.
- Kim made a motion (seconded by Natalie) to change the budget line to be for the ARRA-KC trip and allocate \$500 not to exceed the lesser of \$50 or actual expenses among those who attend. All agreed.
- Valerie will send out the agenda and the reimbursement form to all members. If the official agenda is not issued by National, she will send a "save the date" to members.

Expenses – other than normal operating expenses – should be approved by the CEC in advance. Also, propose that we use state rates/limits for all reimbursements. Should we revise our policies for this?

- Natalie made a motion (seconded by Janice) to use state rates and limits for all travel expenses. All agreed.

Newsletter articles are due to Kim by August 21. The newsletter will be sent out by August 28.

Patricia has been added as a second authorized signer on the checking account in the event the Treasurer is unavailable. Kim and Cindy have keys to the PO Box.

Procedures for no-shows at audio conferences.

- Valerie made a motion (seconded by Patricia) that if a paid registrant does not show up for an audio conference he/she can use that registration fee towards an upcoming audio conference through the end of that AGA fiscal year (April 30). All agreed.

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On-line registration – are we moving forward with this?

We are set up for September to have registration on-line, with payment by check. Individuals will still be able to mail registration forms for September. We want to get an idea of member preference and the functionality before moving to on-line only registration.

CEC members were given a copy of the procedures manual and asked to review their applicable sections before the next meeting. Agenda item 19 was deleted from the agenda. Agenda items 14-18 and 20 will be discussed at the next CEC meeting.

The next CEC meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2009.

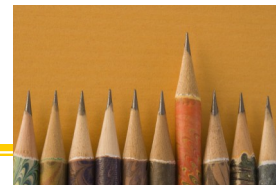
Meeting adjourned.

September Community Service Event

It's back to school time! And school supplies are always in demand! Children & Families of Iowa (CFI) is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping at-risk children and families learn to help themselves. Last year they touched over 18,000 lives. With over 120 years of experience, they have a long history of serving Iowa's families. Please bring a new school supply to the September meeting to be donated to this organization or you may choose to give a monetary donation.

School supplies: The children in CFI's programs always need school supplies, including back packs, paper, notebooks, pencils, pens, markers, crayons, glue and scissors.

Thinking ahead to December and Jolly Holiday Lights...it's that time to commit to a date for volunteering our time. The dates have filled up quickly. Current openings in the Wish Shop are for Dec. 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 20, 21, 23, 26-31, Jan 1 and 2. We will take a poll at the next meeting for a date.



NEW Program!

Complimentary Electronic Memberships for Professors

To make it easier for academicians to gain access to AGA and its programs, AGA has launched a complimentary electronic membership program. Each chapter can award up to three one-year electronic memberships to professors in their community.

AGA and its chapters have long been reaching out to college and university students and professors to introduce them to AGA and careers in government, mostly through career fairs and speaking opportunities. This new program is part of AGA's continuing outreach effort, with the goal of exposing students to government financial management.

What are the tangible benefits of an electronic membership? Each recipient will receive AGA's weekly newsletters, *TOPICS* and *AGA Today* and access to the Members Only area of the website where they can view AGA's *Journal of Government Financial Management* as well as all of AGA's research reports. We hope that they in turn will share this information with their students.

How to get started: Chapters may submit up to three professors to [Rodneikka Freeman](#). Chapters should submit as much contact information as possible (full name, title, school, email, address, etc). Once AGA has the names of the professors, we will send a welcome e-mail. Periodically, we will reach out to them and highlight another benefit of AGA membership. Toward the end of their complimentary year, we will encourage them to join as a full member.

Academicians who are current AGA members are not eligible for this special offer. Each complimentary e-membership will be valid until Dec. 31, 2009. The electronic members will not be counted in the official rolls of AGA membership. **Questions?** Please contact [Rodneikka Freeman](#) (CTRL + click to follow link).

AGA Members can Earn Points as follows:

ATTENDANCE:

- Regular chapter meeting (20)
- Bonus for attending more than 4 meetings (15)
- Bonus meeting (30)
- For each guest attending the meeting (10)

MEMBERSHIP:

- Each new member sponsored and accepted (35)

CHAPTER PROGRAMS:

- Member who is a speaker or panel participant at regular meeting (50)

EDUCATIONAL:

- Each chapter sponsored presentation at high schools or colleges (50)
- Conducting chapter workshop or financial management in addition to regular meeting (50)
- Attending an AGA-sponsored seminar or training session (35)

PUBLICATIONS:

- Manuscript of research project accepted by National Research Committee (100)
- A financial management article at least 300 words published in newsletter or other AGA publication (50)
- Article on any topic of general interest of at least 200 words published in chapter newsletter (30)

SERVICE:

- Participating in an AGA sponsored community service project (15)
- Service on any board, committee, or other chapter position other than an office (40)

Interested in becoming a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)?

The Des Moines AGA Chapter is here to help. General information about the CGFM program and exam is available on our website at <http://www.agadsm.org/epc.asp> or the national website at <http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/cgfmdefault.aspx>. To aid in your studies, the Des Moines AGA Chapter has recently purchased two study guides for the newly revamped CGFM exam. The study guides are available at the State Library to anyone interested. Scholarships are also available to Chapter members, in good standing, who successfully complete the CGFM exam (Scholarship information is available at the above referenced website). If you have any questions about the program, please contact Natalie Storm at nstorm@dhs.state.ia.us.



Regional Training Opportunities

Lincoln, Nebraska Chapter:

- 2009 Fall Professional Development Conference -
 - September 23, 2009, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
 - Register by Sept. 15 to qualify for reduced rate of \$120/\$160 AGA member/non-member
 - For more information: <http://www.lincolnneaga.org/>

Ozarks Chapter

- Fall Seminar, Tuesday, October 13, 2009
- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm; \$60/\$80 member/non-member





AGA - Des Moines Chapter
Operating Statement for the Period Ended July 31, 2009
For the Year Ending April 30, 2010



	Budget	% of Budget	May 2009	June 2009	July 2009	1st Qtr 2010	Year to Date
<u>Revenues/Receipts</u>							
Interest	3.03	44%	0.34	0.37	0.63	1.34	1.34
Membership Fees	300.00	91%	-	273.35		273.35	273.35
Conference Revenues	10,000.00	37%	3,044.70		690.00	3,734.70	3,734.70
National Recruitment Scholarship	250.00	0%	-			-	-
Donations	200.00	28%	56.00			56.00	56.00
Member Meals	600.00	35%	212.00			212.00	212.00
Total Revenues	11,353.03		3,313.04	273.72	690.63	4,277.39	4,277.39
<u>Expenses</u>							
Conference Expenses	6,530.00	49%	566.47	2,390.00	249.00	3,205.47	3,205.47
Postage & Supplies	150.00	40%	-	60.00		60.00	60.00
Website Expense	150.00	0%	-			-	-
National PDC	1,375.00	97%	1,084.40	244.94	-	1,329.34	1,329.34
Regional PDC	500.01	0%	-	-	-	-	-
Scholarship	1,850.00	0%	-	-	-	-	-
CGFM Study Guides	0.01	0%	-			-	-
Gifts	250.00	52%	85.00	45.00	-	130.00	130.00
Meals	650.01	35%	227.30	-	-	227.30	227.30
Donations	800.00	26%	206.00	-	-	206.00	206.00
Miscellaneous	20.00	0%	-			-	-
Total Expenses	12,275.03		2,169.17	2,739.94	249.00	5,158.11	5,158.11
Revenues over (under) Expenses	(922.00)		1,143.87	(2,466.22)	441.63	(880.72)	(880.72)
Beginning Balance 5/01/09	9,351.34						9,351.34
Ending Balance 07/31/09	8,429.34						8,470.62

AGA-Des Moines Chapter
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2009

Assets	
Checking	1,085.52
Savings	3,385.10
Certificate of Deposit	4,000.00
Total Assets	8,470.62
Liabilities & Equity	
Equity-Unreserved	8,470.62
Total Liabilities & Equity	8,470.62



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING AGA EVENTS!!!!**Starting and Ending Times are usually:****Lunch n' Learn (1 CPE) - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.****Audio Conferences (2 CPE) - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.****NASACT Webinars (2 CPE) - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.****2009**

- Sep 02** - **Lunch:** Terry Rich, President/CEO, Iowa Lottery Authority, "Creating New Ideas in a Tough Economy"
Audio: Grants Management in Today's Environment
Location: Hoover Building, Level A, Room #6
- Oct 07** - **Lunch:** Speaker TBD
Audio: Internal Controls for Auditors, Management and Staff: Making Government Organizations More Effective
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room
- Nov 03** - **Lunch:** Speaker TBD
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room
- Nov 18** - **Audio:** Auditor's Role in Government Performance Measures
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room
- Dec 01** - **Lunch:** Speaker TBD
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room
- Dec 16** - **Audio:** Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud
Location: Hoover Building, Level A, Room #6

2010

- Jan 05** - **Lunch:** Speaker TBD
Location: TBD
- Jan 13** - **Audio:** Internal Controls
Location: TBD
- Feb 02** - **Lunch:** Speaker TBD
Location: TBD
- Feb 10** - **Audio:** Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors
Location: TBD
- Mar 03** - **Lunch:** Speaker TBD
Audio: Fraud
Location: TBD
- Mar 24** - **Audio:** Suggested Guidelines for Voluntary Reporting: Sharing the Government's Story Using Non-Financial Resources
Location: TBD
- Apr 06** - **Lunch:** Speaker TBD
Location: TBD
- Apr 21** - **Audio:** The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors
Location: TBD
- May 04** - **Evening Meeting:** Speaker TBD
Location: Okoboji Bar & Grill, Johnston
- May 19** - **Morning Session:** 8:00 - 11:00; Patrick Kuhse will speak on "Prominence to Prison: Why Smart People Do Dumb Things" (3 CPE)
Audio: Ethics
Location: Jessie Parker Building, Grant Room



REGISTRATION FORM

The Des Moines Chapter AGA will be hosting a Lunch 'n Learn with guest speaker Terry Rich (President/CEO of the Iowa Lottery) on September 2nd. Sack Lunches will be offered by Quizno's starting at 11:30 with a cost of \$5.30. Included in the lunch is a small sandwich (your choice of honey ham, roast beef, or turkey), Regular Lays Potato Chips, and a Chocolate Chip Cookie. Drinks are NOT included. The speaker will begin his presentation "The Iowa Lottery" at 11:50.

Immediately following the Lunch 'n Learn will be an Audio Conference "**Grants Management in Today's Environment**" hosted by AGA in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Controllers and Treasurers (NASACT) and the National Association of Local Government Auditors (NALGA).

A brief description of the audio conference can be found at <http://www.agacgfm.org/education/audioconferences/grants090209.aspx>

WEDNESDAY September 2, 2009

11:30-2:50 p.m. Central Time

This seminar qualifies for 3 hours CPE.

Hoover State Office Building
Level A, Conference Room #6, Des Moines, Iowa

NAME _____

ORGANIZATION _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

REGISTRATION FEE (circle one):

	<u>AGA MEMBER</u>	<u>NON-AGA MEMBERS</u>
Lunch-n-Learn (w/ Quizno's Sack Lunch*)	\$ 5.30	\$ 5.30
Audio Conference	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00
Total Due	\$ 20.30	\$ 25.30

**Choose one: Honey Ham/Roast Beef/Turkey_____*

Audio Conference ONLY**	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
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Or REGISTER ONLINE AT: <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/407470756>

At this time, credit card payment is not available. When registering, please select other options for payment located below the credit card section and select pay by check. We hope to accept credit cards in the future.

Registrations and payment must be received by August 28th. If payment is not received prior to this date, a Quizno's sack lunch will not be ordered if requested.

Fees are nonrefundable though a substitute participant is allowed. A registrant who joins or rejoins AGA at or before the seminar is provided the member rate.

Payment by check to:
AGA Des Moines Chapter

Mail registration and payment to:
**Des Moines Chapter A.G.A.
PO Box 6034
Des Moines, IA 50309-6034**

Please help us out by printing the Power Point presentation and speaker bio's before attendance. These downloads will be placed on the Chapter Web site and emailed to all registered attendees when available from National.



NEW! Registration Now Open for 2009-2010 AGA Government Finance Case Challenge—The best undergraduate accounting/financial management/business students are invited to compete in the third annual case challenge, sponsored by AGA. Teams will construct a citizen-centric report for a fictional city. Finalists will receive a scholarship to attend the National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. in Feb. 2010.

Details at <http://www.agacgfm.org/challenge09/index.htm>

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President's Message

The CEC continues to work hard to make our Chapter better than ever! We've implemented online registration and we're in the process of updating our website to give you the information you need!

In addition, since the turnout has been so wonderful when we combine Lunch 'n Learns with audio conferences, the CEC has agreed to continue with this approach and **will now combine all future Lunch 'n Learns with audio conferences!!**

I think this is a great change for our Chapter and I hope it will make it easier for you to set aside one day each month (instead of two) for AGA CPE opportunities.

In other news . . .

- the CGFM guides were removed from the State Library and can now be checked out by contacting Natalie Storm
- recruitment scholarship dollars were received from AGA National and the CEC will be awarding two free AGA memberships to nonmembers in January/February 2010
- Jamie McDermott from ING will be our speaker at the October 7 combined Lunch 'n Learn/audio conference.

Also, thanks to everyone who contributed to our school supplies fundraiser last month. In addition to the numerous school supplies collected, we received cash donations of \$48.65 and our Chapter agreed to contribute \$51.35 for a total contribution of \$100 to Children and Families of Iowa! Way to go!!

In case you missed it . . . there was a very nice article in the September 14, 2009, AGA TOPICS newsletter about our "young" CEC members: Patricia Townsend and Natalie Storm. We've included the article in this newsletter as well.

And finally, thanks to Michelle Wendel and Marilyn Hanson for joining the CEC!! They are great additions to such a fantastic group of people!!

Hope to see everyone October 7!!!

Cindy Weber, Chapter President



Oct. Events

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Knudsen Room
Des Moines, IA

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11:30 — 1:00

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Jamie McDermott,
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Cindy welcomed our new Secretary, Marilyn Hanson.

Cindy stated that those CEC members willing to have their pictures added to the website should stay after the meeting and Patricia will take your picture.

We collected cash donations of \$48.65 for Children & Families of Iowa for school supplies as well as many school supplies. Michelle motioned (Valerie seconded) that the CEC agree to add \$51.35 for a total contribution of \$100. All agreed.

AGA is signed up for Jolly Holiday Lights on Monday, December 7.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Cindy discussed cutting down on "reply all" emails. If someone emails a question to CEC members, just respond to them and not everyone on the email (if it's not required/requested by the sender).

Cindy suggested that we combine ALL future lunch n learns with the audio conferences. There seems to have been good turnouts when we have done this in the past and it would help ease the burden of booking rooms for our meetings/audios. Janice will research to see if we have to change our bylaws and resubmit our plan to AGA National. Kim motioned (Denise seconded) to combine future lunch n learns with audio conferences. All yes except for one (Natalie).

Jamie McDermott from ING has agreed to present at the October 7 lunch n learn. Denise agreed to place the Quiznos order for the October 7 lunch n learn.

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May 2010 ethics speaker is Patrick Kuhse. We are waiting to get a signed contract back from Mr. Kuhse. Val will follow up. Val will also check with Mr. Kuhse about possibly splitting some of his travel costs with another group in Kansas City. She will also ask if someone from our chapter can pick him up and take him to the airport to avoid a car rental. Michelle had lots of information on different catering options for the May conference. This was turned over to the May conference committee.

Patricia will investigate adding a link from the current Des Moines Chapter AGA website to Facebook. It was felt if this could be done without a lot of up keep it would be good for recruiting early career members.

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Natalie motioned (Patricia seconded) to amend the speaker fees budget from \$500 to \$2,000. All agreed.

An accounting of August monthly expenses and September expenses was shared. Natalie stated there are currently no September expenses pending.

The recruitment funds from National have been received by Cindy. The CEC discussed adding additional funds to the recruitment funds in order to provide two free AGA memberships to nonmembers. Valerie motioned (Patricia seconded) to give two free AGA memberships in January/February of 2010 to nonmembers. It was further discussed that an article should be written for the newsletter telling nonmembers of the potential membership scholarships.

Newsletter articles are due to Kim by **September 25** for the newsletter to go out by September 30.

Patricia is working on the CRP which is due Sept. 30 for the first quarter.

On-line registration worked well for those that used it. Natalie felt it was very beneficial and it was decided that we should keep using it.

It was suggested to compile a list of people who would be willing to attend college career days or similar functions of this nature to represent AGA. It was felt this was a good way to reach out to Early Careers members.

Patricia is currently working on updating the website.

Natalie motioned (Michelle seconded) to look at the bylaws to see if they need to be changed so the award given to the "Member Of The Year" could be a VISA gift card rather than a savings bond. All agreed.

Valerie is going to get the CGFM guide books from the State Library and give them to Natalie to keep for the chapter. Natalie will have the books available for check out.

Cindy would like for CEC members to look at the Procedures Manual and make revisions in preparation for the October meeting.

It was discussed that typically the president elect is sent to the PDC each year. Because Cindy couldn't go last year, Patricia went. So it was motioned by Michelle (Valerie seconded) that Cindy and Patricia decide between them who will go this year. They can proceed with airline tickets and then amend the budget as needed for the airline ticket. All agreed.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 20 @ 11:30 a.m. in Lucas Building conference room.

Meeting adjourned.

AGA Des Moines Chapter ~ Member Recognition 2009 - 2010 As of September 21, 2009

Rank / Name / Total Points

1. Kim Knight 415
2. Michelle Wendel 345
3. Patricia Townsend/
Natalie Storm 335
4. Janice Evans 310
5. Marilyn Hanson 305

Rank / Name / Total Points

6. Cheryl Mather/
Angie James 295
7. Denise Ragias 285
8. Val Wedgeworth 260
9. Brenda Loy 250
10. Janice Jensen 240





October Community Service Event

AGA's Community Service for October will focus on the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation. The mission of this organization is to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment. Two options for service are offered through the AGA. A monetary donation may be made at the October 7th meeting or you may participate in the Race for the Cure on October 24th. AGA members may register with the team "Maggie's Marchers" at <http://www.komendesmoines.org/aspx/RaceRegistration.aspx?teamid=2170> before Oct. 7. Any questions about the Race for the Cure may be directed to Kim Knight, Kimberly.Knight@iowa.gov.

September's service was for Children & Families of Iowa (CFI). AGA donated \$100 for school supplies (\$48.65 donated by members and the balance matched by the Des Moines chapter) and school supplies, collected from members at the September meeting, were delivered to CFI. There were 10 backpacks donated, half of which were filled with various school supplies. CFI thanked all our members for their generosity!

Mark your calendar for Monday, December 7th. This is the evening the AGA will volunteer in the Wish Shop for Jolly Holiday Lights. More information to follow as the date approaches.

Learn How You Could Win An AGA Membership For A Year!!

The Des Moines Chapter received Recruitment Scholarship dollars from AGA National in the amount of \$125.

At the September meeting, the CEC voted to use Scholarship funds and Chapter dollars to offer two free AGA memberships to nonmembers.

The criteria for awarding the free memberships has not been established. It is anticipated that attendance at the monthly lunch 'n learns and/or audio conferences will be an important consideration for awarding the free memberships, so be sure to attend!! Once the CEC has finalized the criteria, we will include this information in the monthly newsletter. We expect to award the free AGA memberships in January or February 2010.

AGA Chapter September Minutes

The Des Moines chapter AGA met at the Hoover State office Building-Level A, Room #6 on September 2, 2009 for a combined "Lunch'n Learn" Chapter Meeting and Audio Conference. President Cindy Weber opened the meeting and welcomed everyone including guests.

Cindy noted that our next "Lunch'n Learn" Chapter Meeting and Audio Conference will be held October 7, 2009 in the Knudsen Room of the Jessie Parker Building. AGA will again be offering attendees the option of a Quizno's sack lunch. Please continue using the online registration and hopefully by October we will also be able to pay online.

Cindy also reminded everyone to save the date for the May 19, 2010 conference with Patrick Kuhse speaking on "Prominence to Prison: Why Smart People Do Dumb Things" in the morning followed by an audio conference on ethics in the afternoon. A minimum of 5 CPE hours will be offered.

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AGA TOPICS Newsletter

Young Professionals Step Up to Lead Des Moines Chapter

AGA's Des Moines Chapter knows how to look ahead.

Patricia Townsend, CPA, president-elect, chapter recognition chair and website chair, is 27. Natalie Storm, CPA, the chapter's treasurer and professional certification director, will serve as president-elect next year. She is 31. These young professionals decided early to become actively involved in AGA, not only to earn CPE and make connections with colleagues from different Iowa state agencies, but also to help shape the future of the chapter.

Chapter President Cindy Weber, CGFM, CPA, said Townsend and Storm are real assets to the chapter. "Patricia and Natalie have been great additions to our Chapter Executive Committee. They're both very energetic and hard-working. Their input and suggestions have helped move our chapter in new directions. I look forward to having them serve as chapter president and bringing fresh, new ideas to AGA's Des Moines Chapter. We're very lucky to have them on the CEC and I hope their involvement will encourage other young professionals to become active in AGA."

