

Happy Birthday to the Des Moines Chapter AGA! Our chapter turned 40 this year. We will be celebrating our birthday at the September 13<sup>th</sup> educational event. Please join us!

Clearly, we have a great chapter with a long history of doing great things! As I begin my term as president of the Des Moines Chapter AGA, I want to thank the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members that served this past year. Many stayed on for this current year and I am happy to have their expertise to draw from. Special thanks go to Denise Ragias, Immediate Past President as I have already called on her several times to help me get started! I am also thankful for the new members that have joined the CEC.

We have big shoes to fill! The Des Moines Chapter received three awards for the 2016 – 2017 program year. I accepted the awards on behalf of the chapter at the Professional Development Training (PDT) event held in Boston in July. See more about the awards to the right. I was delighted to have the opportunity to attend such a top-notch national training event.

During my year as president, I have three goals to further our mission:

- 1) Offer a variety of educational programs to provide quality professional growth and development opportunities at a reasonable cost to our members;
- 2) Expand our membership base focusing on adding members from the local government community;
- 3) Add peer-networking opportunities at our events allowing our members to become more familiar with each other.

These goals will only be accomplished by the collaborative efforts of our CEC and our members. I thank all of you for attending our events. See page 4 for an opportunity for you to get involved in service to your chapter.

I look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Brenda Nye, CGFM, CPA, CPM



2017-18 AGA Chapter Executive Committee members attending the Spring Seminar:  
Back Row: Lily Kryuchkova, Brenda Nye, Kim Knight, Tracie Kirkpatrick, Rich Schoeppner, Deb Schroeder, Marilyn Hanson, Cindy Weber Front Row: Angie James, Gabe Stafford, Kim Ashmore, Minka Lisinovic, Janice Evans, Janice Jensen, Denise Ragias

## Upcoming Events

### September 13, 2017

11:30 - 12:50 Lunch 'n Learn  
IPERS Representative  
1:00 - 3:00 Webinar  
Managing 90% of Your Job!  
(Jessie Parker Bldg,  
Knudsen Rm)

## Save the Date

### November 15, 2017:

Ethics Seminar  
tentatively being planned in  
the morning before the  
Ethics Relating to Fraud  
Webinar.

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Chapter Recognition Award  
Platinum Chapter; Chapter  
Newsletter Award Group D First  
Place; Chapter Website Award  
Group D First Place

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## CGFM Corner, Deb Schroeder



### What is CGFM?

The AGA Certified Government Financial Manager®(CGFM®) credential allows professionals to expand their career options by demonstrating they have the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers at the local, state, and federal levels. The certification recognizes the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers, specifically in the areas of governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls, and budgeting.

### CGFM Super Summer 2017 Promotion: Pass one, get one! Only a few days left!

Pass any CGFM exam this summer and receive a voucher for a **FREE** CGFM exam. **How it works:**

Pass one of your CGFM exams between June 1 and August 31, 2017.

Request a voucher code for your next CGFM exam by emailing [agacgfm@agacgfm.org](mailto:agacgfm@agacgfm.org) as soon as you pass, and no later than September 8, 2017.

Receive the voucher code via email.

[Schedule](#) and take your CGFM exam, using the voucher code as payment, by November 30, 2017.

Questions regarding this promotion should be directed to AGA's Office of Professional Certification at [agacgfm@agacgfm.org](mailto:agacgfm@agacgfm.org) or 703.684.6931.

### Des Moines Chapter CGFM Scholarship Policy

The Chapter CGFM Scholarship Program was established in order to assist Des Moines chapter members in obtaining the Certified Government Financial manager (CGFM) certification. Financial incentives are provided to members who enroll and complete the CGFM examination process. Visit the Chapter's [CGFM Certification](#) webpage for complete details.

Please email or call Deb Schroeder at [deb.schroeder@iowa.gov](mailto:deb.schroeder@iowa.gov) or 515-281-3146 if you have questions or would like more information about the program.

AGA-Des Moines Chapter Balance Sheet As of July 31, 2017	
<b>Assets</b>	
Checking	4,664.90
Less: Outstanding Items	-
Petty Cash	11.00
Savings	1,239.65
PayPal	1,437.23
Certificate of Deposit	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>7,352.78</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Equity-Unreserved	7,352.78
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>7,352.78</b>



**Treasurer's  
Report,  
Bridgett Wood**

AGA - Des Moines Chapter Operating Statement for the Period Ended July 31, 2017 For the Year Ending June 30, 2018			
	Budget	% of Budget	Year to Date
<b>Revenues/Receipts</b>			
Interest	1.00	6.00%	0.06
Membership Fees	350.00	3.69%	12.92
Conference & Webinar Revenues	12,535.00	1.63%	204.00
Donations	300.00	6.00%	18.00
Member Meals	415.00	0.00%	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>13,601.00</b>		<b>234.98</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Conference & Webinar Expenses	9,151.00	0.55%	50.38
Postage & Supplies	80.00	0.00%	-
National PDT	1,500.00	22.18%	332.76
SLMR	400.00	0.00%	-
Scholarship	1,000.00	0.00%	-
Member Incentives	225.00	0.00%	-
Meals	450.00	0.00%	-
Donations	950.00	13.79%	131.00
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>13,766.00</b>		<b>514.14</b>
<b>Rev over (under) Exp</b>	<b>(165.00)</b>		<b>(279.16)</b>
Beginning Balance July 1, 2016			7,285.20
Ending Balance July 31, 2017			<b>7,006.04</b>

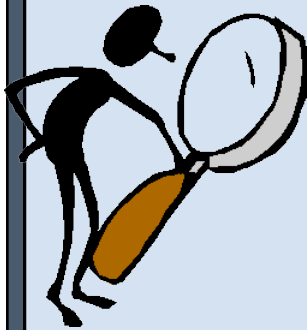
## Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Chapter Spotlight in AGA Topics:

Des Moines Chapter celebrates 40 years of excellence this year!

Congratulations!

According to the National Office, the Des Moines Chapter of AGA was chartered in 1977, though early newsletters imply 1979. The April 1979 newsletter was Vol. 1 No. 2, which indicated there were ten ten chapters smaller than Des Moines. The May 1979 newsletter indicated there were 21 charter members and had increased membership by another 21 in the first few months. I don't have a list of charter members, but based on the early newsletters and an 1983 membership list, it appears the charter members included the Richard Sydnes, President, Stan Adams, James Anderson, Al Bernard, Dave Bolender, Paul Burnett, Robert Byas, Elizabeth Erickson, Jerry Gamble, Gene Geissinger, Ed Jayne, Kasey Kiplinger, Roland Martin, Gary Rennard, Reggie Ross, Kenneth Shoemaker, Eldon Sperry, Donald Wirth, and Martin Zylstra. If anyone knows who the other charter members were, please let me know. Thanks to these charter members for starting the Des Moines Chapter of AGA.



## Community Service for FY2017-2018:

### July - August:

AHeinz57 Pet Rescue & Transport

### September - October:

Alzheimer's Association

### November - December:

Lupus Foundation of America

### January - February:

Food Bank of Iowa

### March - April: Paws & Effect

### May - June: East Side Family, Inc.

We will be posting more information throughout the year on our [website](#) about these charities.

## Membership Corner, Tracie Kirkpatrick:

Members can earn points as follows:

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20 points—attend a lunch 'n learn (LNL)

15 points—community service event (participation or donation per event)  
Contact [tracie.kirkpatrick2@iowa.gov](mailto:tracie.kirkpatrick2@iowa.gov) to report community service participation.