Townsend joined AGA about two years ago, soon after starting work as an accountant for the Iowa Communications Network, a state agency that provides telecommunications services for state government agencies, libraries and schools. Joining AGA, and taking on the responsibility of webmaster, was a natural extension of her previous involvement in Beta Alpha Psi at Iowa State University, and later in the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Institute of Management Accountants while working in Missouri. Last spring, she attended AGA's Sectional Leadership Meeting in Denver, meeting leaders from around the region and learning more about AGA.

"I know that I really liked working with other board members when I was in St. Louis, so I thought I would do it here, too. The webmaster position opened up and the website was ready for a major change. I knew that I had the background and the awareness of the resources to be able to implement that change." She said that when the chapter started its program year without a president-elect, "I decided to step up and be a leader." Like most leaders, Townsend is constantly on the move. She also teaches accounting part time for Des Moines Area Community College.

The president's position is a hard one to fill, she said. "No one wants to talk, we want to hide in our spreadsheets," she joked. "There are wonderful people who have served on the CEC for many years. With the additional workloads we are carrying at the state agencies, it's become essential that other people help carry the CEC tasks. Natalie and I are pushing to the future by researching and implementing changes such as online registration and chapter debit cards to reduce the time and effort needed for chapter administration. We look forward to energizing other young people to get involved in the chapter and the CEC, bringing fresh faces and new ideas into the Des Moines chapter."

Natalie Storm connected with AGA in 2006 after moving from the state auditor's office, which provided all its own training, to the Bureau of Budget & Accounting in the Iowa Department of Human Services, which did not. She found the CPE offerings to be informational and inexpensive, "and that's always a bonus, especially when you're used to getting it all provided and now you have to pay for it yourself."

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Cindy then presented National awards that the chapter won this year.

Val Wedgeworth accepted the platinum status award for the chapter. The platinum status award is the highest number of chapter recognition points possible for an AGA Chapter. Points are received for educational events (i.e. audio conferences), attendance at Chapter meetings, community service projects and so on.

First place for newsletter was presented to Kim Knight.

Honorable mention for the website was presented to Angie James and Patricia Townsend.

Cindy congratulated Denise Ragias for passing the CGFM exam and announced that Denise will be awarded a \$500 member scholarship for passing the exam.

Denise talked about collecting school supplies for our community service project. She passed the change jar for those wanting to donate. She also discussed volunteering at Jolly Holiday Lights. Many times are already filled, but several week days and Sundays are open. The preference was to volunteer on a week night. Denise will look into volunteering on a week night.

Brenda Loy introduced our guest speaker, Terry Rich, president/CEO of the Iowa Lottery Authority and his presentation was entitled "Creating New Ideas in a Tough Economy". The audio conference that followed was entitled "Grants Management in Today's Environment".

There were 25 members, 9 guests and 1 speaker present. The name drawn for the year-end drawing was Calvin McKelVogue.

Young Professionals Step Up to Lead Des Moines Chapter (continued from page 5)

Storm briefly hesitated to commit her time to the executive committee, but agreed to serve as president-elect next year. "I seem to have more free time now, and who knows what's going to happen in the next five or six years?" She explained, "I wanted to get more involved, and hopefully, I can make a few changes for the better, and I was looking for a different experience."

Janice Jensen, a Des Moines Chapter member and the Mid-Western Immediate Past Regional Vice-President, said she is impressed by the pair's goal-setting skills and strong interest in chapter activities. "They each bring a very organized approach to the chapter leadership and a high level of energy, which are exhilarating. I truly believe another young professional currently on the CEC will be motivated to follow in their footsteps."

Storm encourages professionals in their 20s and 30s to step up and take leadership opportunities that come along. She said in the next five or six years, she expects a number of retirements from her state agency. "The younger people are going to have to carry this through. If we don't get the experience when we're younger, we're going to be in trouble."

AGA Members can Earn Points as follows:

ATTENDANCE:

- Regular chapter meeting (20)
- Bonus for attending more than 4 meetings (15)
- Bonus meeting (30)
- For each guest attending the meeting (10)

MEMBERSHIP:

- Each new member sponsored and accepted (35)

CHAPTER PROGRAMS:

- Member who is a speaker or panel participant at regular meeting (50)

EDUCATIONAL:

- Each chapter sponsored presentation at high schools or colleges (50)
- Conducting chapter workshop or financial management in addition to regular meeting (50)
- Attending an AGA-sponsored seminar or training session (35)

PUBLICATIONS:

- Manuscript of research project accepted by National Research Committee (100)
- A financial management article at least 300 words published in newsletter or other AGA publication (50)
- Article on any topic of general interest of at least 200 words published in chapter newsletter (30)

SERVICE:

- Participating in an AGA sponsored community service project (15)
- Service on any board, committee, or other chapter position other than an office (40)

Interested in becoming a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)?

The Des Moines AGA Chapter is here to help. General information about the CGFM program and exam is available on our website at <http://www.agadsm.org/> - click on the link for certification. To aid in your studies, the Des Moines AGA Chapter has purchased two study guides for the newly revamped CGFM exam. The study guides are available for check out to anyone interested by contacting Natalie Storm. Scholarships are also available to Chapter members, in good standing, who successfully complete the CGFM exam (Scholarship information is available in the procedures manual located in the CEC section of the above referenced website). If you have any questions about the program, please contact Natalie Storm at nstorm@dhs.state.ia.us.





AGA - Des Moines Chapter
Operating Statement for the Period Ended August 31, 2009
For the Year Ending April 30, 2009



	Budget	% of Budget	1st Qtr 2010	August 2009	2nd Qtr 2010	Year to Date
<u>Revenues/Receipts</u>						
Interest	3.03	49%	1.34	0.14	0.14	1.48
Membership Fees	300.00	91%	273.35		-	273.35
Conference Revenues	10,000.00	41%	3,734.70	390.00	390.00	4,124.70
National Recruitment Scholarship	250.00	0%	-		-	-
Donations	200.00	28%	56.00		-	56.00
Member Meals	600.00	35%	212.00		-	212.00
Total Revenues	11,353.03		4,277.39	390.14	390.14	4,667.53
<u>Expenses</u>						
Conference Expenses	6,530.00	70%	3,205.47	1,350.00	1,350.00	4,555.47
Postage & Supplies	150.00	40%	60.00		-	60.00
Website Expense	150.00	0%	-		-	-
National PDC	1,375.00	97%	1,329.34	-	-	1,329.34
Regional PDC	500.01	0%	-	-	-	-
Scholarship	1,850.00	27%	-	500.00	500.00	500.00
CGFM Study Guides	0.01	0%	-		-	-
Gifts	250.00	52%	130.00	-	-	130.00
Meals	650.01	35%	227.30	-	-	227.30
Donations	800.00	26%	206.00	-	-	206.00
Miscellaneous	20.00	0%	-		-	-
Total Expenses	12,275.03		5,158.11	1,850.00	1,850.00	7,008.11
Revenues over (under) Expenses	(922.00)		(880.72)	(1,459.86)	(1,459.86)	(2,340.58)
Beginning Balance 5/01/09	9,351.34					9,351.34
Ending Balance 07/31/09	8,429.34					7,010.76

AGA-Des Moines Chapter
Balance Sheet
As of August 31, 2009

Assets	
Checking	375.54
Savings	2,635.22
Certificate of Deposit	4,000.00
Total Assets	7,010.76
Liabilities & Equity	
Equity-Unreserved	7,010.76
Total Liabilities & Equity	7,010.76



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING AGA EVENTS!!!!**Starting and Ending Times are usually:****Lunch n' Learn (1 CPE) - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.****Audio Conferences (2 CPE) - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.****NASACT Webinars (2 CPE) - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.****2009**

- Oct 07** - **Lunch:** Jamie McDermott, "Financial Planning"
Audio: Internal Controls for Auditors, Management and Staff: Making Government Organizations More Effective
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room
- Nov 18** - **Lunch:** Speaker TBD
- **Audio:** Auditor's Role in Government Performance Measures
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room
- Dec 16** - **Lunch:** Speaker TBD
- **Audio:** Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud
Location: Hoover Building, Level A, Room #6

2010

- Jan 13** - **Lunch:** Speaker TBD
- **Audio:** Internal Controls
Location: TBD
- Feb 10** - **Lunch:** Speaker TBD
- **Audio:** Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors
Location: TBD
- Mar 03** - **Lunch:** Speaker TBD
Audio: Fraud
Location: TBD
- Mar 24** - **Audio:** Suggested Guidelines for Voluntary Reporting: Sharing the Government's Story Using Non-Financial Resources
Location: TBD
- Apr 21** - **Lunch:** Speaker TBD
- **Audio:** The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors
Location: TBD
- May 04** - **Evening Meeting:** Speaker TBD
Location: Okoboji Bar & Grill, Johnston
- May 19** - **Morning Session:** 8:00 - 11:00; Patrick Kuhse will speak on "Prominence to Prison: Why Smart People Do Dumb Things" (3 CPE)
Audio: Ethics
Location: **Tentatively** Jessie Parker Bldg, Grant Room





REGISTRATION FORM

The Des Moines Chapter AGA will be hosting a Lunch 'n Learn with guest speaker Jamie McDermott (representative from ING) on October 7th. Sack Lunches will be offered by Quizno's starting at 11:30 with a cost of \$5.30. Included in the lunch is a small sandwich (your choice of honey ham, roast beef, veggie, or turkey), Regular Lays Potato Chips, and a Chocolate Chip Cookie. Drinks are NOT included. The speaker will begin his presentation "Financial Planning" at 11:50.

Immediately following the Lunch 'n Learn will be an Audio "[Internal Controls for Auditors, Management and Staff: Making Government Organizations More Effective](http://www.agacgfm.org/education/audioconferences/internalcontrol100709.aspx)" hosted by AGA in conjunction with the National Association of State Auditors, Controllers and Treasurers (NASACT) and the National Association of Local Government Auditors (NALGA). A brief description of the audio conference can be found at <http://www.agacgfm.org/education/audioconferences/internalcontrol100709.aspx>

WEDNESDAY October 7, 2009

11:30-2:50 p.m. Central Time

This seminar qualifies for 3 hours CPE.

Vocational Rehab Building
Knudsen Room, Des Moines, Iowa

NAME _____

ORGANIZATION _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

REGISTRATION FEE (circle one):

	<u>AGA MEMBER</u>	<u>NON-AGA MEMBERS</u>
Lunch-n-Learn (w/ Quizno's Sack Lunch*)	\$ 5.30	\$ 5.30
Audio Conference	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00
Total Due	\$ 20.30	\$ 25.30

**Choose one: Honey Ham/Roast Beef/Turkey/Veggie_____*

Audio Conference ONLY** **\$15.00** **\$20.00**

Or REGISTER ONLINE AT: <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/426588939>

Credit card payment is available. But you may still pay by check. When registering, please select other options for payment located below the credit card section and select pay by check. Send your receipt with payment (not the registration).

Registrations and payment must be received by October 2nd. If payment is not received prior to this date, a Quizno's sack lunch will not be ordered if requested.

Fees are nonrefundable though a substitute participant is allowed. A registrant who joins or rejoins AGA at or before the seminar is provided the member rate.

Payment by check to:
AGA Des Moines Chapter

Mail registration and payment to:
**Des Moines Chapter A.G.A.
PO Box 6034
Des Moines, IA 50309-6034**

Please help us out by printing the Power Point presentation and speaker bio's before attendance. These downloads will be placed on the Chapter Web site and emailed to all registered attendees when available from National.



Regional Training Opportunities

Omaha Metro Area Chapter:

- 2009 Fall Professional Development Conference, November 20, 2009
- 8:00 - 5:00; \$150/\$200 member/non-member (Add \$20 if register after November 15)
- For more information: www.omahaaga.org

Ozarks Chapter:

- Fall Seminar, Tuesday, October 13, 2009
- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm; \$60/\$80 member/non-member
- For more information: www.ozarksaga.org

Mid-Mo Chapter:

- 8 hour Membership Seminar, November 3, 2009
- For more information: www.midmoaga.org



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President's Message

We had another great turnout at the October 7 lunch 'n learn/audio conference! One of the highlights of the meeting was Michelle Wendel's presentation of membership awards. We had several individuals who have been AGA members from 10 to 30 years! That is amazing and we thank them for their continued support. I hope to see many more awards like this in the future.

I also want to mention that Patricia Townsend was announced as the Midwest Regional Director of Communications for AGA. One of Patricia's first challenges will be to set up a Regional website for AGA by January 1, 2010. I know Patricia is up for the challenge because she has already done a tremendous job with the Des Moines AGA Chapter's website. Check out our website at <http://www.agadsm.org/> to see what a wonderful job she has done.

The CEC continues to plan for the May 19, 2010 seminar. **Thanks** to everyone who has provided contact information. We have been able to reach out and promote our seminar to several groups/individuals because of your leads.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. We raised \$107 at the last Chapter meeting and the CEC voted to match this amount. We also had several AGA members participate in the "Race for the Cure" on October 24 (see their picture in this newsletter!).

I hope to see everyone at the November 18 lunch 'n learn/audio conference. Our speaker will be Ray Walton, Director of the Department of Administrative Services. Please be sure to register online!

Finally, I want to welcome our newest AGA members: Kevin Heinzeroth and Gary Seite. We're so happy to have you join us!

Cindy Weber, Chapter President

Thanksgiving

Nov. Events

Jessie Parker Building
Knudsen Room
Des Moines, IA

Wed., Nov. 18, 2009

11:30 — 1:00

Speaker

Ray Walton,

Director, Department of
Administrative Services

Recommended CPE: 1 Hr

Bring your own lunch
or pre-order a Quizno's
box lunch.

1:00 — 2:50

Audio Conference

"Auditor's Role in
Government

Performance Measures"

Recommended CPE: 2 Hrs

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AGA CEC October Meeting Minutes

President Cindy Weber opened the October 20th meeting of the Chapter Executive Committee. Other members in attendance were Janice Evans, Kim Knight, Brenda Loy, Cheryl Mather, Denise Ragias, Natalie Storm, Valerie Wedgeworth, and Michelle Wendel.

The CRP report was submitted September 30. We have 8,000 points so far this quarter (80% of our annual goal). We changed our program year so we are behind where we normally would be at this point.

May 2010 ethics speaker is Patrick Kuhse. Committee updates were:

Cindy has added information for this seminar to AGA National's website, emailed it to the Institute of Internal Auditors (and they have already emailed the information to their members) and to the Chapter Presidents within the Mid-Western Region. In addition, Val has emailed the information to college professors. Michelle sent invites to Kent Farver to forward to Community College Business Officers, to ARRA attendees and League of Cities and Counties. Patricia sent an invite to IMA president. Promote the conference to everyone you can think of. Janice will send invites to school districts, AEA's and CPA groups. The Holiday Inn holds 150-180 people. The conference can be moved to the top floor if it is larger than 180 people.

Val is to contact Mr. Kuhse regarding information on how and if he will split travel costs with the Kansas City group.

Kim motioned (Janice seconded) to invite Tim Baker, Regional VP, to the spring seminar and offer him free registration. In addition, the CEC voted to waive Dave Vaudt's registration since he is the afternoon speaker. All in favor.

Natalie motioned (Denise seconded) to award members points (as determined by Awards/Membership Director) for non-AGA sponsored community service events of 5 points per event with a maximum of 5 events (25 points) per year. AGA-sponsored events remain at 15 points per event with no maximum. All in favor.

Our fundraiser this month is for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The walk is this Saturday, October 24. We collected \$107 for breast cancer awareness at the October 7 LNL/audio conference. Brenda motioned (Denise seconded) for the chapter to match the \$107. All in favor. Denise will contact National about a match.

We have received more member fees than budgeted. Michelle motioned (Val seconded) to increase member fee revenue budget from \$300 to \$375. All in favor.

The CD has earned \$7 interest to date.

Janice motioned (Val seconded) to have Janice Jensen fill the Accountability Outreach Chair position if she's still interested in the position. All in favor.

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New Des Moines Chapter CEC Member

We are excited to announce that Janice Jensen has volunteered to fill the new Accountability Outreach Chair position! Welcome back to the CEC Janice!!



AGA CEC October Meeting Minutes (Continued from Page 2)

Michelle motioned (Cheryl seconded) for the Certification Director to keep CPE and attendance sheets for 10 years and to discard registration forms after the audio conference takes place. All in favor.

Janice wants to keep all newsletters electronically. She will talk to Patricia about this. Janice will let Kim know what old paper copies/newsletters are needed, if any.

AGA is signed up for Jolly Holiday Lights on Monday December 7. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! So far five people have signed up. All are CEC members.

A discussion was held considering increasing fees for audio conferences. It was decided that no increase in fees would take place this year but the general consensus was to look at member and nonmember rates next year. We'll consider increasing non-member fees next year to make AGA membership more attractive/beneficial. Both September and October training session had gross profits.

Future speakers: November 18 - Ray Walton, DAS; December 16 - Michael Fitzgerald, Treasurer of State; January 13 - Kristy Maitre, IRS; May 19 - Dave Vaudt. Brenda is still working to book future speakers. Possible speakers include: credit score speaker from Women and Money Conference; State Librarian; IPERS-Donna Mueller; Patti Schroeder-DSM schools. Brenda will make contacts. Denise will coordinate all Quiznos lunch orders unless she has a conflict.

Cheryl will send Kim new members for inclusion in the newsletter on a monthly basis.

Early Careers Plan - Val discussed initiating contacts with college professors (possible visit to them or to have a demo & laptop at events to show benefits of AGA). Val has emailed them but no responses have been received at this time. (Val will let Patricia know because we get chapter points for this type of activity.) For the scholarship, we will stick with the December 15th deadline.

The website looks good and Patricia is working on a Historian Corner and adding email addresses for CEC member positions.

Both Cindy and Patricia are interested in attending the PDC. Natalie motioned (Cheryl seconded) to send both the President and President-Elect this year since we have one free registration and two free hotel scholarships. All in favor.

Procedure manual updates are due to Natalie by December 1.

Val will cancel the December and May 19th conference rooms booked in Voc Rehab. The December lunch 'n learn will take place in the Hoover building.

Our next CEC meeting is Tuesday, November 17 @ 11:30 a.m. in Lucas Building conference room.

Meeting adjourned.



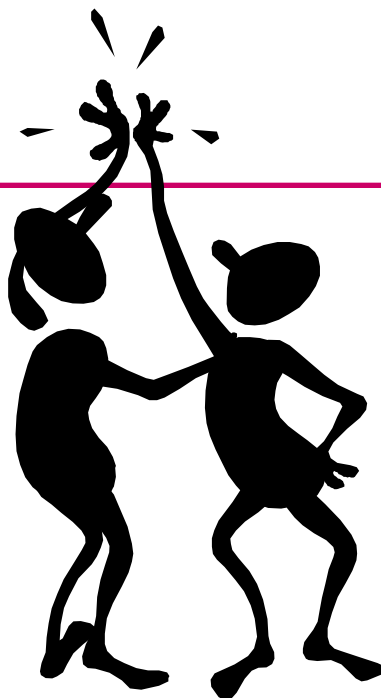
AGA Des Moines Chapter ~ Member Recognition 2009 - 2010 As of October 27, 2009

Rank / Name / Total Points

1.	Kim Knight	555
2.	Michelle Wendel	445
3.	Angie James/ Natalie Storm	420
4.	Marilyn Hanson/ Patricia Townsend	405

Rank / Name / Total Points

5.	Janice Evans	400
6.	Denise Ragias	355
7.	Cheryl Mather	350
8.	Val Wedgeworth	315
9.	Brenda Loy	305
10.	Cindy Weber	290





November Community Service Event

AGA's Community Service for November will focus on **Toys for Tots**. According to their website, www.toysfortots.org, this organization is a project of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. New, unwrapped toys are collected during October, November and December and distributed as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community. The goal is to deliver a message of hope that will assist these children in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens. If you would like to participate, please bring a new, unwrapped toy to the November or December meeting or a monetary donation may be made.

October's community service was for the **Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation**. There were three ways to participate in this service - monetary donation, participating in the Race for the Cure, and donating pink Yoplait yogurt lids. \$107.00 was collected at the October meeting. The CEC has voted to match that amount. In addition, we will request that AGA National match the total. The Race for the Cure was October 24th with several members being in attendance. Yogurt lids will be collected at the November and December meeting. Yoplait will contribute 10 cents for each lid to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.



Mark your calendar for Monday, December 7th. This is the evening the AGA will volunteer in the Wish Shop for **Jolly Holiday Lights**. More information to follow as the date approaches.

AGA Chapter October Minutes

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Cindy noted that our next "Lunch 'n Learn" Chapter Meeting and Audio Conference will be held November 18, 2009 in the Knudsen Room of the Jessie Parker Building. AGA will again be offering attendees the option of a Quizno's sack lunch. Please continue using the online registration.