10 points—for each guest you bring to a (LNL)

## Training Calendar:

Please view our training calendar at

<https://www.agacgm.org/Chapters/DesMoines/Training-Events/2017-18-Training-Schedule.aspx>

## Chapter Minutes:

Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee meetings and Monthly Lunch 'N Learn meetings are located on the Chapter's website. Minutes have been posted through August 3, 2017.



Please use the following link to review these minutes:

<https://www.agacgm.org/Chapters/DesMoines/Our-Chapter/Chapter-Meeting-Minutes.aspx>

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**Community Service, Kim Knight:****AHeinz57 Pet Rescue & Transport (July - August):**

Members & guests donated a total of \$88, the Chapter contributed \$88 and a \$176 request was submitted to the National Community Service Fund for a match of our total donated to the AHeinz57 Pet Rescue & Transport. In addition, we collected 14 items from the AHeinz57 Pet Rescue & Transport's wish list. Items such as paper towels, a small pet carrier, trash bags, peanut butter and water bottles were donated. Thank you to all who participated!!

**Alzheimer's Association (September – October):** The mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. We will be collecting money at monthly events and participating in the 2017 Walk to End Alzheimer's. The 2017 Walk to End Alzheimer's is Saturday, September 16, 2017 at the State Capitol - West Terrace (registration opens at 8am with a ceremony at 9:30 and the 2-mile walk beginning at 10am). Click [here](#) to register and join team "Joyful Walkers".

**Job Opportunity:**

Iowa Public Television is currently seeking qualified applicants for the position of Director of Administration (PSM2). This position oversees the network's budget, financial reporting, facilities, and human resources. This position is open only for permanent employees of the State of Iowa. Please go to <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/iowa/jobs/1821401/director-of-administration> to view position requirements, application deadline and to apply.

**Opportunity to Get Involved:**

Our chapter is seeking two individuals to serve on a Procedures committee. These two individuals should NOT be current CEC members. The two individuals would join with one current CEC member to form a three-person committee that would review chapter procedures and recommend changes to the CEC for approval. National AGA recommends that the chapters form this separate committee. We have found that our current CEC members do not have time to review and formulate recommendations in addition to their assigned CEC duties. That review and recommendation process would be the only task assigned to the Procedure committee.

Please consider volunteering for this new opportunity. Contact Brenda Nye at [bnye@ialottery.com](mailto:bnye@ialottery.com) or any current CEC member for consideration.



## Upcoming Events

### November 1, 2017

1:00-2:50 Webinar  
Making it work!  
Performance Mgmt &  
Evidence-based Policy  
Making in State & Local  
Government  
Note: Group Registration  
is not available. Each  
participant **must register**  
on their own device.

### November 15, 2017

8:15-4:00  
Fall Seminar  
(Jesse Parker Bldg,  
Knudsen Room)  
See Page 4 for more  
Details.

### December 6, 2017

11:30-12:50  
Lunch 'n Learn  
Speaker TBD  
1:00-2:50 Webinar  
Best Practice for  
Auditing & Quality  
Assurance  
(Grimes Bldg Room  
B100)

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### President's Message – October 2017

Our program year is off to a great start and promises to bring great training opportunities in the months ahead. The National AGA webinar training calendar is available on our chapter website and the luncheon speakers will soon be finalized. Check the chapter website often for updates and bring a friend to the luncheons.

A big thank you to Cindy Weber, Denise Ragias and Deb Schroeder for organizing a new addition to our training calendar! We have added a Fall Seminar to be held on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please register and encourage others to attend so that we can make this a success and add this to our annual training calendar. See page 4 for more information on the Fall Seminar.

The Des Moines Chapter Citizen-Centric report was recently published and is available on the Chapter website. See page 4 for a link.

As we begin to feel a chill in the air, please take time to enjoy the changing seasons and colorful leaves. Fall brings a time for giving thanks for the many things we sometimes take for granted. Please find time in your schedule to enjoy family and friends.



I look forward to seeing you at our Fall Seminar!

Brenda Nye, CGFM, CPA, CPM

Des Moines Chapter President



Des Moines Chapter celebrates 40 years of excellence this year! Congratulations!

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## CGFM Corner, Deb Schroeder



### November 2017 CGFM Intensive Review Course

AGA's Intensive Review Course (IRC) is a great opportunity to review the CGFM course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete the CGFM exam process! The next IRC will be held in November in Alexandria VA.

The cost of the course for qualified participants is \$375 for AGA members or \$425 for non-AGA members.

**SPECIAL BONUS: The CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to course attendees — a \$375 savings!**

**What is the Intensive Review Course?** It is a special, limited enrollment opportunity for those individuals who have already been studying for the CGFM examinations and want extra reinforcement of the material. It is a review of the main topics covered on the CGFM examinations, led by a knowledgeable instructor.

**What it's NOT:** It is not a shortcut. It is not an exam prep course with strategies on how to pass the exams. The Intensive Review Course is not a substitute for the three AGA instructor-led training courses. It is usually not enough, by itself, to prepare for the CGFM examinations — advance preparation is strongly recommended.

To participate, individuals must first apply and be accepted into the CGFM Program and must pre-register for the training event here.

### National Collegiate Leadership Program (Click [Here](#) to Apply)

This program, sponsored by the Young Professionals Focus Group (YPFG), provides up to 10 full-time undergraduate students with an opportunity to engage with and learn from leaders in government financial management at National Leadership Training (NLT).

Participants of the program will:

- Have an onsite mentor to guide them around the NLT event
- Attend NLT sessions
- Sit at reserved tables for an exclusive lunch with corporate partner members and government officials
- Receive recognition at the event, including a certificate of participation and commemorative photo
- Earn CPEs for sessions they attend
- Receive complimentary e-membership in AGA for one year

#### AGA-Des Moines Chapter Balance Sheet As of September 30, 2017

<b>Assets</b>	
Checking	3,702.88
Less: Outstanding Items	-
Petty Cash	11.00
Savings	1,239.72
PayPal	380.29
Certificate of Deposit	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>5,333.89</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Equity-Unreserved	5,333.89
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>5,333.89</b>



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Report,  
Bridgett Wood**

#### AGA - Des Moines Chapter Operating Statement for the Period Ended September 30, 2017 For the Year Ending June 30, 2018

	Budget	% of Budget	Year to Date	1st Qtr 2017
<u>Revenues/Receipts</u>				
Interest	1.00	13.00%	0.13	0.10
Membership Fees	350.00	3.69%	12.92	12.92
Conference & Webinar Revenue	14,605.00	10.08%	1,472.00	508.00
Donations	300.00	12.33%	37.00	31.00
Member Meals	415.00	19.88%	82.50	52.50
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>15,671.00</b>		<b>1,604.55</b>	<b>604.52</b>
<u>Expenses</u>				
Conference & Webinar Expense	10,641.00	19.25%	2,048.30	1,995.66
Postage & Supplies	80.00	0.00%	-	-
National PDT	1,500.00	22.18%	332.76	332.76
SLMR	400.00	0.00%	-	-
Scholarship	1,000.00	0.00%	-	-
Member Incentives	225.00	0.00%	-	-
Meals	450.00	21.42%	96.41	96.41
Donations	950.00	26.32%	250.00	131.00
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>15,256.00</b>		<b>2,727.47</b>	<b>2,555.83</b>
<b>Rev over (under) Exp</b>	<b>415.00</b>		<b>(1,122.92)</b>	<b>(1,951.31)</b>
Beginning Balance July 1, 2016			7,285.20	
Ending Balance September 30, 2017			<u>6,162.28</u>	

## Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember a time when you could find job openings by phone? This was published in The AGA Ledger in October 1991. Does anyone know how long this service lasted? Newspapers and web-based postings are a much easier and less expensive way to search for job openings.