Cindy also reminded everyone to save the date for the May 19, 2010 Spring Seminar at the Holiday Inn Downtown at Mercy Campus with Patrick Kuhse speaking on "Prominence to Prison: Why Smart People Do Dumb things" in the morning followed by an audio conference on ethics in the afternoon. The program will conclude with David Vaudt, Auditor of State, discussing "Results of the Legislative Session." This will be an opportunity for 6 hours CPE (5 for ethics). For information and to register, go to <http://dsmspringseminar.eventbrite.com>. Registrations received before February 28, 2010 will qualify for the "Early Bird" discount.

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Cindy announced that we are in need of an Accountability Outreach Chair. This is a new position that National AGA encourages chapters to have. She asked for anyone interested to please contact her.

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Michelle Wendell presented AGA membership awards. Those receiving recognition include:

10 years - Susan Battani, Matthew Coulter, Suzanne Dahlstrom, Jeffery Peters

15 years - Deborah Moser

20 years - Cheryl Mather

25 years - Janice Evans

30 years - James Anderson, Bruce Snethen

Brenda Loy introduced our guest speaker, Jamie McDermott of ING and his presentation was entitled "Financial Planning". The audio conference that followed was entitled "Internal Controls for Auditors, Management and Staff: Making Organizations More Effective."

There were 30 members, 6 guests and 1 speaker present.

The name drawn for the year-end drawing was Denise Ragias.

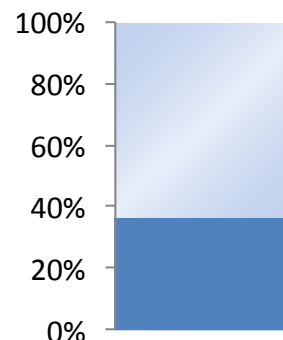


AGA Chapter Recognition Program

Our current standing as of **September 23, 2009**, is as follows:

<u>Recognition Area</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percent Complete</u>
Chapter Leadership Participation	2,475	3,000	83%
Education and Professional Development	2,100	4,000	53%
Certification	1,375	4,000	34%
Communications	1,200	3,000	40%
Membership	250	3,000	8%
Early Careers and Student Members	300	2,000	15%
Community Service	100	2,000	5%
Chapter Awards Program	200	1,000	20%
Total Chapter Recognition Points FYTD	8,000	22,000	36%

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Submitted by: Patricia Townsend, President-Elect



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Welcome to Our New AGA Members!!

New members joining the Des Moines Chapter AGA in the month of September were:

1. Gary Seite
2. Kevin Heinzeroth

WELCOME

AGA Members can Earn Points as follows:

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MEMBERSHIP:

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CHAPTER PROGRAMS:

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For the Year Ending April 30, 2009



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National Recruitment Scholarship	250.00	50%	-		125.00	125.00
Donations	200.00	50%	56.00		43.65	99.65
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Meals	650.01	54%	227.30	-	121.08	348.38
Donations	800.00	38%	206.00	-	95.00	301.00
Miscellaneous	20.00	16%	-		3.18	3.18
Total Expenses	13,775.03		5,158.11	1,850.00	255.23	7,263.34
Revenues over (under) Expenses	<u>(2,422.00)</u>		<u>(880.72)</u>	<u>(1,459.86)</u>	<u>544.57</u>	<u>(1,796.01)</u>
Beginning Balance 5/01/09	9,351.34					<u>9,351.34</u>
Ending Balance 09/30/09	6,929.34					<u><u>7,555.33</u></u>

AGA-Des Moines Chapter
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2009

Assets	
Checking	920.00
Savings	2,635.33
Certificate of Deposit	4,000.00
Total Assets	<u>7,555.33</u>
Liabilities & Equity	
Equity-Unreserved	7,555.33
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>7,555.33</u>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING AGA EVENTS!!!!

Starting and Ending Times are usually:

Lunch n' Learn (1 CPE) - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Audio Conferences (2 CPE) - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

NASACT Webinars (2 CPE) - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

2009

- Nov 18** - **Lunch:** Ray Walton, Director, Department of Administrative Services
 - **Audio:** Auditor's Role in Government Performance Measures
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room
- Dec 16** - **Lunch:** Michael Fitzgerald, Treasurer of State; Topics: Great Iowa Treasure Hunt, College Savings Iowa and Financial Literacy Program
 - **Audio:** Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud
Location: Hoover Building, Level A, Room #6



2010

- Jan 13** - **Lunch:** Kristy Maitre, IRS; "IRS Update"
 - **Audio:** Internal Controls
Location: TBD
- Feb 10** - **Lunch:** Speaker TBD
 - **Audio:** Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors
Location: TBD
- Mar 03** - **Lunch:** Speaker TBD
Audio: Fraud
Location: TBD
- Mar 24** - **Audio:** Suggested Guidelines for Voluntary Reporting: Sharing the Government's Story Using Non-Financial Resources **AUDIO CONFERENCE ONLY!!**
Location: TBD
- Apr 21** - **Lunch:** Speaker TBD
 - **Audio:** The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors
Location: TBD
- May 04** - **Evening Meeting:** Speaker TBD
Location: Okoboji Bar & Grill, Johnston
- May 19** - 8:00 - 11:00; Patrick Kuhse will speak on "Prominence to Prison: Why Smart People Do Dumb Things" (3 CPE)
 1:00 - 2:50; Ethics Audio Conference
 3:15 - 4:15; David Vaudt, Auditor of State; "Results of the Legislative Session"
Location: **Holiday Inn Downtown, 1050 6th Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50314**



You are invited to the following event:

November 2009 Lunch 'n Learn and Audio Conference

Date:

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 from 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Location:

**Parker - Knudsen Room
Jessie Parker Building
510 E 12th St
Des Moines, IA 50309**

To register for the Lunch 'n Learn and/or Audio Conference:

Click on the AGA Des Moines Chapter logo above.

OR

<http://www.agadsm.org/>



The Des Moines Chapter AGA participated in the October 24, 2009 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at the State Capitol in Des Moines, Iowa.



Regional Training Opportunities

Omaha Metro Area Chapter:

- 2009 Fall Professional Development Conference, November 20, 2009
- 8:00 - 5:00; \$150/\$200 member/non-member (Add \$20 if register after November 15)
- For more information: www.omahaaga.org

Mid-Mo Chapter:

- 8 hour Membership Seminar, November 3, 2009
- For more information: www.midmoaga.org

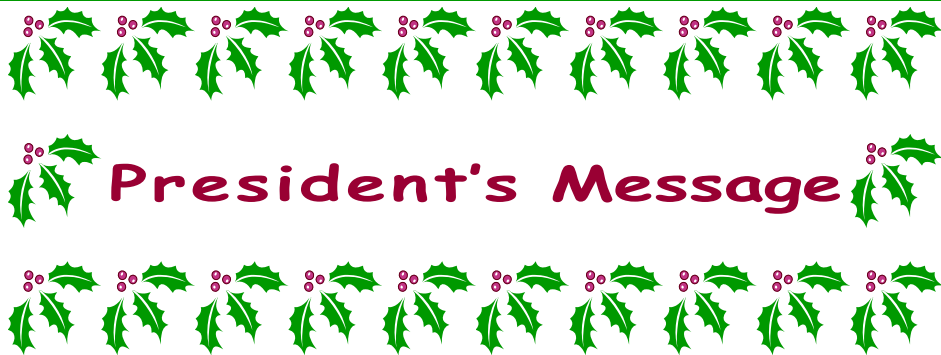
Topeka Chapter:

- "Fraud - Identifying it, Understanding it, Eliminating it" 8-hour Seminar in Lawrence, Kansas, March, 3, 2010
- For more information: www.agaks.org



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President's Message

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

On behalf of the CEC, I'd like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We hope your holiday season is filled with many wonderful moments and lasting memories!

DON'T FORGET: The Des Moines AGA Chapter will be collecting toys and monetary donations for "Toys for Tots" at the December 16 lunch 'n learn/audio conference.

Some of our members volunteered their time at Jolly Holiday Lights in Santa's Wish Shop on Monday, December 7. Jolly Holiday Lights raises money for "Make a Wish Foundation".

Finally, please remember those less fortunate this holiday season. There are so many wonderful organizations that need our help: Food Bank, Toys for Tots, Make a Wish Foundation and many, many more.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday,

Cindy Weber, Chapter President



Dec. Events

Hoover Building
Level A, Room #6
Des Moines, IA

Wed., Dec. 16, 2009

11:30 — 1:00

Speaker

Michael Fitzgerald,
Treasurer of State—
Great Iowa Treasure
Hunt, College Savings
Iowa & Financial
Literacy Program

Recommended CPE: 1 Hr

Bring your own lunch
or pre-order a Quizno's
box lunch.

1:00 — 2:50

Audio Conference

"Latest Trends in
Occupational Fraud"

Recommended CPE: 2 Hrs

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AGA CEC November Meeting Minutes

President Cindy Weber opened the November 17th meeting of the Chapter Executive Committee. Other members in attendance were Janice Evans, Janice Jensen, Kim Knight, Cheryl Mather, Denise Ragias, Natalie Storm, Patricia Townsend, Michelle Wendel and Marilyn Hanson.

Committee updates for the May 2010 Spring Seminar were:

1. Tim Baker, AGA Midwest Regional VP and Lincoln Chapter Past President, has accepted our invitation to the May 19 seminar. He will receive free registration. He will make sure the Midwest Region promotes our conference.
2. State Auditor Dave Vautt was given free registration as well.

The flyer for the spring seminar was distributed at the Financial Managers meeting on November 12.

Kim motioned (Patricia seconded) that we offer the NASACT audio conference - ARRA Update - for Thursday, December 3. Cost is \$249. Val has already reserved the Knudsen Room for us. Patricia will post on website. All in favor.

Natalie will survey our AGA membership to find out if anyone is interested in a Government Financial Manager (GFM) education offering hosted by the Omaha AGA Chapter. The training will take place in March 2010 and also qualifies for CPE hours.

Michelle would like to remind members that if you participate in any community service activities, please let her know so she can give you member points.

We had 2 articles in the November 9th AGA TOPICS newsletter. One for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure that Marilyn, Kim, Natalie and Janice Evans participated in (a picture was included) and one for Janice Jensen accepting the newly created position of Accountability Outreach Chair.

Our fundraiser this month is Toys for Tots. We will try to remind people (via Eventbrite) before meetings so they can remember to bring donations.

It was motioned (Kim seconded) that this year's budget be amended to reflect two registrations for the National PDC. Due to the late registration last spring for the PDC in New Orleans, we will have two registrations (New Orleans 2009 and Orlando 2010) paid out of this budget year. All in favor.

Discussion was held on the criteria for awarding the 2 free AGA memberships in January/February 2010. Cheryl motioned (Natalie seconded) that prospective members have to attend at least 4 audio conferences to have their name put into the drawing for a free membership. Then, for each audio conference attended after four, their name will be put into the drawing again. All in favor.

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AGA CEC November Meeting Minutes (continued from page 2)

Early Career Plans - Natalie motioned (Janice seconded) to approve a new approach and reach out to numerous Iowa Colleges to offer our scholarship. Reaching out to more colleges will increase the awareness of AGA. We will evaluate the process after this year to determine if this worked better than the approach taken in previous years. All in favor.

Future speakers: November 18 - Ray Walton, DAS; December 16 - Michael Fitzgerald, Treasurer of State; January 13 - Kristy Maitre, IRS; May 19 - Dave Vaudt, Auditor of State.

Newsletter articles are due to Kim by **November 24** for newsletter to go out November 30. Cindy graciously acknowledged that this is a particularly busy time for several CEC members and we will need to be flexible on the issuance date.

Patricia reported that the website is in good shape but the historical section still needs some work. Procedural manual updates are due December 1 to Natalie.

AGA is signed up for Jolly Holiday Lights on Monday December 7. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Our next CEC meeting is Tuesday, December 15 @ 11:30 a.m. in Lucas Building conference room.

Meeting adjourned.



AGA Des Moines Chapter ~ Member Recognition 2009 - 2010 As of November 19, 2009

Rank / Name / Total Points

1. Kim Knight	625
2. Michelle Wendel	525
3. Natalie Storm	495
4. Angie James	475
5. Patricia Townsend / Janice Evans	470

Rank / Name / Total

6. Marilyn Hanson	450
7. Denise Ragias	425
8. Cheryl Mather	420
9. Val Wedgeworth	385
10. Brenda Loy	360





December Community Service Event



In the month of December we continue to collect new, unwrapped toys and monetary donations for Toys for Tots at the audio conferences and meeting. We will ask the Executive Committee for a match to the donations received, and then in turn will ask National AGA for a match to that total.

The December meeting will be the last opportunity to bring your pink Yoplait lids. Yoplait will contribute 10 cents for each lid to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. National AGA sent a check to the Susan G. Komen Foundation on Dec. 2nd for \$219.00 on behalf of our chapter. This matches the donations made individually and those matched by the Des Moines Chapter. In total, our chapter can be credited for a \$438.00 donation. Thank you all!

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Ending Balance 10/31/09	7,004.34				<u>7,991.90</u>

AGA-Des Moines Chapter

Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2009

Assets

Checking	956.44	
Savings	3,035.46	
Certificate of Deposit	4,000.00	
Total Assets		<u>7,991.90</u>

Liabilities & Equity

Equity-Unreserved	7,991.90	
Total Liabilities & Equity		<u>7,991.90</u>



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- Nov 18** - **Lunch:** Ray Walton, Director, Department of Administrative Services
- **Audio:** Auditor's Role in Government Performance Measures
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room
- Dec 16** - **Lunch:** Michael Fitzgerald, Treasurer of State; Topics: Great Iowa Treasure Hunt, College Savings Iowa and Financial Literacy Program
- **Audio:** Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud
Location: Hoover Building, Level A, Room #6

**2010**

- Jan 13** - **Lunch:** Kristy Maitre, IRS; "IRS Update"
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Location: TBD
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President's Message

Happy 2010!!! It's been a cold and snowy start to the new year, let's hope we've seen the worst of it.

AGA's forecast, on the other hand, is looking good!

In addition to the audio conferences already scheduled for the 2009-2010 year, we picked up an extra CPE opportunity in December and are now offering one more. Please mark your calendars for **January 27**. AGA, in conjunction with NASACT, is offering an audio conference on the "*President's Executive Order: Reduce Improper Payments and Eliminate Waste*."

I'm also excited to tell you that the **February 10** lunch 'n learn/audio conference will be held at the State Library in the Forrest Spaulding Room. I'm looking forward to Barb Corson and Beth Henning's presentation on the State Library and all it has to offer. If time permits, be sure to take a tour of the State Library as well.

National AGA has just announced a new automated audio conference CPE certificate process. Starting January 13, you can obtain your CPE certificates at the conclusion of an audio conference. By following the [step-by-step instructions](#), you can retrieve your CPE certificate online in minutes.

The new process is easier, faster and more convenient. Rather than signing in/out at the audio conference location, site coordinators will provide each participant with a unique "pin code" so you can "sign" the attendance roster online after the audio conference and have immediate access to your CPE certificate. An important note is that the audio conference registration must be paid in full in order to access and print your certificate.

Don't forget to contact Patricia Townsend (or any current CEC member) if you'd like to become a member of the CEC for the 2010-2011 year. We're always looking for new members and we need you now more than ever!! Let's do our part to ensure that the Des Moines AGA CEC has the people it needs to continue offering the low-cost, convenient CPE that our members and others enjoy!

One more reminder, **February 28** will be here before you know it and we want you to be sure to take advantage of the early bird discount we're offering for the **May 19** spring seminar.

I hope to see everyone at the **January 13** lunch 'n learn/audio conference. Our speaker, Kristy Maitre, is back by popular demand to discuss IRS updates!

Cindy Weber, Chapter President



Jan. Events

**Jessie Parker Bldg
Knudsen Room
Des Moines, IA**

Wed., Jan. 13, 2010

11:30—1:00

Speaker

**Kristy Maitre, IRS
"IRS Update"**

Recommended CPE: 1 Hr

Bring your own lunch
or pre-order a Quizno's
box lunch.

1:00—2:50

Audio Conference

**"Sudden Impact or
Long-Term Process?
Impact of the Stimulus
Plan on Internal
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Recommended CPE: 2 Hrs

Wed., Jan. 27, 2010

1:00—2:50

Audio Conference

**"President's Executive
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AGA CEC December Meeting Minutes

President Cindy Weber opened the December 15, 2009 meeting of the Chapter Executive Committee. Other members in attendance were Janice Evans, Janice Jensen, Kim Knight, Denise Ragias, Natalie Storm, Patricia Townsend, Val Wedgeworth and Marilyn Hanson.

December 16 lunch 'n learn/audio conference:

There are 16 registrations.

Denise is taking care of the Quiznos order. Remember to deliver to the Hoover Building, not Voc Rehab. Kim and Marilyn will meet the Quiznos delivery person in Hoover lobby.

The room in Hoover will hopefully be set up.

Mr. Fitzgerald will bring his own computer. Natalie has the power point for the audio conference.

January 13 lunch 'n learn/audio conference:

Hoover conference room is not available so it will be held in the Voc Rehab Bldg - Knudsen Room.

Kristy Maitre is our speaker and will give us an IRS update.

The audio conference is "Internal Controls".

Quiznos lunch is available to purchase.

The Eventbrite invite will go out two weeks before the event

Natalie told us that the conference rooms in the Hoover Building can only be booked one month in advance. This is a problem because we don't know for sure if we have a conference room for our meetings or not. As a result, we've decided to hold the remaining audio conferences (except for February 10) in the Knudsen Room in the Vocational Rehabilitation (Jessie Parker) Building because we can reserve the conference room several months in advance. The February 10 LNL/audio conference will be held at the State Library.

Val will contact Patrick Kuhse, the May 2010 ethics speaker, about the contract and travel logistics.

Toys for Tots is our current fundraiser. Denise reported that we have collected \$105.26 at the last meeting and received subsequent donations of \$51.00. Denise motioned (Natalie seconded) that the Des Moines Chapter of AGA donate an additional \$100.00 to Toys for Tots. All in favor. AGA National will provide matching funds. THANKS EVERYONE for your donations.

Please let Patricia Townsend know if you are interested in serving on the CEC next year. We have several open positions.



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AGA CEC December Meeting Minutes

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Val reported that we have not received any applications for the \$500 scholarship. The deadline is today December 15th. Val may send an email out reminding schools that today is the deadline for the scholarship. There was much discussion on how to engage college students. Janice and Janice volunteered to be on a committee to look at this issue.

There were no current budget amendments brought forth.

Monthly expense detail will be mailed out later. Natalie is looking at banks to try to find one that will not charge a monthly fee.

The speaker for February 10th is a representative from the State Library. March 3 and April 21 are still open. Patti Schroeder from the Des Moines Community School District was discussed as a possible speaker. Janice Jensen will contact her. Other speakers discussed included someone from the Revenue Estimating Committee, the Director of DHS, and a person that Patricia heard speak in Omaha.

Brenda is still looking for someone to speak at the May 4 evening meeting. It was discussed possibly someone from a credit union/ bank that could speak about crediting ratings.

If you have not sent Natalie your changes on the procedures manual, please do so as soon as possible.

Newsletters have been added to the website.

Natalie is waiting for more information before sending out a survey for the GFM Chapter promotion.

Newsletter articles due to Kim by January 5 for newsletter to go out January 8. Our next CEC meeting is **Wednesday, January 20 @ 11:30 a.m.** in the Lucas Building conference room.

Meeting adjourned.



AGA Des Moines Chapter ~ Member Recognition 2009 - 2010 As of December 29, 2009

Rank / Name / Total Points

1. Kim Knight	700
2. Natalie Storm	600
3. Michelle Wendel / Janice Evans	575
4. Denise Ragias	530
5. Patricia Townsend	525

Rank / Name / Total

6. Marilyn Hanson	505
7. Angie James	475
8. Valerie Wedgeworth	435
9. Brenda Loy	430
10. Cheryl Mather	420



January Community Service Event

Our focus in January and February will be on the Food Bank of Iowa. We'll be collecting monetary donations during the meetings/audio conferences in those two months. The United Way offers this description on their website, "The Food Bank of Iowa is a private, non-profit charitable organization whose vision is a hunger-free Iowa and mission is alleviating hunger through food distribution, partnership, and education. Donations come from food industry donors, special events and federal government commodity programs. With its 53,000 sq.ft. facility, the Food Bank of Iowa solicits, warehouses, and distributes grocery products through a network of 285 non-profit food providing organizations in 42 counties. As a member of Feeding America (formerly America's Second Harvest-the Nation's Food Bank Network), the Food Bank of Iowa benefits from national promotions and fundraising campaigns for organizations such as Wal-Mart, Kraft, Barilla, General Mills, etc. Providing hunger education and working with government at all levels to end hunger in the United States is also a priority of the Food Bank of Iowa. ". In FYE 6/30/08, the Food Bank of Iowa distributed 5,032,270 pounds of donated food to hungry Iowans.

Thank you to those people who volunteered in Santa's Wish Shop at Jolly Holiday Lights in December, and to those who contributed to Toys for Tots and the Yoplait Race for the Cure lids. We collected \$197.46 for Toys for Tots, which was matched by the local chapter for \$100.00, and national for \$300.00. That's a whopping \$597.46 donated through our chapter for gifts for children at Christmas!!! We also collected 190 Yoplait lids in which Yoplait will contribute \$19.00 to the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Foundation. Thank you to all for your generosity!!



AGA Chapter December Minutes

The Des Moines Chapter AGA met at the Hoover Building, conference room 6, on December 16, 2009 for a combined "Lunch 'n Learn" Chapter Meeting and Audio Conference. President Cindy Weber opened the meeting and welcomed everyone including guests.

1. January 13 lunch 'n learn/audio conference:
Will be held at the Voc Rehab Bldg - Knudsen Room.
Kristy Maitre is our speaker and will give us an IRS update.
The audio conference is "Internal Controls".
Quiznos lunch is available to purchase.
The speaker for the February meeting is a representative from the State Library.
2. Don't forget to sign up for the May 19, 2010 spring seminar by February 28, 2010 to take advantage of the early bird discounts.
3. Toys for Tots fundraiser – So far, members have contributed over \$150 and the CEC voted to contribute an additional \$100. AGA National will provide matching funds. The jar was passed around to collect donations for Toys for Tots. THANKS EVERYONE for your donations.
4. Newsletter - beginning early 2010, we plan to provide you with a link to our website for the newsletter instead of sending the PDF file. Let Kim Knight know if you have any concerns or questions with this.



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You are invited to the following event:

January 2010 Lunch 'n Learn and Audio Conference

Date:

Wednesday, January 13, 2010 from 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Location:

**Parker - Knudsen Room
Jessie Parker Building
510 E 12th St
Des Moines, IA 50309**

To register for the Lunch 'n Learn and/or Audio Conference:

Please go to the AGA Des Moines Chapter website at
<http://www.agadsm.org/>



You are invited to the following event:

January 2010 Audio Conference

Date:

Wednesday, January 27, 2010 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Location:

**Parker - Knudsen Room
Jessie Parker Building
510 E 12th St**

To register for the Audio Conference:

Please go to the AGA Des Moines Chapter website at
<http://www.agadsm.org/>

AGA Members can Earn Points as follows:

ATTENDANCE:

- Regular chapter meeting (20 points)
- Bonus for attending more than 4 meetings (15 points)
- Bonus meeting (30 points)
- For each guest attending the meeting (10 points with a maximum of 20 points per guest per member)

MEMBERSHIP:

- Each new member sponsored and accepted (35 points)

CHAPTER PROGRAMS:

- Member who is a speaker or panel participant at regular meeting (50 points)

EDUCATIONAL:

- Each chapter sponsored presentation at high schools or colleges (50 points)
- Conducting chapter workshop or financial management in addition to regular meeting (50 points)
- Attending an AGA-sponsored seminar or training session (35 points)

PUBLICATIONS:

- Manuscript of research project accepted by National Research Committee (100 points)
- A financial management article at least 300 words published in newsletter or other AGA publication (50 points)
- Article on any topic of general interest of at least 200 words published in chapter newsletter (30 points)

SERVICE:

- Participating in an AGA sponsored community service project (15 points)
- Participating in a Non-AGA sponsored community service project (5 points with a maximum of 25 points)
- Service on any board, committee, or other chapter position other than an office (40 points)

Note: The membership recognition director must be notified if you attend an AGA sponsored seminar or training session with a chapter other than the Des Moines chapter, or if you participate in a Non-AGA sponsored community service project to properly award the membership recognition points.

If you would like to check your total points or report activities or events you have participated in, please contact Michelle Wendel at (515) 281-8120 or michelle.wendel@iowa.gov

AGA Chapter Dec. Minutes

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- Please let Patricia Townsend know if you are interested in serving on the CEC next year. We have several vacant positions and really would like to see some "new faces" in the group.

Brenda Loy introduced our guest speaker, Michael Fitzgerald, Treasurer of State. The audio conference that followed was entitled "Latest Trends in Occupational Fraud."

There were 18 members, 1 guest and 2 speakers present. The name drawn for the year-end drawing was Kim Knight.

Interested in becoming a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)?

The Des Moines AGA Chapter is here to help. General information about the CGFM program and exam is available on our website at <http://www.agadsm.org/> - click on the link for certification. To aid in your studies, the Des Moines AGA Chapter has purchased two study guides for the newly revamped CGFM exam. The study guides are available for check out to anyone interested by contacting Natalie Storm. Scholarships are also available to Chapter members, in good standing, who successfully complete the CGFM exam (Scholarship information is available in the procedures manual located in the CEC section of the above referenced website). If you have any questions about the program, please contact Natalie Storm at nstorm@dhs.state.ia.us.



AGA - Des Moines Chapter
Operating Statement for the Period Ended November 30, 2009
For the Year Ending April 30, 2010



	Budget	% of Budget	1st Qtr 2010	2nd Qtr 2010	November 2009	Year to Date
<u>Revenues/Receipts</u>						
Interest	3.03	63%	1.34	0.42	0.15	1.91
Membership Fees	375.00	88%	273.35	55.00		328.35
Conference Revenues	10,000.00	60%	3,734.70	1,385.32	875.00	5,995.02
National Recruitment Scholarship	250.00	50%	-	125.00		125.00
Donations	200.00	108%	56.00	110.65	50.26	216.91
Member Meals	600.00	87%	212.00	206.70	106.00	524.70
Total Revenues	11,428.03		4,277.39	1,883.09	1,031.41	7,191.89
<u>Expenses</u>						
Conference Expenses	8,030.00	63%	3,205.47	1,520.99	301.84	5,028.30
Postage & Supplies	150.00	45%	60.00	5.56	1.39	66.95
Website Expense	150.00	0%	-	-	-	-
National PDC	2,150.00	62%	1,329.34	-	-	1,329.34
Regional PDC	500.01	0%	-	-	-	-
Scholarship	1,850.00	27%	-	500.00	-	500.00
CGFM Study Guides	0.01	0%	-	-	-	-
Gifts	250.00	52%	130.00	-	-	130.00
Meals	650.01	91%	227.30	237.08	126.60	590.98
Donations	800.00	59%	206.00	95.00	174.00	475.00
Member	200.00	83%	56.00	43.65	67.00	166.65
Chapter	600.00	51%	150.00	51.35	107.00	308.35
Miscellaneous	20.00	32%	-	3.18	3.18	6.36
Total Expenses	14,550.03		5,158.11	2,361.81	607.01	8,126.93
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Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room **AUDIO CONFERENCE ONLY!!**

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- **Audio:** Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors

Location: Ola Babcock Miller Building - State Library (Forrest Spaulding Room 310)

Note: The Ola Babcock Miller Building is located next to the Jessie Parker Building.

Forrest Spaulding is located on the 3rd floor at the top of the stairs on the right, or

if you take the elevator, once on the 3rd floor, walk around the rotunda to the room.

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REMINDER!!!

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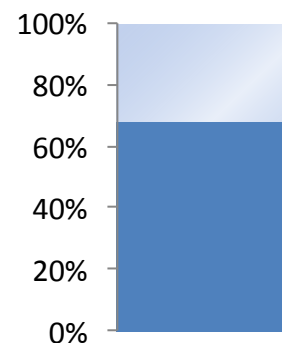


AGA Chapter Recognition Program

Our current standing as of **December 29, 2009**, is as follows:

<u>Recognition Area</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Percent Complete</u>
Chapter Leadership Participation	2,825	3,000	94%
Education and Professional Development	4,125	4,000	103%
Certification	2,175	4,000	54%
Communications	3,257	3,000	109%
Membership	475	3,000	16%
Early Careers and Student Members	425	2,000	21%
Community Service	1,325	2,000	66%
Chapter Awards Program	400	1,000	40%
Total Chapter Recognition Points FYTD	15,007	22,000	68%

Total Chapter Recognition Points FYTD



Submitted by: **Patricia Townsend, President-Elect**



Take the CGFM Examinations After the NLC

AGA is once again offering a great opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations and earn your CGFM after the Eighth Annual National Leadership Conference (NLC). Whether you've found it difficult to find time to complete the three exams or just need an extra reinforcement of the material, this is your chance to get it done!

To help you reach that goal, we are offering a two-day Intensive Review Course on Monday, February 22, and Tuesday, February 23, 2010, and an opportunity to take the CGFM Examinations on February 24–25, 2010. The event will take place in Alexandria, VA. The cost of the course is only \$249 for qualified participants, and it offers 18 CPE hours. Special Bonus: The CGFM Examinations are offered at no cost to course attendees.

This course is designed as a supplement to previous preparation for the CGFM Examinations, so this is a perfect opportunity for those individuals who have already attended GFM training courses or have been preparing by using the CGFM Study Guides. Enrollment is limited and popular exam time slots are reserved quickly, so don't delay.

More information and a registration form for this event are available on the AGA website (http://www.agacgfm.org/nlc_2010/cgfm_exams.htm). If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Vanison at cvanison@agacgfm.org or at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 316.



Regional Training Opportunities

Topeka Chapter:

- “Fraud - Identifying it, Understanding it, Eliminating it” 8-hour Seminar in Lawrence, Kansas, March, 3, 2010
- For more information: www.agaks.org

Omaha Chapter:

AGA National Chapter Promo CGFM training (GFM) in March 2010.

The Omaha chapter is planning to offer this promotion in March 2010.

Dates: TBD (based on interest)

Location: Bellevue University

Courses Offered and Cost: See following

The CGFM Program consists of three courses:

Course 1: Governmental Environment – 1 day, 8 CPE hours

Course 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting – 3 days, 24 CPE hours

Course 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control – 2 days, 16 CPE hours

The most common and preferred arrangement is to split the courses into two sets of three days each (course 1 and 3, and then course 2). The fee for all three courses is \$18,000. Here is the breakdown of the fees by course:

Course 1 alone (one day) - \$3,500

Course 3 alone (two days) - \$6,000

Course 1 and 3 held back-to-back (three days) - \$9,000 (save \$500!)

Course 2 alone (three days) - \$9,000

This promotion is available for up to 30 students per course.

The cost per student will be based on the number of students and the courses they want to attend.

For example, the cost per student for 30 students taking course 3 is \$200. This includes the study guide materials (\$85) and the cost of the exam (\$109) for course 3.

Please let your chapter members know about this opportunity and contact Dan Walsh – Omaha Chapter CGFM Chair at :

walshmail@cox.net or 402-397-7448 by Jan 15, 2010.



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President's Message

February is here and there's only a few weeks left for you to take advantage of the early bird discounts offered for the May 19, 2010 seminar!! Remember, if you register online by February 28th, AGA members will only pay \$70 and nonmembers \$85.

We've got great speakers lined up for this seminar: Patrick Kuhse, a speaker on business ethics and critical thinking skills, and State Auditor Dave Vaudt. The AGA audio conference entitled "Ethics" will be offered as well. This is a great, INEXPENSIVE way to get those required CPE hours on ethics!



I hope everyone who's recently attended an AGA audio conference enjoyed the new automated CPE process. No more waiting for AGA National to sign and return the CPE form to you. Just go online, enter your personal information, pin #, etc. and "presto" you can print out your CPE form. How easy is that?!!

We still need your help in filling open positions on the CEC for 2010-2011. Please contact Patricia Townsend if you're interested. WE NEED YOU!!

AGA National needs you too! They are looking for members to serve as volunteer reviewers of citizen-centric reports which are submitted for the Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting. If interested, please contact Janice Jensen.

Don't forget to renew your AGA membership!! The sooner, the better and you can do this online by going to: <http://members.agacgfm.org/source/security/member-logon.cfm>.

See you February 10 at the State Library for our lunch 'n learn and audio conference entitled "Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors."

Cindy Weber, Chapter President

Feb. Events

**Ola Babcock Miller
Bldg - State Library
Forrest Spaulding
Room 310
Des Moines, IA**

Wed., Feb. 10, 2010

11:30 - 1:00

Speaker

**Barb Corson &
Beth Henning
"State Library
Update"**

Recommended CPE: 1 Hr

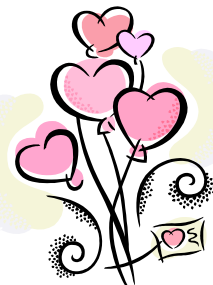
Bring your own lunch
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1:00 - 2:50

Audio Conference

**"Understanding IT
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AGA CEC January Meeting Minutes

President Cindy Weber opened the January 27, 2010 meeting of the Chapter Executive Committee. Other CEC members present were Janice Jensen, Valerie Wedgeworth, Cheryl Mather, Michelle Wendel, Kim Knight, Patricia Townsend, Janice Evans and Denise Ragias.

- 1. February 10 Lunch n' Learn/ Audio Conference.** Denise volunteered to handle the Quizno's order. Remember the lunch n' learn/audio conference will be held in the State Library. Cindy will ask Brenda if the 2 speakers from the State Library would like Quizno's meals. Natalie will bring the laptop and Patricia will bring the materials on a USB stick (back-up) for the audio conference. Other equipment will be provided by the State Library.
- 2. Cheryl – draw for 2 free memberships (recruitment dollars).** There were three non-members who met the criteria to have their names put into the drawing for one of the two free memberships. Michelle volunteered to contact the individuals to offer the free membership. Michelle made a motion (Kim seconded) that if one of the individuals declined the free membership we would offer the membership to the third qualifying individual. All agreed. The two new members of the Des Moines AGA are Lisa Dooly and Chris Young. Cheryl will send the report to Rodneikka and Jessica (National) by 1/29/2010.
- 3. Valerie - \$500 scholarship recipient.** We are not sure if the recipient will attend the February 10 or March 3 lunch n' learn/audio conference. Valerie will contact the student/professor to determine which chapter meeting works best for them. We will provide a free lunch and registration to both the student and professor. Patricia made a motion (Michelle seconded) to offer mileage reimbursement from UNI to Des Moines (round trip), at the \$0.39 state rate, if a state vehicle is not used. All agreed. Valerie will obtain the student bio and present the membership and Patricia will bring a camera to the meeting.
- 4. Valerie – Discussion with Patrick Kuhse.** Valerie has the signed contract. Patrick is still working to finalize his travel plans and will let us know what they are. He is trying to schedule more speaking engagements in the area. Fifteen registrations have been received as of today. Continue to encourage early bird registrations! Patricia will update the flyer to include Patrick's flyer – she will send this to the CEC and post on the website. A reminder will be sent to members, etc. around February 1.
- 5. Future Speakers.** Patty Schroeder from Des Moines Schools has confirmed that she will present at the April 21 lunch n' learn. Her topic will be Des Moines Public Schools Financial Challenges. The March 3 lunch n' learn speaker slot remains open.
The May 4 evening meal speaker will be Lekeisha Veasley from Operation Threshold in Waterloo. Lekeisha spoke at the 2009 Women & Money Conference hosted by the State Treasurer. We have the conference room at Okoboji Grill, Johnston reserved from 5:00-9:00. Lottery has a projector we can use if needed for the event. Denise motioned (Patricia seconded) to pay for the speaker's mileage (state rate) and meal. All agreed. The room will be set up for 30, notify Okoboji in advance if more than 30 and they will re-arrange the room layout. Schedule of events are tentatively set as follows:

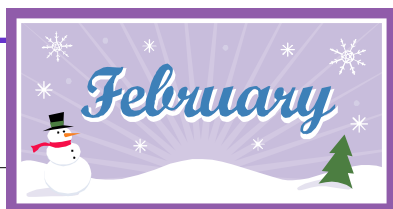
5:00 – Arrive and happy hour
5:15 – Place dinner orders
Business meeting
6:30 – Lekeisha Veasley to begin her presentation
7:30 – Wrap-up event

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- 6. Automated CPE for audio conferences. Did anyone try this for the January 13 meeting?** There were a few things that were a bit confusing, but overall this worked very well.
- 7. Item to include in the next newsletter and chapter meeting announcement.** AGA is looking for members to serve as volunteer reviewers of citizen-centric reports which are submitted for the Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting.
- 8. Fundraisers.** There was discussion about including Meals from the Heartland or other charitable organizations that benefit Haiti in our February plans. After much discussion it was decided that the Food Bank of Iowa has a significant local need and we will continue with our plans to contribute to the Food Bank of Iowa for February. We will consider collecting for Meals from the Heartland later in the calendar year.
- 9. Open positions on the CEC for 2010 – 2011.** Patricia handed out forms to those who will not be serving on the CEC next year and asking for general information regarding what the positions' tasks include, amount of time spent per month, etc. These are due back to Patricia by the next CEC meeting in February.
- 10. Monthly expenses.** No report.
- 11. Procedures manual update.** If you haven't done so yet, please get your updates to Natalie. Janice will send out the Mid-Missouri procedure manual to the CEC.
- 12. Website update.** Patricia tries to update the homepage monthly. Items to be added include (a) open CEC positions and (b) link to the national website for renewing AGA membership.
- 13. Regional/National update.** Omaha has received 8 responses for the March CGFM classes tentatively planned for Omaha. Six of the responses are from Des Moines! Patricia is working on the Regional website. It is time to renew AGA memberships. Try renewing online!
- 14. Newsletter articles are to due to Kim by February 5 for the newsletter to go out by February 8.** Michelle will send the new member list.
- 15. Other discussion items.** National award nominations are due April 16 – these will be awarded at the PDC in July. SLM registrations are due March 19 – the meeting is in Kansas City May 14 & 15.



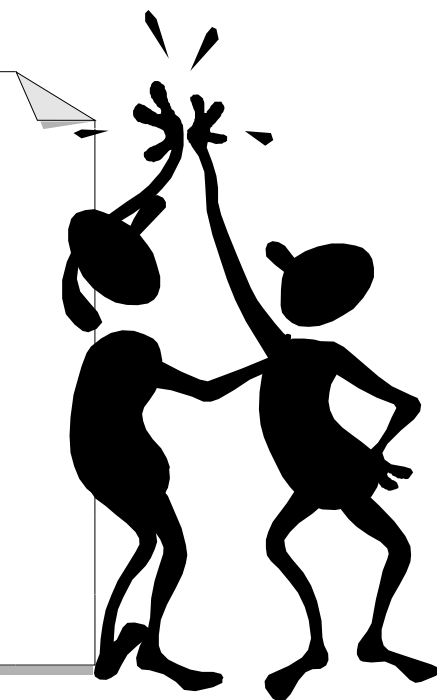
AGA Des Moines Chapter ~ Member Recognition 2009 - 2010 As of January 25, 2010

Rank / Name / Total Points

1. Kim Knight	760
2. Natalie Storm	655
3. Michelle Wendel	645
4. Janice Evans	595
5. Denise Ragias	585

Rank / Name / Total Points

6. Patricia Townsend	580
7. Angie James	530
8. Marilyn Hanson	525
9. Valerie Wedgeworth	490
10. Cheryl Mather	475



February Community Service Event

Our focus in January and February is on the Food Bank of Iowa. We are collecting monetary donations during the meetings/audio conferences in these two months. The United Way offers this description on their website, "The Food Bank of Iowa is a private, non-profit charitable organization whose vision is a hunger-free Iowa and mission is alleviating hunger through food distribution, partnership, and education. Donations come from food industry donors, special events and federal government commodity programs. With its 53,000 sq.ft. facility, the Food Bank of Iowa solicits, warehouses, and distributes grocery products through a network of 285 non-profit food providing organizations in 42 counties. As a member of Feeding America (formerly America's Second Harvest-the Nation's Food Bank Network), the Food Bank of Iowa benefits from national promotions and fundraising campaigns for organizations such as Wal-Mart, Kraft, Barilla, General Mills, etc. Providing hunger education and working with government at all levels to end hunger in the United States is also a priority of the Food Bank of Iowa." In FYE 6/30/08, the Food Bank of Iowa distributed 5,032,270 pounds of donated food to hungry Iowans.

Looking forward to March.....our community service focus will be Kids Against Hunger



AGA Chapter January Minutes

The Des Moines Chapter AGA met at the Jessie Parker Building-Knudsen Room on January 13, 2010 for a combined "Lunch 'n Learn" chapter meeting and audio conference. President Cindy Weber opened the meeting and welcomed everyone including guests.

Cindy reminded everyone to renew their AGA membership. Annual membership and CGFM renewal packets should be arriving in mailboxes the last week of January. Members don't have to wait that long though—renew online today! Members are encouraged to use this quick and easy renewal method.

Cindy reminded everyone of the AGA audio conference on January 27, 2010, entitled *President's Executive Order: Reduce Improper Payments and Eliminate Waste* (2 CPEs).

The February 10 lunch 'n learn/audio conference will be at the State Library. Barb Corson and Beth Henning will be our speakers. The audio conference is "Understanding IT audits for Program Managers and Auditors."

We awarded the \$500 scholarship that we offer annually to Zach Rowley from UNI. We will invite Zach to attend a future chapter meeting to receive his scholarship check. We also offer the scholarship recipient either a free first year student membership to AGA or chapter membership in the Des Moines Chapter once employed.