### Reach Out and Touch Your Future (October 1991)

Thanks to a new telephone employment listing service, financial management jobs are only a phone call away. You can find out about the latest job opportunities anytime, day or night, by just dialing 1-900-PRE-SORT. The first minute costs \$1.95 and 95 cents for each additional minute. A six minute call will cost about \$6.70 and will be added to your phone bill. When you dial the service, you will be asked for your "association code". If you type "233" AGA will receive a percent of the revenue generated by your call. The monies generated by your calls will help support AGA member activities. Currently Professional Communications (PCI) has about 400 listings. PCI hopes to eventually have between 1,000 and 2,000 listings.

Since the 1-900-PRE-SORT is new, AGA has no way of assuring PCI will be able to achieve its open position objective. We have, however, examined this service closely and believe it merits exposure to our members.

AGA or this chapter cannot make any representation or warrantee for this service. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact the National Office at (703) 684-6931 or PCI representative Gary Salton at (313)662-0250.

Additionally, the Des Moines Chapter History Report 2016-2017 is has been posted. See the following link: Chapter History Reports.



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**Kim Ashmore was the 2016-2017 Member of the Year**



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**Community Service, Kim Knight:**

A big THANK YOU to all who participated in our September and October community service activities. \$204 was donated by members and guests at our training events, the chapter contributed \$100 and a request for a \$304 match has been submitted to the National office. In addition, 5 members participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, September 16 at the State Capitol. For those who couldn't attend this year, we plan to walk again in 2018!



We will be raising money for the Lupus Foundation of America for the months of November and December. Their mission is to improve the quality of life for all people affected by lupus through programs of research, education, support and advocacy.

**Fall Training Seminar Agenda**

- 8:15-8:45 Registration
- 8:45-9:45 Stuart Anderson, Director - Planning, Programming and Modal Division, Iowa DOT - "Transportation 101"
- 9:45-10:45 Mary Neubauer, Vice-President External Relations, Iowa Lottery - "Social Media"
- 11:00-12:00 - State Auditors Office - "GASB 75 OPEB and GASB 77 Tax Abatements"
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch provided (Jason's Deli)
- 1:00-2:50 Webinar: Ethics Relating to Fraud
- 3:00-4:00 Dr. Ann Lebo, Executive Director, Iowa Board of Educational Examiners - "Iowa Board of Educational Examiners Complaint Resolution Process"

6 hours of CPE  
\$80 Members  
\$105 Non-Members

Register [here](#).

**Citizen Centric Report:**

The Des Moines Chapter Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) is now available on the chapter's website. See link that follows:  
Des Moines Chapter's Citizen-Centric Reports for 2016-17



## Upcoming Events

### January 10, 2018

11:30-12:50  
Lunch 'n Learn  
John Parker, DOM  
School Foundation Aid  
1:00-2:50 Webinar  
Grants Management  
(Grimes Bldg Room  
B100)

### February 7, 2018

11:30-12:50  
Lunch 'n Learn  
Speaker TBD  
1:00-2:50 Webinar  
GASB Update  
(Grimes Bldg Room  
B100)

### March 28, 2018

11:30-12:50  
Lunch 'n Learn  
Jesse Martinez, OCIO  
Information Security  
1:00-2:50 Webinar  
Cybersecurity  
(Grimes Bldg Room  
B100)

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## President's Message – December 2017

I can't believe that it is the end of the calendar year! Our chapter has accomplished a couple of new things that I am very proud of:

We held a full day fall seminar in November. It was a success and we plan to add a fall seminar to our training calendar again next year.

We recruited two members to form a new Procedures Committee. A big thank you to Mirela Jusic and Lisa Dooly! They will be working to review some of our policies and procedures over the next few months with a goal of sending them to the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) for approval and implementation.

The training calendar for the remainder of the year is filling up. Please check the website often for updates.

To kick off 2018, we will be raising money for the Food Bank of Iowa. Please see page 4 for more information on their important mission and the items we will be collecting to benefit the cause.