As part of our recruitment drive, the CEC decided to offer 2 free AGA memberships to nonmembers. We will announce the winners at the February 10 chapter meeting.

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You are invited to the following event:

February 2010 Lunch 'n Learn and Audio Conference

Date:

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 from 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Location:

**State Library of Iowa, Ola Babcock Miller Bldg
1112 E Grand Ave
Forrest Spaulding Room 310
Des Moines, IA 50319**

To register for the Lunch 'n Learn and/or Audio Conference:

Please go to the AGA Des Moines Chapter website at
<http://www.agadsm.org/>



We Need You!!

The following positions are vacant for the 2010-2011 CEC:

1. Secretary
2. Communications Director
3. Early Careers Director
4. Membership Director
5. Professional Certification Director
6. Program & Technical Meeting Director

Contact Patricia Townsend if you are interested in finding out more about one of these open positions!

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Please volunteer to serve on the CEC next year. We still have several positions to fill. Contact Patricia Townsend or any member of the CEC if you're interested.

Don't forget to sign up for the May 19 spring seminar by February 28 to take advantage of the early bird discount.

Michelle reminded members that if they donate during the AGA meeting they need to sign the donation sheet so she can give them membership points.

Brenda Loy introduced our guest speaker, Kristy Maitre, from the IRS. The audio conference that followed was entitled "Sudden Impact or Long-Term Process? Impact of the Stimulus Plan on Internal Controls."

There were 25 members, 3 guests and 1 speaker present. The name drawn for the year-end drawing was Natalie Storm.

AGA Members can Earn Points as follows:

ATTENDANCE:

- Regular chapter meeting (20 points)
- Bonus for attending more than 4 meetings (15 points)
- Bonus meeting (30 points)
- For each guest attending the meeting (10 points with a maximum of 20 points per guest per member)

MEMBERSHIP:

- Each new member sponsored and accepted (35 points)

CHAPTER PROGRAMS:

- Member who is a speaker or panel participant at regular meeting (50 points)

EDUCATIONAL:

- Each chapter sponsored presentation at high schools or colleges (50 points)
- Conducting chapter workshop or financial management in addition to regular meeting (50 points)
- Attending an AGA-sponsored seminar or training session (35 points)

PUBLICATIONS:

- Manuscript of research project accepted by National Research Committee (100 points)
- A financial management article at least 300 words published in newsletter or other AGA publication (50 points)
- Article on any topic of general interest of at least 200 words published in chapter newsletter (30 points)

SERVICE:

- Participating in an AGA sponsored community service project (15 points)
- Participating in a Non-AGA sponsored community service project (5 points with a maximum of 25 points)
- Service on any board, committee, or other chapter position other than an office (40 points)

Note: The membership recognition director must be notified if you attend an AGA sponsored seminar or training session with a chapter other than the Des Moines chapter, or if you participate in a Non-AGA sponsored community service project to properly award the membership recognition points.

If you would like to check your total points or report activities or events you have participated in, please contact Michelle Wendel at (515) 281-8120 or michelle.wendel@iowa.gov

Welcome to Our New AGA Members!!

New members joining the
Des Moines Chapter AGA
from October to January:

1. Patrice Sayre - October
2. James Arnett - January

Interested in becoming a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)?

The Des Moines AGA Chapter is here to help. General information about the CGFM program and exam is available on our website at <http://www.agadsm.org/> - click on the link for certification. To aid in your studies, the Des Moines AGA Chapter has purchased two study guides for the newly revamped CGFM exam. The study guides are available for check out to anyone interested by contacting Natalie Storm. Scholarships are also available to Chapter members, in good standing, who successfully complete the CGFM exam (Scholarship information is available in the procedures manual located in the CEC section of the above referenced website). If you have any questions about the program, please contact Natalie Storm at nstorm@dhs.state.ia.us.



AGA - Des Moines Chapter

Operating Statement for the Period Ended December 31, 2009

For the Year Ending April 30, 2010

	Budget	% of Budget	1st Qtr <u>2010</u>	2nd Qtr <u>2010</u>	November <u>2009</u>	December <u>2009</u>	Year to <u>Date</u>
<u>Revenues/Receipts</u>							
Interest	3.03	68%	1.34	0.42	0.15	0.16	2.07
Membership Fees	375.00	88%	273.35	55.00			328.35
Conference Revenues	10,000.00	66%	3,734.70	1,385.32	875.00	555.00	6,550.02
National Recruitment Scholarship	250.00	50%	-	125.00			125.00
Donations	200.00	115%	56.00	110.65	50.26	12.20	229.11
Member Meals	600.00	99%	212.00	206.70	106.00	68.90	593.60
Total Revenues	11,428.03		4,277.39	1,883.09	1,031.41	636.26	7,828.15
<u>Expenses</u>							
Conference Expenses	8,030.00	63%	3,205.47	1,520.99	301.84	63.19	5,091.49
Postage & Supplies	150.00	46%	60.00	5.56	1.39	2.27	69.22
Website Expense	150.00	0%	-	-			-
National PDC	2,150.00	62%	1,329.34	-	-	-	1,329.34
Regional PDC	500.01	0%	-	-	-	-	-
Scholarship	1,850.00	27%	-	500.00	-	-	500.00
CGFM Study Guides	0.01	0%	-	-			-
Gifts	250.00	52%	130.00	-	-	-	130.00
Meals	650.01	102%	227.30	237.08	126.60	73.59	664.57
Donations	800.00	80%	206.00	95.00	174.00	162.46	637.46
Miscellaneous	20.00	16%	-	3.18	3.18	(3.18)	3.18
Total Expenses	14,550.03		5,158.11	2,361.81	607.01	298.33	8,425.26
Revenues over (under) Expenses	<u>(3,122.00)</u>		<u>(880.72)</u>	<u>(478.72)</u>	<u>424.40</u>	<u>337.93</u>	<u>(597.11)</u>
Beginning Balance 5/01/09	9,351.34						<u>9,351.34</u>
Ending Balance 4/30/10	6,229.34						<u>8,754.23</u>

**AGA-Des Moines Chapter
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2009**

Assets	
Checking	843.52
Savings	3,910.71
Certificate of Deposit	4,000.00
Total Assets	<u>8,754.23</u>



Wanted: Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) Reviewers

AGA offers a **Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting** for entities that prepare and distribute high-quality four-page Citizen-Centric Reports. To be eligible for the certificate, governments must incorporate into their report the program's high standards of content, visual appeal, readability, distribution and timeliness in reporting.

AGA members believe that government accountability and transparency are essential to a healthy democracy and are committed to fulfilling our obligation to advance government accountability. This initiative is focused on compelling governments at all levels to improve how they present financial information to taxpayers, so that it is clear, accurate, up-to-date and easily accessible to all. In these tough economic times, it will take all our know-how, resources and courage to steer our way through to the sustainable fiscal accountability taxpayers expect and deserve.

The number of reports that AGA is receiving is steadily increasing and therefore we are looking for additional members to serve as volunteer reviewers of Citizen reports that are submitted for the **Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting**. The following are the latest governments to produce four-page citizen-centric reports: Guilford County (NC), City of Portsmouth (VA), the City and County of Denver (CO), Metro Government of Nashville and Davidson County (TN), the Treasury Franchise Fund (U.S. Department of the Treasury), the Idaho State Police, and the states of New York and Idaho.

What Do Reviewers Do?

Volunteer reviewers read four-page Citizen-Centric reports, evaluate them using AGA's judging guidelines and respond with recommendations for report improvements. Each report gets reviewed by three volunteer reviewers. Reviewers decide whether the report they have judged merits the Certificate of Excellence.

What is the Time Commitment?

On average, reviewing/judging a report takes approximately one to two hours and it is all done electronically. More than likely, each reviewer will review one report a month.

Your help is needed! Please volunteer today!

Interested in Being a Reviewer? Please contact [Susan Fritzen](#).



Call for National Award Nominations

AGA's National Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for the 13 National Awards that recognize the leaders advancing our profession and setting the standards of excellence. These awards will be presented during AGA's Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC) in Orlando, July 11–14. In many cases, individuals do not have to be members of AGA to be eligible.

All nominations are due by Friday, April 16.

Nomination forms and additional information is available online or contact [Louise Kapelewski](#).



Nashville Chapter Secures “Preferred” Status for CGFM Applicants

Job seekers with the CGFM will have an advantage over uncertified competitors if they apply for certain positions in Tennessee’s Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury.

AGA’s Nashville Chapter was instrumental in making the CGFM a “preferred” qualification for three positions in the Office of Management Services within the comptroller’s office: contract review administrator, business administration manager and legislative sourcing oversight manager.

Nashville Chapter President Karen B. Hale, MAOM, CGFM, said she was asked last spring to review job specifications, titles and duties after the retirements of two longtime leaders in the Office of Management Services—including Past AGA National President Charles Harrison, CPA, CGFM. During the reorganization, she proposed the three job specifications include the statement, “A certification as a government finance manager (CGFM) is preferred.” Comptroller of the Treasury Justin P. Wilson approved the change, effective Aug. 1.

The process took a few months, but it was fairly straightforward. Hale’s office is full of AGA supporters and CGFMs, many of whom were involved in the CGFM’s earliest stages, such as Harrison and Past AGA National President Richard Norment, CGFM, CIA. Her director, for example, is Immediate Past Regional Vice President Melinda Parton, CGFM. “We’re fortunate here to have such a rich history,” Hale said. “They laid the groundwork.”

All three positions are now filled with professionals who have passed the CGFM Examinations. Hale, who is the current business administration manager, said she believes that the CGFM certification strengthens an applicant’s knowledge base. “You can’t just walk in off the street and start working and be successful right away,” she said. “These positions involve a lot of on-the-job training, a lot of mentoring, and the more knowledge you bring to the table on the front end, the better.”

Tennessee has had many successes over the years. The state formally recognizes the CGFM designation with a salary increase if that particular department chooses to do so. The comptroller’s office also sponsored legislation two years ago that requires all municipalities in the state to employ a certified municipal finance officer (CMFO) to produce its financial statements. CGFMs are exempt from the educational requirements of the CMFO designation.

Katya Silver, AGA’s director of Professional Certification Administration, applauds the Nashville Chapter for its work. “It is great to see the Nashville chapter’s initiative and hard work pay off. What a wonderful example of AGA leadership and teamwork!”

In fact, Silver encourages other chapters to learn from what’s been accomplished in Tennessee and around the country. AGA recently held a teleconference dedicated to CGFM recognition—successful practices, challenges, ideas and tools.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING AGA EVENTS!!!!**Starting and Ending Times are usually:****Lunch n' Learn (1 CPE) - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.****Audio Conferences (2 CPE) - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.****NASACT Webinars (2 CPE) - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.****2010**

- Feb 10** - **Lunch:** Barb Corson & Beth Henning - State Library Update
- **Audio:** Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors
Location: Ola Babcock Miller Building - State Library (Forrest Spaulding Room 310)
Note: The Ola Babcock Miller Building is located next to the Jessie Parker Building.
Forrest Spaulding is located on the 3rd floor at the top of the stairs on the right, or
if you take the elevator, once on the 3rd floor, walk around the rotunda to the room.
- Mar 03** - **Lunch:** Edward Parker, IT Specialist 5, Iowa Communications Network - "The Leader in the Mirror"
Audio: The War Against Fraud and Abuse: Are We Winning?
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room
- Mar 24** - **Audio:** Suggested Guidelines for Voluntary Reporting: Sharing the Government's Story Using Non-Financial Resources **AUDIO CONFERENCE ONLY!!**
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room
- Apr 21** - **Lunch:** Patty Schroeder, Des Moines Schools - "Des Moines Public Schools Financial Challenges"
- **Audio:** The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room
- May 04** - **Evening Meeting:** Lekeisha Veasley, Operation Threshold - Waterloo
5:00 Arrive and happy hour
5:15 Place dinner orders
Business meeting
6:30 Lekeisha Veasley to begin her presentation
7:30 Wrap-up
Location: Okoboji Bar & Grill, Johnston
- May 19** - 8:00 - 11:00; Patrick Kuhse will speak on "Prominence to Prison: Why Smart People Do Dumb Things" (3 CPE)
1:00 - 2:50; Ethics Audio Conference
3:15 - 4:15; David Vaudt, Auditor of State; "Results of the Legislative Session"
Location: **Holiday Inn Downtown, 1050 6th Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50314**

REMINDER!!!

February 28, 2010 is the
deadline to register for
the May 19 seminar at
the early bird discount!!



Regional Training Opportunities

Topeka Chapter:

- "Fraud - Identifying it, Understanding it, Eliminating it" 8-hour Seminar in Lawrence, Kansas, March, 3, 2010
- For more information: www.agaks.org



Greater Kansas City Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners:

- "Excuse Me, Are Those Your Pants on Fire? How to Use the New Body Language to Detect Deception and Get What You Want", Kansas City Police Academy, Tuesday, April 27 7:30 - 4:30
- Early Bird Registration by March 15 - \$150 member/\$175 Non-Member (After March 15 \$175/\$200)
- For more information, contact the Chapter at tpage3@kc.rr.com

Kansas City Chapter:

- Professional Development Seminar, Wednesday, April 14, 2010
- 8 CPE

Omaha Chapter:

AGA National Chapter Promo CGFM training (GFM) in March 2010.

The Omaha chapter is planning to offer this promotion in March 2010.

Dates: TBD (based on interest)

Location: Bellevue University

Courses Offered and Cost: See following

The CGFM Program consists of three courses:

Course 1: Governmental Environment – 1 day, 8 CPE hours

Course 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting – 3 days, 24 CPE hours

Course 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control – 2 days, 16 CPE hours

The most common and preferred arrangement is to split the courses into two sets of three days each (course 1 and 3, and then course 2). The fee for all three courses is \$18,000. Here is the breakdown of the fees by course:

Course 1 alone (one day) - \$3,500

Course 3 alone (two days) - \$6,000

Course 1 and 3 held back-to-back (three days) - \$9,000 (save \$500!)

Course 2 alone (three days) - \$9,000

This promotion is available for up to 30 students per course.

The cost per student will be based on the number of students and the courses they want to attend.

For example, the cost per student for 30 students taking course 3 is \$200. This includes the study guide materials (\$85) and the cost of the exam (\$109) for course 3.

Please let your chapter members know about this opportunity and contact Dan Walsh – Omaha Chapter CGFM Chair at : walshmail@cox.net or 402-397-7448 by Jan 15, 2010.

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President's Message

First of all, I want to thank everyone who registered early for the May 19 spring seminar. We have over 90 registrations so far which is fantastic!! We're hoping to pick up several more before the April 30 deadline. The early registrations really help the CEC plan for the event.

March is CGFM month so we're planning to celebrate this by treating attendees of the March 3 lunch 'n learn/audio conference to CUPCAKES!! So be there or be.....missing out on cupcakes.

We still need volunteers for the CEC next year. We have 5 positions open and I know there's one that's just right for you!! Please contact Patricia Townsend or any member of the CEC if you're interested. **WE NEED YOU!!**



DSM AGA wants to keep you informed about other great CPE opportunities, especially those close to home. The National Association of State Comptrollers is holding its annual meeting in Des Moines from March 24-26. Registration fees for government officials is only \$350 and includes up to 18 hours of CPE, breakfast and lunch each day and a reception dinner Wednesday evening. Online registration is available by visiting NASACT's website at www.nasact.org or contact Donna Malloy, Conference Manager,

at (859)-276-1147 or dmalloy@nasact.org.

Hope to see you at the March 3 lunch 'n learn/audio conference!

Cindy Weber, Chapter President

March Events

Jessie Parker Bldg
Knudsen Room
Des Moines, IA

Wed., Mar. 3, 2010

11:30 - 1:00

Speaker

Edward Parker, ICN
"The Leader in the
Mirror"

Recommended CPE: 1 Hr

Bring your own lunch
or pre-order a Quizno's
box lunch.

1:00 - 2:50

Audio Conference

"The War Against
Fraud and Abuse: Are
We Winning?"

Recommended CPE: 2 Hrs

Wed., Mar. 24, 2010

1:00 - 2:50

Audio Conference

"Suggested Guidelines
for Voluntary
Reporting: Sharing
the Government's
Story"

Recommended CPE: 2 Hrs

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AGA CEC February Meeting Minutes

President-elect Patricia Townsend opened the February 16, 2010 meeting of the Chapter Executive Committee. Other members in attendance were Janice Evans, Janice Jensen, Kim Knight, Denise Ragias, Natalie Storm, Val Wedgeworth, Michelle Wendel, and Marilyn Hanson.

1. March 3 LNL/audio conference:

- Number of registrations - 3 so far - but reminder hasn't been sent out yet.
- Quizno's order – Denise will handle. Deliver to Knudsen Room.
- We are providing a meal for Edward (the speaker). Patricia to ask and get his order.
- Is everything in place for the audio? Val will run the power point.
- Michelle motioned (Val seconded) to get cupcakes in honor of CGFM month. All in favor.
- Natalie will order and pick up the cupcakes.

2. March 24 audio conference ONLY

- Number of registrations - 1 so far - this also coincides with the NASC conference being held in Des Moines.
- Is everything in place for the audio? This is in the Knudsen Room also, so probably Val will run power point.



3. Domain name will expire February 26, 2010. Patricia would like to purchase a hosting package that includes the domain name. Currently the domain name and hosting are two different charges costing together \$140/year. If we get the new combined package it will be a little cheaper around \$120/year. Denise motioned (Janice seconded) to purchase the combined package to save money. All in favor.

4. Val – \$500 scholarship recipient:

- The recipient is planning to attend the March 3 meeting. Val to find out his sandwich order.
- Need to get check from Natalie (\$500 plus mileage, if not driving a state vehicle). Mileage should be in a separate check.
- Michelle will make a certificate for him.
- Val will find out if he wants a student membership or an early careers membership.

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5. May 19 seminar:

- Number of registrations to date 17 members and 8 nonmembers.
- We will send information out again to our contacts. Early registration discount deadline is February 28.

6. NASACT audio on March 2

- Do we want to offer this? We need 18 to break even. There was concern that it might compete with the March 3 audio (that's already been paid for.) Natalie motioned (Janice seconded) that we not offer this audio conference. All in favor.

7. Fundraisers

- Denise motioned (Janice seconded) to request \$100 match for Food Bank of Iowa (members donations totaled \$181.93). All in favor. Denise will contact National.
- Budget needs to be increased (revenues and expenditures) for member donations. Natalie motioned (Michelle seconded) to increase the donation revenue line to \$350. All in favor. Natalie motioned (Michelle seconded) to increase the donation expense line to \$350. All in favor. Natalie motioned (Michelle seconded) to increase the member meal revenue budget to \$825. All in favor. Natalie motioned (Michelle seconded) that the member meal expense budget be increased to \$925. This is higher than the corresponding revenue line because of tip, meals for speakers, delivery charges, etc. All in favor.
- There is a potential budget amendment for the national PDC, depending upon timing of things.
- Our next fundraiser is Kids Against Hunger and then Juvenile Diabetes.

8. There are six open positions on CEC for 2010-2011.

Michelle motioned (Janice seconded) to combine the membership recognition position and the membership director position. All in favor. Michelle will fill the position for next year. The new positions take over office May 1st.

9. Treasurer's Report.

Review of monthly expenses, monthly financial statements, and budget amendments.

10. Procedures manual update.

Please send into Natalie if you haven't already done so.

11. Anything new to report from Regional?

There will be a conference call on Friday.

12. Newsletter articles due to Kim by February 22 for newsletter to go out March 1.

Our next meeting is Tuesday March 16 @11:30 in the Lucas Building Conference room. Meeting adjourned.



AGA Des Moines Chapter ~ Member Recognition 2009 - 2010 As of February 12, 2010

Rank / Name / Total Points

1. Kim Knight	800
2. Michelle Wendel	720
3. Natalie Storm	690
4. Patricia Townsend	670
5. Janice Evans	665
6. Denise Ragias	655

Rank / Name / Total Points

7. Angie James	585
8. Marilyn Hanson / Cheryl Mather	545
9. Kris Houston	505
10. Valerie Wedgeworth	490



March Community Service Event

Thank you for all the generous donations for the **Food Bank of Iowa** in the last two months. Members contributed \$181.93 and the Chapter matched it with \$100 for a grand total of \$281.93. National AGA has used all their match funds for the year so we were unable to secure a match from them.

Our community service focus will be on **Kids Against Hunger**. According to their website, "The mission of Kids Against Hunger, a humanitarian food-aid organization, is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and to feed starving children throughout the world. Kids Against Hunger is not affiliated with or restricted to a particular religious group and does not discriminate on any basis when distributing its meals. The organization's approach to achieving its goal - the eradication of world hunger - includes the packaging of a highly nutritious, vitamin-fortified soy-rice casserole by volunteers at numerous locations within the USA and Canada, and the distribution of those meals to starving children and their families in over 60 countries through partnerships with humanitarian organizations worldwide. In 2008 alone, volunteers at Kids Against Hunger's food packaging centers across the USA packaged over 40 million meals for children and their families around the world and around the corner." We will collect donations for this organization at the meeting and audio conferences in March.

April's community service focus will be on **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation**.

AGA Chapter February Minutes

The Des Moines Chapter AGA met at the Ola Babcock Miller Building-State Library Forrest Spaulding Room 310 on February 10, 2010 for a combined "Lunch 'n Learn" Chapter Meeting and Audio Conference. President Cindy Weber opened the meeting and welcomed everyone including guests.

1. **Drawing for 2 free AGA memberships (recruitment dollars).** The two newest members of the Des Moines AGA are Lisa Dooly and Chris Young. Welcome Lisa and Chris!
2. **Renew AGA Memberships.** Don't forget to renew your membership to AGA. Deadline is March 31 but the sooner, the better. Online registration is encouraged and is easy!
3. **May 19 seminar.** Don't forget to register by February 28 for the May 19 seminar to take advantage of the early bird discount. (\$70 Member and \$85 Nonmember)
4. **\$500 scholarship recipient.** UNI student Zach Rowley, our scholarship winner, will attend the March 3 lunch n' learn/audio conference.
5. **Future Speakers – we've finalized the lunch n learn speakers for the rest of the year:**

Edward Parker an IT Specialist with ICN will speak at our **March 3** lunch 'n learn. His topic will be "The Leader in the Mirror."

Patty Schroeder from Des Moines Schools will present at the **April 21** lunch n' learn. Her topic will be "Des Moines Public Schools Financial Challenges".

The **May 4** evening meal speaker will be Lekeisha Veasley from Operation Threshold in Waterloo. Lekeisha spoke at the 2009 Women & Money Conference hosted by the State Treasurer. We have the conference room at Okoboji Grill, Johnston reserved from 5:00-9:00.

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You are invited to the following event:

March 2010 Lunch 'n Learn and Audio Conference

Date:

Wednesday, March 03, 2010 from 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Location:

**Parker - Knudsen Room
Jessie Parker Building
510 E 12th St
Des Moines, IA 50309**

To register for the Lunch 'n Learn and/or Audio Conference:

Please go to the AGA Des Moines Chapter website at
<http://www.agadsm.org/>

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- 6. Fundraiser this month:** Food Bank of Iowa. Next month our fundraiser is Kids Against Hunger.
- 7. Automated CPE for audio conferences.** Any problems? Overall, it looks like this has worked very well.
- 8. Volunteer Reviewers needed for Citizen Centric Reporting.** National AGA is looking for members to serve as volunteer reviewers of citizen-centric reports which are submitted for the Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting.
- 9. Open positions on the CEC for 2010 – 2011.** Secretary, Communications Director, Early Careers Director, Membership Director, Professional Certification Director and Program & Technical Meeting Director. Please contact Patricia Townsend or any member of the CEC if interested. Free trip to SLM in Kansas City for certain CEC members – May 14 & 15.
- 10. Other discussion items.** National award nominations are due April 16 – these will be awarded at the PDC in July. If interested in making a nomination, see any member of the CEC or go to National AGA's website.

Cindy Weber introduced our guest speakers, Barb Corson and Beth Henning from the State Library. The audio conference that followed was entitled "Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers & Auditors."

There were 20 members, 5 guests and 2 speakers present. The name drawn for the year-end drawing was Dorothy Stover.

AGA Members can Earn Points as follows:

ATTENDANCE:

- Regular chapter meeting (20 points)
- Bonus for attending more than 4 meetings (15 points)
- Bonus meeting (30 points)
- For each guest attending the meeting (10 points with a maximum of 20 points per guest per member)

MEMBERSHIP:

- Each new member sponsored and accepted (35 points)

CHAPTER PROGRAMS:

- Member who is a speaker or panel participant at regular meeting (50 points)

EDUCATIONAL:

- Each chapter sponsored presentation at high schools or colleges (50 points)
- Conducting chapter workshop or financial management in addition to regular meeting (50 points)
- Attending an AGA-sponsored seminar or training session (35 points)

PUBLICATIONS:

- Manuscript of research project accepted by National Research Committee (100 points)
- A financial management article at least 300 words published in newsletter or other AGA publication (50 points)
- Article on any topic of general interest of at least 200 words published in chapter newsletter (30 points)

SERVICE:

- Participating in an AGA sponsored community service project (15 points)
- Participating in a Non-AGA sponsored community service project (5 points with a maximum of 25 points)
- Service on any board, committee, or other chapter position other than an office (40 points)

Note: The membership recognition director must be notified if you attend an AGA sponsored seminar or training session with a chapter other than the Des Moines chapter, or if you participate in a Non-AGA sponsored community service project to properly award the membership recognition points.

If you would like to check your total points or report activities or events you have participated in, please contact Michelle Wendel at (515) 281-8120 or michelle.wendel@iowa.gov



Interested in becoming a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)?

The Des Moines AGA Chapter is here to help. General information about the CGFM program and exam is available on our website at <http://www.agadsm.org/> - click on the link for certification. To aid in your studies, the Des Moines AGA Chapter has purchased two study guides for the newly revamped CGFM exam. The study guides are available for check out to anyone interested by contacting Natalie Storm. Scholarships are also available to Chapter members, in good standing, who successfully complete the CGFM exam (Scholarship information is available in the procedures manual located in the CEC section of the above referenced website). If you have any questions about the program, please contact Natalie Storm at nstorm@dhs.state.ia.us.



AGA - Des Moines Chapter
Operating Statement for the Period Ended January 31, 2010
For the Year Ending April 30, 2010

	Budget	% of Budget	1st Qtr <u>2010</u>	2nd Qtr <u>2010</u>	3rd Qtr <u>2010</u>	4th Qtr <u>2010</u>	Year to <u>Date</u>
<u>Revenues/Receipts</u>							
Interest	3.03	74%	1.34	0.42	0.48	-	2.24
Membership Fees	375.00	88%	273.35	55.00	-	-	328.35
Conference Revenues	10,000.00	73%	3,734.70	1,385.32	2,160.00	-	7,280.02
National Recruitment Scholarship	250.00	50%	-	125.00	-	-	125.00
Donations	200.00	123%	56.00	110.65	79.96	-	246.61
Member Meals	600.00	110%	212.00	206.70	243.80	-	662.50
Total Revenues	11,428.03		4,277.39	1,883.09	2,484.24	-	8,644.72
<u>Expenses</u>							
Conference Expenses	8,030.00	66%	3,205.47	1,520.99	549.13	-	5,275.59
Postage & Supplies	150.00	46%	60.00	5.56	3.66	-	69.22
Website Expense	150.00	0%	-	-	-	-	-
National PDC	2,150.00	62%	1,329.34	-	-	-	1,329.34
Regional PDC	500.01	0%	-	-	-	-	-
Scholarship	1,850.00	27%	-	500.00	-	-	500.00
CGFM Study Guides	0.01	0%	-	-	-	-	-
Gifts	250.00	52%	130.00	-	-	-	130.00
Meals	650.01	114%	227.30	237.08	279.07	-	743.45
Donations	800.00	80%	206.00	95.00	336.46	-	637.46
Miscellaneous	20.00	16%	-	3.18	-	-	3.18
Total Expenses	14,550.03		5,158.11	2,361.81	1,168.32	-	8,688.24
Revenues over (under) Expenses	<u>(3,122.00)</u>		<u>(880.72)</u>	<u>(478.72)</u>	<u>1,315.92</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(43.52)</u>
Beginning Balance 5/01/09	9,351.34						<u>9,351.34</u>
Ending Balance 4/30/10	6,229.34						<u>9,307.82</u>

AGA-Des Moines Chapter
Balance Sheet
As of January 31, 2010

Assets	
Checking	1,251.94
Savings	4,055.88
Certificate of Deposit	4,000.00
Total Assets	<u>9,307.82</u>
Liabilities & Equity	
Equity-Unreserved	9,307.82
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>9,307.82</u>



Wanted: Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) Reviewers

AGA offers a **Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting** for entities that prepare and distribute high-quality four-page Citizen-Centric Reports. To be eligible for the certificate, governments must incorporate into their report the program's high standards of content, visual appeal, readability, distribution and timeliness in reporting.

AGA members believe that government accountability and transparency are essential to a healthy democracy and are committed to fulfilling our obligation to advance government accountability. This initiative is focused on compelling governments at all levels to improve how they present financial information to taxpayers, so that it is clear, accurate, up-to-date and easily accessible to all. In these tough economic times, it will take all our know-how, resources and courage to steer our way through to the sustainable fiscal accountability taxpayers expect and deserve.

The number of reports that AGA is receiving is steadily increasing and therefore we are looking for additional members to serve as volunteer reviewers of Citizen reports that are submitted for the **Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting**. The following are the latest governments to produce four-page citizen-centric reports: Guilford County (NC), City of Portsmouth (VA), the City and County of Denver (CO), Metro Government of Nashville and Davidson County (TN), the Treasury Franchise Fund (U.S. Department of the Treasury), the Idaho State Police, and the states of New York and Idaho.

What Do Reviewers Do?

Volunteer reviewers read four-page Citizen-Centric reports, evaluate them using AGA's judging guidelines and respond with recommendations for report improvements. Each report gets reviewed by three volunteer reviewers. Reviewers decide whether the report they have judged merits the Certificate of Excellence.

What is the Time Commitment?

On average, reviewing/judging a report takes approximately one to two hours and it is all done electronically. More than likely, each reviewer will review one report a month.

Your help is needed! Please volunteer today!

Interested in Being a Reviewer? Please contact [Susan Fritzlen](#).



Call for National Award Nominations

AGA's National Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for the 13 National Awards that recognize the leaders advancing our profession and setting the standards of excellence. These awards will be presented during AGA's Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC) in Orlando, July 11–14. In many cases, individuals do not have to be members of AGA to be eligible.

All nominations are due by Friday, April 16.

Nomination forms and additional information is available online or contact [Louise Kapelewski](#).



We Need You!!

The following positions are vacant for the 2010-2011 CEC:

1. Secretary
2. Communications Director
3. Early Careers Director
4. Professional Certification Director
5. Program & Technical Meeting Director



Contact Patricia Townsend if you are interested in finding out more about one of these open positions!



Meet Our \$500 Scholarship Winner: Zach Rowley

The AGA Des Moines Chapter is happy to announce that we are giving a \$500 college tuition scholarship to Zach Rowley. Zach is a senior majoring in Accounting and Economics: Business Analysis at the University of Northern Iowa. Zach has a 3.85 grade point average. He will be awarded his scholarship at the March 3rd 2010 Chapter meeting.

Congratulations!

Congratulations Zach!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING AGA EVENTS!!!!**Starting and Ending Times are usually:****Lunch n' Learn (1 CPE) - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.****Audio Conferences (2 CPE) - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.****NASACT Webinars (2 CPE) - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.****2010**

- Feb 10** - **Lunch:** Barb Corson & Beth Henning - State Library Update
- **Audio:** Understanding IT Audits for Program Managers and Auditors
Location: Ola Babcock Miller Building - State Library (Forrest Spaulding Room 310)
Note: The Ola Babcock Miller Building is located next to the Jessie Parker Building.
Forrest Spaulding is located on the 3rd floor at the top of the stairs on the right, or
if you take the elevator, once on the 3rd floor, walk around the rotunda to the room.
- Mar 03** - **Lunch:** Edward Parker, IT Specialist 5, Iowa Communications Network - "The Leader in the Mirror"
Audio: The War Against Fraud and Abuse: Are We Winning?
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room
- Mar 24** - **Audio:** Suggested Guidelines for Voluntary Reporting: Sharing the Government's Story Using Non-Financial Resources **AUDIO CONFERENCE ONLY!!**
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room
- Apr 21** - **Lunch:** Patty Schroeder, Des Moines Schools - "Des Moines Public Schools Financial Challenges"
- **Audio:** The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room
- May 04** - **Evening Meeting:** Lekeisha Veasley, Operation Threshold - Waterloo
5:00 Arrive and happy hour
5:15 Place dinner orders
Business meeting
6:30 Lekeisha Veasley to begin her presentation
7:30 Wrap-up
Location: Okoboji Bar & Grill, Johnston
- May 19** - 8:00 - 11:00; Patrick Kuhse will speak on "Prominence to Prison: Why Smart People Do Dumb Things" (3 CPE)
1:00 - 2:50; Ethics Audio Conference
3:15 - 4:15; David Vaudt, Auditor of State; "Results of the Legislative Session"
Location: **Holiday Inn Downtown, 1050 6th Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50314**

REMINDER!!!

February 28, 2010 is the
deadline to register for
the May 19 seminar at
the early bird discount!!



Regional Training Opportunities

Topeka Chapter:

- "Fraud - Identifying it, Understanding it, Eliminating it" 8-hour Seminar in Lawrence, Kansas, March, 3, 2010
- For more information: www.agaks.org



Greater Kansas City Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners:

- "Excuse Me, Are Those Your Pants on Fire? How to Use the New Body Language to Detect Deception and Get What You Want", Kansas City Police Academy, Tuesday, April 27 7:30 - 4:30
- Early Bird Registration by March 15 - \$150 member/\$175 Non-Member (After March 15 \$175/\$200)
- For more information, contact the Chapter at tpage3@kc.rr.com

Kansas City Chapter:

- Professional Development Seminar, Wednesday, April 14, 2010
- 8 CPE

Omaha Chapter:

AGA National Chapter Promo CGFM training (GFM) in March 2010.

The Omaha chapter is planning to offer this promotion in March 2010.

Dates: TBD (based on interest)

Location: Bellevue University

Courses Offered and Cost: See following

The CGFM Program consists of three courses:

Course 1: Governmental Environment – 1 day, 8 CPE hours

Course 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting – 3 days, 24 CPE hours

Course 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control – 2 days, 16 CPE hours

The most common and preferred arrangement is to split the courses into two sets of three days each (course 1 and 3, and then course 2). The fee for all three courses is \$18,000. Here is the breakdown of the fees by course:

Course 1 alone (one day) - \$3,500

Course 3 alone (two days) - \$6,000

Course 1 and 3 held back-to-back (three days) - \$9,000 (save \$500!)

Course 2 alone (three days) - \$9,000

This promotion is available for up to 30 students per course.

The cost per student will be based on the number of students and the courses they want to attend.

For example, the cost per student for 30 students taking course 3 is \$200. This includes the study guide materials (\$85) and the cost of the exam (\$109) for course 3.

Please let your chapter members know about this opportunity and contact Dan Walsh – Omaha Chapter CGFM Chair at : walshmail@cox.net or 402-397-7448 by Jan 15, 2010.

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President's Message

Spring is finally here which means my term as Chapter President is almost up. We've had a fantastic year with many CPE opportunities.

I'm extremely proud of the upcoming spring seminar on May 19 and am thankful that I had so many CEC members willing to "take a leap" and dive into something new for our chapter. The reward for our efforts has been almost 120 registrations so far for this event! I haven't been with AGA long, but I think it could be one of the best turnouts in our chapter history!!!

We picked up another CPE opportunity in April. On April 14, please join us for a NASACT/AGA webinar entitled "GASB Update: Keeping Pace in a Changing Environment." This will be in the Knudsen Room of the Jessie Parker Building from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Our next lunch 'n learn/audio conference will be April 21. Our speaker will be Patty Schroeder with Des Moines Public Schools and the audio conference is "The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors".

Don't forget to join us May 4 at Okoboji Bar & Grill in Johnston for our EVENING meal. The evening begins at 5:00 p.m. and our speaker will be Lekeisha Veasley from Operation Threshold in Waterloo.

Finally, THANK YOU so much for supporting the Des Moines AGA Chapter this past year!! Our attendance at the lunch 'n learn/audio conferences has been fantastic and we appreciate your support. Please feel free to tell us what you liked or disliked about AGA this past year. Contact any CEC member with your comments and/or ideas. We're always looking for ways to improve.

Happy Easter everyone!!

Cindy Weber, Chapter President



April Events

Jessie Parker Bldg
Knudsen Room
Des Moines, IA

Wed., April 14, 2010

1:00 - 2:50

NASACT Webinar

"GASB Update: Keeping Pace in a Changing Environment"

Wed., April 21, 2010

11:30 - 1:00

Speaker

Patty Schroeder,
Des Moines Schools
"Des Moines Public
Schools Financial
Challenges"

Recommended CPE: 1 Hr

Bring your own lunch
or pre-order a Quizno's
box lunch.

1:00 - 2:50

Audio Conference

"The Latest Tools &
Techniques for
Auditors"

Recommended CPE: 2 Hrs

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AGA CEC March Meeting Minutes

President Cindy Weber opened the March 9, 2010 meeting of the Chapter Executive Committee. Other members in attendance were Janice Evans, Janice Jensen, Cheryl Mather, Denise Ragias, Natalie Storm, Patricia Townsend, and Marilyn Hanson.

CRP: Due at end of March. Patricia has updated this and we are 225 points from Gold and another 2000 points from platinum.

March 24 audio conference: We have 4 registrations so far. Is everything in place for the audio? Who will run the power point? Might move this audio conference, if such a small turn out, but will wait and see if more people sign up.

April 14 NASACT Webinar, GASB Update: Do we want to offer this webinar? Yes. Do we want to offer any others? Not at this time. Janice motioned (Denise seconded) to offer the April 14-GASB Update audio conference. All in favor. Natalie motioned (Patricia seconded) to not offer the May 11 NASACT audio conference because there are too many conferences and other things going on in May. All in favor. It was further discussed to wait until the new AGA conference schedule is issued, before offering the July 21 conference, in case of conflicts, etc.

April 21 LNL/audio conference: Registration notices have not been sent out yet. Quiznos order – Denise will handle with delivery to Knudsen Room. Janice will contact Patti to see if she wants a meal. Is everything in place for the audio? Who will run the power point? Should be ok.

May 19 seminar:

117 registrations as of 3/3/10. We have officially been moved to the tower.

We have budgeted \$750 for supplies, etc. for the spring seminar. The planning committee will discuss and approve all expenditures (CEC approval not needed each time since this budget amount has been approved). Will come back for CEC approval if anticipate exceeding budget. Planning Committee will be responsible for:

1. Planning the food.
2. Determining what is needed the day of the conference (name tags, registration table, etc.). It was agreed by all to throw out the old yellow name tags and get new ones.
3. Working with National to try and get freebies. (CW sent email to Jessica Jones) lanyards for sure, maybe something more.
4. Putting binders together (purchase and stuff w/materials).
5. Arranging printing of the materials for the binders (Office Max?)?
6. Deciding the promotional items which should be available for attendees (i.e. AGA brochures, member application, etc.)?
7. Kim is creating an evaluation for attendees to complete.
8. Getting volunteers for: putting binders together, registration table, etc.
9. Thank you gift for Patrick? Dave? Since AGA is paying Patrick, and giving Dave free registration, it was decided not to purchase any additional gifts for the speakers.

Fundraisers: Kids against Hunger in March and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in April. We have less than \$100 left for matching money.

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Open positions on CEC for 2010-2011: Need to have nominations SOON so we can vote and then submit to National by April 30 for points.

Approval of monthly expenses, monthly financial statements, budget amendments: Natalie provided statements. Natalie discussed that it was not necessary to amend the budget if revenues exceeded the budget. Patricia motioned (Cheryl seconded) to add \$750.00 for supplies to the conference budget. All in favor. By purchasing a five year contract on the host website we were able to reduce the cost per year greatly. Patricia motioned (Janice seconded) to amend the budget from \$150 to \$300. All in favor.

Procedures Manual: We are waiting until summer to get the Procedures manual updated.

Website: Patricia is getting information moved to the new host site.

Regional: Anything new to report from Regional? Janice reported that the CGFM course in Omaha is a go.

Newsletter: Newsletter articles due to Kim by **March 29** for newsletter to go out **April 2**.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting is Tuesday April 20 @11:30 in the Lucas Building Conference room.

Meeting adjourned.



Members with perfect attendance at chapter meetings/lunch n' learns were:

1. Janice Jensen
2. Kim Knight
3. Denise Ragias
4. Natalie Storm



Members who only missed one chapter meeting/lunch n' learn were:

1. Janice Evans
2. Marilyn Hanson
3. Kris Houston
4. Cheryl Mather
5. Patricia Townsend
6. Cindy Weber
7. Michelle Wendel



Reminder!! We will be drawing for three prizes at our evening meeting on May 4th. Those members who had perfect attendance, sponsored a new member, &/or had guests at a monthly meeting & individuals who had their name drawn at a monthly meeting will all be included in the "pool" from which the winners will be picked. Hope to see you at the May 4th meeting!!

AGA Des Moines Chapter Member Recognition

Below are the final points for Member Recognition for the 2009-2010 Member Recognition Year. Congratulations to Kim Knight, our Member of the Year!! Kim will receive a \$50 Visa Check Card and a recognition plaque.

Rank / Name / Total Points

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|----------------------|-----|
| 1. Kim Knight | 910 |
| 2. Patricia Townsend | 885 |
| 3. Natalie Storm | 840 |
| 4. Michelle Wendel | 835 |
| 5. Denise Ragias | 725 |
| 6. Janice Evans | 665 |

Rank / Name / Total Points

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| 7. Cheryl Mather | 650 |
| 8. Marilyn Hanson | 600 |
| 9. Angie James | 595 |
| 10. Kris Houston / Valerie Wedgeworth | 560 |

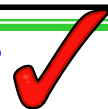


April Community Service Event

Thank you for all the generous donations for the Kids Against Hunger program in March. Members contributed \$98.00 and we will ask the Chapter to match it with \$90.00 (the amount left in the budget). National AGA has used all their match funds for the year so we were unable to secure a match from them.

Our community service focus in April will be on the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The following excerpts from the website describe the program. "JDRF is the worldwide leader for research to cure type 1 diabetes. It sets the global agenda for diabetes research, and is the largest charitable funder and advocate of diabetes science worldwide. The mission of JDRF is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease that strikes children and adults suddenly, and can be fatal. Since its founding in 1970 by parents of children with type 1 diabetes, JDRF has awarded more than \$1.4 billion to diabetes research, including \$101 million in FY2009. In FY2009, JDRF funded research projects in 22 countries throughout the world, including more than 40 human clinical trials." We will collect donations for this organization at the meeting and audio conferences in April.

Are You Ready to Step Up?



It requires an active Board to offer nine months of lunch & learns, 12 months of audio conferences, a six hour seminar, and an annual awards meeting. The Board also coordinates member activities, community service, financial recording, historical retention, government accountability outreach, and chapter recognition. The Des Moines Chapter AGA Board *works* for you.

If you don't get the opportunity at work to take charge of activities, and plan, organize, and conduct them, then AGA can give you the opportunity to learn some of those basic skills while you work independently or lead a team in a specific area. The Board is actually called Chapter Executive Committee or CEC for short.

Let any of our CEC members, listed in this newsletter; know that you would like to take a look at what you can do for our local members and colleagues – and for yourself. The Chapter needs your participation to continue running a successful program that we all enjoy attending!

AGA Chapter March Minutes

The Des Moines Chapter AGA met at Jessie Parker Building-Knudsen Room, on March 3, 2010 for a combined "Lunch 'n Learn" Chapter Meeting and Audio Conference. President Cindy Weber opened the meeting and welcomed everyone including guests.

March is CGFM month – we're celebrating with cupcakes!

Congratulations to Margaret Munson – Margaret won a free Sony Webbie Camcorder for updating her member profile on National AGA's website.

Renew AGA Memberships. Don't forget to renew your membership to AGA. Deadline is March 31 but the sooner, the better. Online registration is encouraged and is easy!

May 19 seminar. Thanks to everyone who registered early. We have over 100 registrations so far! We're very excited about this event!! If you haven't registered yet, you still have until April 30 (M=\$80, NM=\$95)

March 24 audio conference is "*Suggested Guidelines for Voluntary Reporting: Sharing the Government's Story Using Non-Financial Resources.*" The audio conference will be in the Knudsen Room.

Future Speakers – Patty Schroeder from Des Moines Schools will present at the **April 21** lunch n' learn. Her topic will be "*Des Moines Public Schools Financial Challenges*". The audio conference is "*The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors*".

The **May 4** evening meal speaker will be Lekeisha Veasley from Operation Threshold in Waterloo. Lekeisha spoke at the 2009 Women & Money Conference hosted by the State Treasurer. We have the conference room at Okoboji Grill, Johnston reserved from 5:00-9:00.

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March Mid-Western Region Chapter Officers Meeting

Highlights from the March Mid-Western Region Chapter Officers conference call conducted by Regional Vice President Tim Baker on March 19, 2010. **Representing Des Moines Chapter on the call were Natalie Storm and Janice Jensen.**

- **Membership dues renewal time by the end of March.** Remind members of dues renewal time.
- **March is CGFM month** – all 4 states in Mid-Western Region had their governor declaring this month as CGFM month. Make sure to scan the proclamation and share with regional team and National. City of Omaha Mayor also signed proclamation.
- **March 25 CGFM class in Omaha at Bellevue University. 18 registered with 13 AGA members.** Opportunity for local chapters to provide monetary scholarship for the 5 non-members if they join AGA that day: St. Louis, Lenexa KS, Kansas City, Lincoln and Omaha. Kansas City Chapter will follow up with the Lenexa and KC attendees. Non-members will be priced \$25 more than the other attendees once the final fees are determined and refunded. **Three Des Moines Chapter members are attending.**
- **National is accepting National award nominations through 4/16/10.** Encourage chapters to submit nominations. Lots of great awards for chapters to receive: education, CGFM, community service, etc. Simple to nominate someone and great work being done in Mid-Western Region to recognize our efforts. Check out website for all the possible awards. <http://www.agacgfm.org/membership/awards/default.aspx>
- **National PDC (Professional Development Conference) in Orlando scheduled for July 11-14, 2010.** Book hotel room now even if tentatively thinking of attending as can always cancel. The room block is already 65% sold out. Chapter Presidents should be already getting emails about chapter hotel scholarships from national – 2 per chapter.

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AGA Chapter March Minutes

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Fundraiser this month: Kids Against Hunger. The mission of Kids Against Hunger is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and to feed starving children throughout the world. In 2008 alone, volunteers at Kids Against Hunger's food packaging centers across the USA packaged over 40 million meals for children and their families around the world and around the corner."

Open positions on the CEC for 2010 – 2011. Secretary, Communications Director, Early Careers Director, Professional Certification Director and Program & Technical Meeting Director. Please contact Patricia Townsend or any member of the CEC if interested. Free trip to SLM in Kansas City for certain CEC members – May 14 & 15.

Other discussion items. National award nominations are due April 16 – these will be awarded at the PDC in July. If interested in making a nomination, see any member of the CEC or go to National AGA's website.

Val introduced Zach Rowley, a UNI accounting student, and our \$500 scholarship recipient. Val presented Zach with the \$500 check and a certificate.

Patricia Townsend introduced our guest speaker; Edward Parker from the ICN who gave a speech entitled "The Leader in the Mirror." The audio conference that followed was entitled "The War against Fraud and Abuse: Are We Winning?"

There were 17 members, 10 guests and 1 speaker present. The name drawn for the year-end drawing was Zach Rowley.

AGA Members can Earn Points as follows:

ATTENDANCE:

- Regular chapter meeting (20 points)
- Bonus for attending more than 4 meetings (15 points)
- Bonus meeting (30 points)
- For each guest attending the meeting (10 points with a maximum of 20 points per guest per member)

MEMBERSHIP:

- Each new member sponsored and accepted (35 points)

CHAPTER PROGRAMS:

- Member who is a speaker or panel participant at regular meeting (50 points)

EDUCATIONAL:

- Each chapter sponsored presentation at high schools or colleges (50 points)
- Conducting chapter workshop or financial management in addition to regular meeting (50 points)
- Attending an AGA-sponsored seminar or training session (35 points)

PUBLICATIONS:

- Manuscript of research project accepted by National Research Committee (100 points)
- A financial management article at least 300 words published in newsletter or other AGA publication (50 points)
- Article on any topic of general interest of at least 200 words published in chapter newsletter (30 points)

SERVICE:

- Participating in an AGA sponsored community service project (15 points)
- Participating in a Non-AGA sponsored community service project (5 points with a maximum of 25 points)
- Service on any board, committee, or other chapter position other than an office (40 points)

Note: The membership recognition director must be notified if you attend an AGA sponsored seminar or training session with a chapter other than the Des Moines chapter, or if you participate in a Non-AGA sponsored community service project to properly award the membership recognition points.

If you would like to check your total points or report activities or events you have participated in, please contact Michelle Wendel at (515) 281-8120 or michelle.wendel@iowa.gov

Welcome to Our New AGA Members!!

New members joining the
Des Moines Chapter AGA
in February:

1. Dee Richards



Interested in becoming a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)?

The Des Moines AGA Chapter is here to help. General information about the CGFM program and exam is available on our website at <http://www.agadsm.org/> - click on the link for certification. To aid in your studies, the Des Moines AGA Chapter has purchased two study guides for the newly revamped CGFM exam. The study guides are available for check out to anyone interested by contacting Natalie Storm. Scholarships are also available to Chapter members, in good standing, who successfully complete the CGFM exam (Scholarship information is available in the procedures manual located in the CEC section of the above referenced website). If you have any questions about the program, please contact Natalie Storm at nstorm@dhs.state.ia.us.



AGA - Des Moines Chapter
Operating Statement for the Period Ended February 28, 2010
For the Year Ending April 30, 2010

	Budget	% of Budget	1st Qtr 2010	2nd Qtr 2010	3rd Qtr 2010	February 2010	Year to Date
<u>Revenues/Receipts</u>							
Interest	3.03	78%	1.34	0.42	0.48	0.13	2.37
Membership Fees	375.00	88%	273.35	55.00	-		328.35
Conference Revenues	10,000.00	79%	3,734.70	1,385.32	2,160.00	586.17	7,866.19
National Recruitment Scholarship	250.00	50%	-	125.00	-		125.00
Donations	350.00	76%	56.00	110.65	79.96	19.68	266.29
Member Meals	825.00	91%	212.00	206.70	243.80	90.10	752.60
Total Revenues	11,803.03		4,277.39	1,883.09	2,484.24	696.08	9,340.80
<u>Expenses</u>							
Conference Expenses	8,030.00	66%	3,205.47	1,520.99	549.13	54.79	5,330.38
Postage & Supplies	150.00	46%	60.00	5.56	3.66		69.22
Website Expense	150.00	200%	-	-	-	299.97	299.97
National PDC	2,150.00	98%	1,329.34	-	-	775.00	2,104.34
Regional PDC	500.01	0%	-	-	-	-	-
Scholarship	1,850.00	27%	-	500.00	-	-	500.00
CGFM Study Guides	0.01	0%	-	-	-		-
Gifts	250.00	52%	130.00	-	-	-	130.00
Meals	925.01	91%	227.30	237.08	279.07	100.04	843.49
Member	925.00	91%	227.30	237.08	279.07	100.04	843.49
New Member	0.01	0%	-	-	-		-
Donations	950.00	82%	206.00	95.00	336.46	136.93	774.39
Miscellaneous	20.00	16%	-	3.18	-		3.18
Total Expenses	14,975.03		5,158.11	2,361.81	1,168.32	1,366.73	10,054.97
Revenues over (under) Expenses	<u>(3,172.00)</u>		<u>(880.72)</u>	<u>(478.72)</u>	<u>1,315.92</u>	<u>(670.65)</u>	<u>(714.17)</u>
Beginning Balance 5/01/09	9,351.34						<u>9,351.34</u>
Ending Balance 4/30/10	6,179.34						<u>8,637.17</u>

AGA-Des Moines Chapter
Balance Sheet
As of February 28, 2010

Assets	
Checking	1,226.16
Savings	3,411.01
Certificate of Deposit	4,000.00
Total Assets	<u>8,637.17</u>
Liabilities & Equity	
Equity-Unreserved	8,637.17
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>8,637.17</u>



March Mid-Western Region Chapter Officers Meeting

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- **SLM (Sectional Leadership Meeting)** is set for **May 14-15** in **Kansas City at Embassy Suites Airport** covering **Sections II and III. Mid-Western Region is in Section II.** 140 have registered so far. On April call Catherine will be informing all about what she'll cover in her time during the regional breakout. **Today is the due date, but if you have more wanting to register after this just contact Jessica Jones.**
- **AGA Compensation Survey** – reminder to members as it takes less than 15 Minutes to complete and to thank you for giving your valuable time, survey respondents will be entered into a drawing for a free PDC 2010 registration or one of five \$100 American Express gift cards. Industry Insights will conduct the drawing. Purpose of the survey is to help National learn more about AGA members and CGFMs and better serve us. This is AGA's first Compensation Survey. This survey is being administered and tabulated by Industry Insights, Inc., an independent research firm.

Your survey submission will go directly to Industry Insights. All responses are completely confidential and will be reported only in composite. **Please respond by March 31, 2010.**

To access the survey, either click on the link below or paste the entire link into your web browser. (If the link breaks across a line, please be sure to include the entire link.)
<https://www.iisecure.com/AGA/LoginLink.asp?AGxr=xqs6a1xe0s>

- **Members Who Made a Difference** – The March 15 TOPICS electronic newsletter had the following which is another great opportunity to recognize chapter members:

In recognition of AGA's 60th Anniversary this September, we will issue a special issue of the *Journal of Government Financial Management* to commemorate the occasion. We'd like to feature a cross-section of members who contributed to AGA's success over the last 10 years. Whether on the national, regional or local level, members are hard at work every day to ensure AGA's continued success. Please help us to recognize deserving members by suggesting them for our "Members Who Made a Difference" profiles in the Fall 2010 issue of *The Journal*. We're looking for the foot soldiers and unsung heroes who have served AGA faithfully during the 2000s. Please return [this form](#) to [Marie Force](#) by **April 15, 2010**. Thank you in advance for your participation!



Call for National Award Nominations

AGA's National Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for the 13 National Awards that recognize the leaders advancing our profession and setting the standards of excellence. These awards will be presented during AGA's Professional Development Conference & Exposition (PDC) in Orlando, July 11-14. In many cases, individuals do not have to be members of AGA to be eligible.

All nominations are due by Friday, April 16.

Nomination forms and additional information is available online or contact





ADVANCING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

We Need You!!

The following positions are vacant for the 2010 - 2011 CEC:

1. Early Careers Director
2. Professional Certification Director
3. Program & Technical Meeting Director



Contact Patricia Townsend if you are interested in finding out more about one of these open positions! (Patricia.Townsend@iowa.gov)

Log In and Win Big

Although renewal season is well under way, AGA thanks members who updated their profiles before Dec. 31. By doing so, you enabled AGA to keep in contact with you and ensure that our services and events remain focused on your needs in 2010. Three winners were drawn out of thousands who updated their profiles.

AGA sends a warm congratulation to the three lucky winners of the Sony Webbie camcorder systems:

- **Edward P. Jeye**, Boston Chapter
- **Amanda Green, CGFM**, New Orleans Chapter
- **Margaret Munson**, Des Moines Chapter

Even if your name was not drawn for a camcorder, the time you took to edit your profile will be rewarded with superior member service. Update your information today. Simply go to [AGA's website](#) and log in using your member ID. Your password is your first initial immediately followed by your last name (unless you have changed it).

Remember to renew your membership before **March 31, 2010** and look out for more opportunities to get involved. Thank you for being an AGA member and for your contribution to building a more diverse and inclusive financial management community.

"GASB Update: Keeping Pace in a Changing Environment"

(A NASACT Training Webinar - Wednesday, April 14 @1:00)

As fiscal year-end for most state governments quickly approaches, it's an opportune time for financial statement preparers and auditors to get a refresher on (1) recently issued GASB pronouncements, (2) new standards that are effective for June 30, 2010, and (3) other significant projects on GASB's current technical agenda. This webinar will provide "must know" guidance for financial statement preparers and auditors.

Robert H. Attmore, GASB chair, and various members of the GASB staff will cover new GASB pronouncements along with key technical agenda items, including:

- Statement 54 (fund balance)
- Statement 14 (reporting entity) reexamination
- Service concession arrangements
- Codification of Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA pronouncements
- Statements 55 (GAAP Hierarchy) and 56 (Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance contained in the AICPA Statements on Auditing Standards)
- Pension standards reexamination
- Statements 57 (OPEB measurements) and 58 (Chapter 9 bankruptcies)
- Service efforts and accomplishments (SEA) reporting guidelines
- Economic condition: fiscal sustainability project

Standards that will be effective for fiscal years ending June 30, 2010, will also be covered. These include Statement 51, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets*, and Statement 53, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments*.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING AGA EVENTS!!!!

Starting and Ending Times are usually:

Lunch n' Learn (1 CPE) - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Audio Conferences (2 CPE) - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

NASACT Webinars (2 CPE) - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

2010

- Mar 24 - Audio:** Suggested Guidelines for Voluntary Reporting: Sharing the Government's Story Using Non-Financial Resources **AUDIO CONFERENCE ONLY!!**
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room
- Apr 14 - NASACT Webinar:** GASB Update: Keeping Pace in a Changing Environment
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room **WEBINAR ONLY!!**
- Apr 21 - Lunch:** Patty Schroeder, Des Moines Schools - "Des Moines Public Schools Financial Challenges"
- Audio: The Latest Tools & Techniques for Auditors
Location: Jessie Parker Building - Knudsen Room
- May 04 - Evening Meeting:** Lekeisha Veasley, Operation Threshold - Waterloo
 5:00 Arrive and happy hour
 5:15 Place dinner orders
 Business meeting
 6:30 Lekeisha Veasley to begin her presentation
 7:30 Wrap-up
Location: Okoboji Bar & Grill, Johnston
- May 19 - 8:00 - 11:00;** Patrick Kuhse will speak on "Prominence to Prison: Why Smart People Do Dumb Things" (3 CPE)
 1:00 - 2:50; Those Faint Signals: Learning to Catch Ethical Slippage Before It's Too Late (Audio Conference - 2 CPE)
 3:15 - 4:15; David Vaudt, Auditor of State; "Results of the Legislative Session" (1 CPE)
Location: **Holiday Inn Downtown, 1050 6th Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50314**



You are invited to the following event:
April 2010 Audio Conference

Date:
Wednesday, April 14, 2010 from
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Location:
Parker - Knudsen Room
Jessie Parker Building
510 E 12th St
Des Moines, IA 50309

**To register for the Lunch 'n Learn and/
 or Audio Conference:**

Please go to the AGA Des Moines Chapter
 website at: <http://www.agadsm.org/>



You are invited to the following event:
April 2010 Lunch 'n Learn and
Audio Conference

Date:
Wednesday, April 21, 2010 from
11:30 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Location:
Parker - Knudsen Room
Jessie Parker Building
510 E 12th St
Des Moines, IA 50309

**To register for the Lunch 'n Learn and/
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Heartland Chapter ACFE



2010 Annual Fraud Training Seminar

The World Series of Fraud Seminars

June 14-15, 2010

Join us in Omaha for eight hours on Ethics (June 14) and eight hours on Digital Forensic Tools and Techniques (June 15) and receive 16 CPE hours.

Mid America Center
Council Bluffs, IA

Seating is limited, so reserve your spot right away! To register online, visit www.HeartlandCFE.com. Or print this email, complete the form below, and mail it in (a registration form is required for each person attending).

[Sign Up Now](#)

Registration is \$189 for Heartland ACFE members, or \$214 for non-members. Join now for \$20 and save \$5 on your registration. (For a membership application, please visit our web site).

For details, contact
Susan Rainey Biler:
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Among the Featured Speakers:



James Reese, PhD

With 25 years experience as an FBI "Mind Hunter," Dr. Reese is an internationally known, award winning authority in the areas of leadership, stress management, violence, motivation, criminal profiling, ethics, and related topics. He has provided expert testimony before Congress and addressed the President of the United States' Council on Integrity and Efficiency.



Jim Butterworth

As an expert in cyber security with over 14 years of experience, Jim is uniquely qualified to address digital forensic techniques, including relevant case law, the pros and cons of forensic software tools, and obtaining forensics from cell phones, PDA's, and other digital storage devices.



James Ratley, CFE

President of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners since 2006. He is the winner of numerous awards, including the 2005 Cressey Award. Mr. Ratley has worked in law enforcement and as an investigator in financial fraud for a forensic accounting firm. As Program Director of ACFE, he has overseen the organization's training programs.

YES! I will be attending the 2010 Annual Fraud Training Conference. My check payable to ACFE – Heartland Chapter for \$189 or \$214 is enclosed. I understand that my seating is not guaranteed until payment is received in full. I also understand that in order to receive a refund, I must cancel by no later than June 4, 2010. Lunch will be included both days.

Name: _____ Company: _____ Title: _____
Address: _____ E-Mail: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Professional Designations: _____

Mail to: Heartland Chapter Inc. • Seminar •
P.O. Box 460726 • Papillion, NE 68046

Regional Training Opportunities

Greater Kansas City Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners:

- "Excuse Me, Are Those Your Pants on Fire? How to Use the New Body Language to Detect Deception and Get What You Want", Kansas City Police Academy, Tuesday, April 27 7:30 - 4:30
- Early Bird Registration by March 15 - \$150 member/\$175 Non-Member (After March 15 \$175/\$200)
- For more information, contact the Chapter at tpage3@kc.rr.com



Lincoln Chapter:

- Spring Professional Development Conference, Country Inn & Suites - Lincoln, Nebraska
- Tuesday April 20, 2010; 8 am to 4:30 pm; 8 CPE
- http://www.lincolinneaga.org/pdc/04202010/pdc_04202010.php

Mid-Missouri Chapter:

- Save the Date!
- 35th Annual Mid-Western Professional Development Conference
- August 24 thru August 25, 2010
- Capitol Plaza, Jefferson City Missouri

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Outgoing President's Message

It's hard to believe a year has already gone by and my term as Chapter President is up!

As I look back on the past year, I'm very proud of the changes we've made and other accomplishments. Here are a few highlights:

- We revamped our website.
- Implemented an online registration process.
- Increased attendance at the lunch 'n learn/audio conferences.
- Established a budget for the year and changed how our funds are invested.
- Organized a spring seminar that has over 120 registrations so far (most ever for our Chapter!).

I'm very thankful that I had such great CEC members to help us achieve all of these things and more!

I look forward to passing the gavel to your new President, Patricia Townsend. I know Patricia and other members of the 2010-2011 CEC will continue to improve the way we do things. They're already making plans for next year and will purchase 12 AGA audio conferences and 1 NASACT webinar!!



I hope to see you at the May 4 evening meeting at Okoboji Bar & Grill in Johnston, Iowa. Our speaker is Lekeisha Veasley from Operation Threshold in Waterloo. Lekeisha will discuss "Understanding Credit and Credit Scores".

Cindy Weber, Chapter President

May Events

Tues., May 4, 2010
Okoboji Bar & Grill,
Johnston, IA

5:00 - 8:00

Evening Meeting

Lekeisha Veasley,
Operation Threshold -
Waterloo
"Understanding Credit
and Credit Scores"

Wed., May 19, 2010
Holiday Inn
Downtown,
1050 6th Ave,
Des Moines 50314

7:30 - 4:30

Spring Seminar

Patrick Kuhse
"Prominence to Prison:
Why Smart People Do
Dumb Things";
AGA Ethics Audio;
Honorable David Vaudt
"Results of the
Legislative Session"
Recommended CPE: 6 Hrs
Lunch is provided.

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Incoming President's Message

Thank you to all our members and guests for making 2009-2010 a wonderful year! There were many changes this year: the updated website, online registration, combined Lunch 'n Learns and Audio Conferences. The CEC has heard many compliments about the changes – if you haven't voiced your opinion, please let the Incoming CEC members know what you liked about this year and any other opportunities you see for our chapter to "keep moving forward."

Thank you to Cindy Weber, the outgoing Chapter President, for her leadership during the 2009-2010 AGA year. Also a big thank you to all the CEC members and other volunteers for your hard work and suggestions!

The tentative 2010-2011 schedule is included in this month's newsletter and on our website (<http://www.agadsm.org/>). Please check the website for updated schedule information during the summer.

The CEC will continue to move forward on plans for the 2010-2011 year. Suggestions and/or comments can be sent to any CEC member: Patricia Townsend, Natalie Storm, Cindy Weber, Khristan Kaufman, Michelle Wendel, Janice Evans, Denise Ragias, Kim Knight, Valerie Wedgeworth, Deb Schroeder and Janice Jensen.

Have a great summer! See you at the Spring Seminar on May 19, 2010!

Patricia Townsend, CPA

**AGA CEC April Meeting Minutes**

President-elect Patricia Townsend opened the April 20, 2010 meeting of the Chapter Executive Committee. Other members in attendance were Denise Ragias, Natalie Storm, Cheryl Mather, Michelle Wendel, Kim Knight, Janice Evans and Janice Jensen

April 21 LNL/audio conference: 26 registrations; Denise ordered Quizno's including a lunch for the speaker; Valerie will handle audio; Natalie will not stay for audio – Michelle to bring the sign in sheets; CPE is electronic again – Natalie will send Pin # and website to obtain CPE to the audio attendees.

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Year End Meeting (May 4):

1. Natalie (Motion) & Janice (Second). Approved the purchase of award plaques (approx. \$100) and gift cards (\$50 for member of the year and three \$25 gift cards to restaurants for the year end drawing). Approved Michelle asking the member of the year where he/she wants their gift card from (i.e. Wal-Mart, Target, Hy-Vee, etc.)
2. Discussed that Michelle should shop around for plaques next year. IPI appears to be approximately \$10 cheaper.
3. Registrations for the May 4 meeting were emailed on 4/19/2010. Twelve registrants so far.
4. Brenda will contact the speaker at the end of April to confirm we are on her calendar and ask her to bring her own laptop. We will reimburse her mileage and pay for her dinner. She will also receive an AGA pen as a gift. Natalie to bring the AGA check book for the mileage reimbursement and meal.
5. Okoboji has a screen we can use. Patricia is borrowing a projector from ICN.

May 19 seminar: 122 registrations as of 4/14/10. Last day to register is April 30. Natalie will send a reminder email to those members who are not yet registered.

1. Tentative head count needs to be to the hotel by May 1. Firm head count needs to be to the hotel a few days before the event. Natalie has been in periodic contact with the hotel.
2. Michelle is working on printing name tags.
3. Michelle, Denise and Janice E. volunteered to work the registration table (morning & afternoon).
4. Natalie will coordinate printing at Office Max.
5. Binders will be put together Monday, May 17 after work at Natalie's house. Kim, Denise & Michelle volunteered to help Natalie. Janice J. may be available to assist.
6. Evaluation is complete.
7. AGA National provided small spiral notebooks, pens, brochures and applications for giveaways. Natalie will contact Jessica Jones about lanyards.

Fundraisers: Denise (Motion) & Natalie (Second). Approved to provide funds totaling the remaining budget (approx. \$90) to match the member contributions to Kids Against Hunger.

Audio Conferences/LNL for 2010-2011:

Natalie (Motion) & Kim (Second). Approved purchasing all 12 AGA audio conferences per the schedule below for 2010-2011. All 12 will include a lunch n' learn except: March 23, 2011 & June 8, 2011. Speakers & topics for the lunch n' learns will be announced at a later date.

- Aug 11, 2010 – Using Performance Measures to Improve Service Delivery
- Sep 29, 2010 – Improving Program Performance & Accountability Through Cooperative Audit Resolution
- Oct 20, 2010 – Achieving Transparency – The Next Step to Integrating Your Data
- Nov 10, 2010 – Fraud
- Dec 8, 2010 – Risk Assessments and SAS Update
- Jan 19, 2011 – Are We Winning the Improper Payments Battle?
- Feb 2, 2011 – Internal Controls
- Mar 2, 2011 – Auditing Tools

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- Mar 23, 2011 – Improving Performance Reporting (No lunch n' learn)
- Apr 20, 2011 – Fraud
- May 18, 2011 – Ethics
- Jun 8, 2011 – Internal Controls (No lunch n' learn)
- All will be located in the Jessie Parker Building Knudsen Room, except August 11 and December 8 will be in the Jessie Parker Building Grant Room. The May 18, 2011 Ethics audio conference may be combined with an all day seminar (to be decided by the incoming CEC board).

NASACT Webinar: Natalie (Motion) & Janice E. (Second). Approved purchasing the July 21, 2010 NASACT webinar entitled "Revised Government Auditing Standards."

Newsletters & Website: Newsletters have been submitted to National for the contest. The Website is automatically entered into the contest.

Letter to NASACT: Michelle will contact NASACT to find out if we can get a long-term schedule of upcoming webinars so that we can put them on our Des Moines Chapter AGA calendar

CEC Positions – Nominations for 2010-2011: The last two openings have been filled (CGFM Director – Denise & Early Careers – Valerie). Janice (Motion) & Michelle (Second). Unanimously approved the nominations of the new CEC board. Will present the board to members at the April 21 Chapter meeting for approval. CEC names due to AGA National by April 30. Positions effective May 1, 2010.

Officers:

President	Patricia Townsend
President-Elect	Natalie Storm
Past-President	Cynthia Weber
Secretary	Khristan Kaufman
Treasurer	Natalie Storm

Chapter Directors:

Membership	Michelle Wendel
By-Laws/Procedures	Janice Evans
CGFM Certification	Denise Ragias
Chapter Recognition	Natalie Storm
Communications	Kim Knight
Community Service	Denise Ragias
Early Careers	Valerie Wedgeworth
Program & Technical	Deb Schroeder
Accountability	Janise Jensen
Website	Patricia Townsend



Post Office Box: Michelle volunteered to be the second key holder to the PO Box in place of Cindy. Kim is the other key holder. Michelle will need to accompany Cindy to the post office to change the name.

Review of Monthly Financials: No budget amendments needed at this time. Natalie will be moving the actual speaker meal expense from meals to conference expense.

Books: AGA National/Oracle/CGI gave the Chapter extra copies of books brought to the NASC conference that was held in Des Moines in March 2010. There are numerous copies of three books. These books include short articles written by government officials throughout the states. The books are: *MANAGING for High Performance Government*, *Leadership Secrets of Government Financial Officials* and *21st Century Government: A Guide to Cross-Boundary Collaboration*. It was decided that a book will be given to each person whose name is drawn for the year-end drawing at the 2010-2011 monthly Chapter meetings.

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AGA CEC April Meeting Minutes

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Regional Update: Nothing new to report.

Newsletter Articles: Due April 23 so the newsletter can go out by April 29. Reminder to Patricia: the incoming President writes an article for this newsletter.

Next Meeting: The next CEC meeting will be **Tuesday, May 11 - 5th Floor Hoover Building, Conference Room #1.** This is one week earlier than normal due to the May 19 all day seminar.



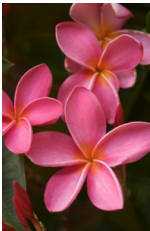
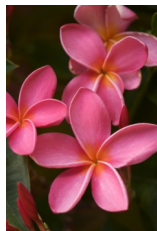
May Community Service Event

May's community service focus is on Special Olympics Iowa, a nonprofit organization that serves more than 11,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities throughout the state.

"The mission of Special Olympics Iowa is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals with intellectual disabilities giving them continued opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community."

We will collect donations for Special Olympics Iowa at the evening meeting on May 4 and will also take donations at the Ethics Seminar.

In April we collected \$99.00 for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. We will ask the CEC for matching funds. Thank you to all who have contributed!



AGA Chapter April Minutes

The Des Moines Chapter AGA met at Jessie Parker Building-Knudsen Room, on April 21, 2010 for a combined "Lunch 'n Learn" Chapter Meeting and Audio Conference. President Cindy Weber opened the meeting and welcomed everyone including guests.

Year End Meeting (May 4) –

1. Don't forget to register for our year end evening meeting on May 4 at the Okoboji Bar and Grill in Johnston.
2. Year end drawing for prizes will be done at this meeting. (\$25 gift cards to restaurants)
3. Speaker Lekeisha Veasley from Operation Threshold in Waterloo will present on "Understanding Credit and Credit Scores".
4. The evening will start at 5:00 with meal orders placed around 5:15. After all orders are placed, we will start the business meeting.
5. Feel free to invite family and friends.

May 19 seminar:

1. 123 registrations as of 4/21/10.
2. Last day to register is April 30.

Fundraisers – Thank you for your donations this past year. We've done a really good job in giving back to the community! Denise, great job coordinating our fundraising.

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Audio Conferences/LNL for 2010-2011 – The CEC has already decided to purchase several audio conferences for next year. Be sure to read your newsletter for the dates and topics. All will be in the Vocational Rehabilitation Building.

Newsletters and Website – Our newsletters and website have been submitted to National for the contest. Last year our newsletter won first place and our website got honorable mention. Kim and Patricia have done a fantastic job on both this year and we hope their efforts are rewarded.

CEC positions – nominations for 2010-2011.

Val Wedgeworth motioned (Andy Nielsen seconded) the below as the CEC officers for next year. All were in favor.

President	Patricia Townsend
President-Elect	Natalie Storm
Past President	Cynthia Weber
Secretary	Khristan Kaufman
Treasurer	Natalie Storm

Please note that Patricia Townsend is filling more than one position and if anyone would like to volunteer for one of those positions, please contact Patricia.

Chapter Directors

Membership	Michelle Wendel
By-Laws / Procedures / Historian	Janice Evans
CGFM/Certification	Denise Ragias
Chapter Recognition	Natalie Storm
Communications	Kim Knight
Community Service	Denise Ragias
Early Careers	Patricia Townsend
Liaison for Other Prof. Organizations	Cynthia Weber
Program and Technical Mtg	Deb Schroeder
Accountability Chair	Janice Jensen
Website	Patricia Townsend

Valerie Wedgeworth volunteered to fill the Early Careers position that Patricia Townsend was listed for in the nominations.

Cindy expressed thanks to the CEC for their hard work this past year and that she really enjoyed working with everyone. Also, she thanked everyone who has participated in the lunch 'n learn/ audio conferences. Cindy mention that we've had our best attendance at these events over past years.

Janice Jensen introduced our guest speaker: Patricia Schroeder, CFO of the Des Moines Community School District who talked about the "Des Moines Public Schools Financial Challenges." The audio conference that followed was entitled "The Latest Tools and Techniques for Auditors."

There were 21 members, 5 guests, and 1 speaker present. The name drawn for the year-end drawing was Andy Nielsen.

AGA Members can Earn Points as follows:

ATTENDANCE:

- Regular chapter meeting (20 points)
- Bonus for attending more than 4 meetings (15 points)
- Bonus meeting (30 points)
- For each guest attending the meeting (10 points with a maximum of 20 points per guest per member)

MEMBERSHIP:

- Each new member sponsored and accepted (35 points)

CHAPTER PROGRAMS:

- Member who is a speaker or panel participant at regular meeting (50 points)

EDUCATIONAL:

- Each chapter sponsored presentation at high schools or colleges (50 points)
- Conducting chapter workshop or financial management in addition to regular meeting (50 points)
- Attending an AGA-sponsored seminar or training session (35 points)

PUBLICATIONS:

- Manuscript of research project accepted by National Research Committee (100 points)
- A financial management article at least 300 words published in newsletter or other AGA publication (50 points)
- Article on any topic of general interest of at least 200 words published in chapter newsletter (30 points)

SERVICE:

- Participating in an AGA sponsored community service project (15 points)
- Participating in a Non-AGA sponsored community service project (5 points with a maximum of 25 points)
- Service on any board, committee, or other chapter position other than an office (40 points)

Note: The membership recognition director must be notified if you attend an AGA sponsored seminar or training session with a chapter other than the Des Moines chapter, or if you participate in a Non-AGA sponsored community service project to properly award the membership recognition points.

If you would like to check your total points or report activities or events you have participated in, please contact Michelle Wendel at (515) 281-8120 or michelle.wendel@iowa.gov

Welcome New Des Moines Chapter AGA Members Joining in the Month of March!!

1. Khristan Kaufman
2. Chris Young
3. Lisa Dooly



Interested in becoming a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)?

The Des Moines AGA Chapter is here to help. General information about the CGFM program and exam is available on our website at <http://www.agadsm.org/> - click on the link for certification. To aid in your studies, the Des Moines AGA Chapter has purchased two study guides for the newly revamped CGFM exam. The study guides are available for check out to anyone interested by contacting Natalie Storm. Scholarships are also available to Chapter members, in good standing, who successfully complete the CGFM exam (Scholarship information is available in the procedures manual located in the CEC section of the above referenced website). If you have any questions about the program, please contact Natalie Storm at nstorm@dhs.state.ia.us.


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**AGA - Des Moines Chapter
Operating Statement for the Period Ended March 31, 2010
For the Year Ending April 30, 2010**

	Budget	% of Budget	1st Qtr <u>2010</u>	2nd Qtr <u>2010</u>	3rd Qtr <u>2010</u>	February <u>2010</u>	March <u>2010</u>	Year to <u>Date</u>
<u>Revenues/Receipts</u>								
Interest	3.03	86%	1.34	0.42	0.48	0.13	0.24	2.61
Membership Fees	375.00	88%	273.35	55.00	-			328.35
Conference								
Revenues	10,000.00	159%	3,734.70	1,385.32	2,160.00	586.17	8,015.00	15,881.19
National Recruitment								
Scholarship	250.00	50%	-	125.00	-			125.00
Donations	350.00	81%	56.00	110.65	79.96	19.68	18.00	284.29
Member Meals	825.00	101%	212.00	206.70	243.80	90.10	79.50	832.10
Total Revenues	11,803.03		4,277.39	1,883.09	2,484.24	696.08	8,112.74	17,453.54
<u>Expenses</u>								
Conference								
Expenses	8,529.99	72%	3,205.47	1,520.99	549.13	54.79	771.66	6,102.04
Postage & Supplies	150.00	47%	60.00	5.56	3.66		1.39	70.61
Website Expense	300.00	100%	-	-	-	299.97		299.97
National PDC	2,150.00	98%	1,329.34	-	-	775.00	-	2,104.34
Regional PDC	500.01	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scholarship	1,850.00	64%	-	500.00	-	-	690.00	1,190.00
CGFM Study Guides	0.01	0%	-	-	-			-
Gifts	250.00	52%	130.00	-	-	-	-	130.00
Meals	925.01	103%	227.30	237.08	279.07	100.04	105.33	948.82
Donations	950.00	82%	206.00	95.00	336.46	136.93	-	774.39
Miscellaneous	20.00	16%	-	3.18	-			3.18
Total Expenses	15,625.02		5,158.11	2,361.81	1,168.32	1,366.73	1,568.38	11,623.35
Revenues over (under)								
Expenses	<u>(3,821.99)</u>		<u>(880.72)</u>	<u>(478.72)</u>	<u>1,315.92</u>	<u>(670.65)</u>	<u>6,544.36</u>	<u>5,830.19</u>
Beginning Balance								
5/01/09	9,351.34							<u>9,351.34</u>
Ending Balance								
4/30/10	5,529.35							<u><u>15,181.53</u></u>

**AGA-Des Moines Chapter
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2010**

Assets		
Checking	5,070.28	
Savings	6,111.25	
Certificate of Deposit	4,000.00	
Total Assets		<u>15,181.53</u>
Liabilities & Equity		
Equity-Unreserved	15,181.53	
Total Liabilities & Equity		<u>15,181.53</u>



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING AGA EVENTS!!!!

Starting and Ending Times are usually:

Lunch n' Learn (1 CPE) - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Audio Conferences (2 CPE) - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

NASACT Webinars (2 CPE) - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

2010

- May 04** - **Evening Meeting:** Lekeisha Veasley, Operation Threshold - Waterloo, will speak on "Understanding Credit and Credit Scores"
- 5:00 Arrive and happy hour
 - 5:15 Place dinner orders
 - Business meeting
 - 6:30 Lekeisha Veasley to begin her presentation
 - 7:30 Wrap-up
- Location: Okoboji Bar & Grill, 3719 86th Street, Johnston
- May 19** - 7:30 - 7:50; Check-in
- 8:00 - 11:00; Patrick Kuhse will speak on "Prominence to Prison: Why Smart People Do Dumb Things" (3 CPE)
- 1:00 - 2:50; Those Faint Signals: Learning to Catch Ethical Slippage Before It's Too Late (Audio Conference - 2 CPE)
- 3:15 - 4:15; David Vaudt, Auditor of State; "Results of the Legislative Session" (1 CPE)
- Location: **Holiday Inn Downtown, 1050 6th Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50314**
- Jul 21** NASACT Webinar: Revised Government Auditing Standards (No Lunch n' Learn)
- Location: Jessie Parker Building, Knudsen Room
- Aug 11** Lunch n' Learn: Speaker TBD
- Audio: Using Performance Measures to Improve Service Delivery
- Location: Jessie Parker Building, Grant Room
- Sep 29** Lunch n' Learn: Speaker TBD
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- Location: Jessie Parker Building, Knudsen Room
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- Audio: Fraud
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- Location: Jessie Parker Building, Grant Room
- Schedule continued on page 11.**



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YES! I will be attending the 2010 Annual Fraud Training Conference. My check payable to ACFE – Heartland Chapter for \$189 or \$214 is enclosed. I understand that my seating is not guaranteed until payment is received in full. I also understand that in order to receive a refund, I must cancel by no later than June 4, 2010. Lunch will be included both days.

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Lunch n' Learn: Speaker TBD

Audio: Are We Winning the Improper Payments Battle?

Location: Jessie Parker Building, Knudsen Room**Feb 2**

Lunch n' Learn: Speaker TBD

Audio: Internal Controls

Location: Jessie Parker Building, Knudsen Room**Mar 2**

Lunch n' Learn: Speaker TBD

Audio: Auditing Tools

Location: Jessie Parker Building, Knudsen Room**Mar 23**

Audio: Improving Performance Reporting (No Lunch n' Learn)

Location: Jessie Parker Building, Knudsen Room**Apr 20**

Lunch n' Learn: Speaker TBD

Audio: Fraud

Location: Jessie Parker Building, Knudsen Room**May 18**

Lunch n' Learn: Speaker TBD

Audio: Ethics

Location: Jessie Parker Building, Knudsen Room**Jun 8**

Audio: Internal Controls (No Lunch n' Learn)

Location: Jessie Parker Building, Knudsen Room**Regional Training Opportunities****Topeka Chapter:**

- Ethics in the Workplace - 8 hour seminar
- May 19, 2010; 8:00-5:00;
- Jayhawk Tower, Florentine Room, Topeka, Kansas
- For more information: <http://www.agaks.org/>

**Mid-Missouri Chapter:**

- Save the Date!
- 35th Annual Mid-Western Professional Development Conference
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- Capitol Plaza, Jefferson City Missouri

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