This time of year brings such a rush of activity with the holiday season and end-of-year work responsibilities. Remember to take a breath and remember the reason for the season!

I look forward to seeing you at our events this winter.

Brenda Nye, CGFM, CPA, CPM



## 2018 Financial Systems Summit (January 17, 2018) 6 CPEs—FREE!

The Financial Systems Summit (FSS) unites federal financial managers and private-sector executives to discuss the near-term and future prospects of federal financial management systems in a budget-constrained environment. The summit will provide new insights into

the burgeoning federal financial systems modernization strategy over the coming decade — and beyond.

FSS offers live audience participation! Attendees will actively participate in conversation throughout the day using their mobile device (both in person and virtual attendees). Summit speakers will post questions and attendees can text their response allowing for real time conversation and engagement.

Follow the event on Twitter:  
#FSS2018



## CGFM Corner, Deb Schroeder



### AGA's Intergovernmental Partnership Celebrating 10 Years

*of increasing communication among all levels of government and improving performance and accountability!*

Established in 2007, the Intergovernmental Partnership is a practical good-government initiative that provides a neutral setting to facilitate cooperation and communication among various levels of government and for sharing ideas and best practices. The Partnership works to open the lines of communication among all levels of government with the goal of improving performance and accountability. Made up of high-ranking officials from all levels of government and higher education, the Partnership identifies and solves the most vexing management and accountability issues facing government today.

### THE INTERGOV WEBSITE

The Intergov website features AGA tools *by you, for you!* They are designed to help government financial management professionals do their jobs better. The website features tools that officials from any level of government can use to improve program performance and enhance accountability. These tools can be used to prevent fraud, reduce improper payments, improve outcomes, mitigate risk, and enhance collaboration. They can be used by auditors, accountants, grants managers, IT professionals, program managers, and others.

### CGFM CPE Requirements and Annual Renewal

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Detailed CPE requirements and examples of topics and subjects that meet the CPE requirements can be found on AGA's Continuing Professional Education Requirements website.

Your annual CGFM renewal is due March 31 – AGA will be sending the renewal invoice at the beginning of the year. Please confirm that your contact information is up to date by logging into your My AGA account today.

AGA-Des Moines Chapter Balance Sheet As of November 30, 2017		AGA - Des Moines Chapter Operating Statement for the Period Ended November 30, 2017 For the Year Ending June 30, 2018					
			Budget	% of Budget	Year to Date	1st Qtr 2017	2nd Qtr 2017
<b>Assets</b>		<b>Revenues/Receipts</b>					
Checking	3,719.83	Interest	1.00	16.00%	0.16	0.10	0.06
Less: Outstanding Items	(9.98)	Membership Fees	350.00	3.69%	12.92	12.92	-
Petty Cash	11.00	Conference & Webinar Revenues	12,732.00	32.10%	4,087.00	508.00	3,579.00
Savings	1,239.78	Nat. Recruitment Scholar.	-	-	-	-	-
PayPal	1,587.26	Donations	300.00	22.33%	67.00	31.00	36.00
Certificate of Deposit	-	Member Meals	415.00	28.92%	120.00	52.50	67.50
Total Assets	<u>6,547.89</u>						
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		Total Revenues	<u>13,798.00</u>		<u>4,287.08</u>	<u>604.52</u>	<u>3,682.56</u>
Equity-Unreserved	6,547.89	<b>Expenses</b>					
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>6,547.89</u>	Conference & Webinar Expenses	9,303.00	45.08%	4,193.88	1,995.66	2,198.22
		Postage & Supplies	80.00	0.00%	-	-	-
		National PDT	1,500.00	22.18%	332.76	332.76	-
		SLM	-	-	-	-	-
		SLMR	400.00	0.00%	-	-	-
		Scholarship	1,000.00	10.00%	100.00	-	100.00
		CGFM Study Guides	-	-	-	-	-
		Member Incentives	225.00	0.00%	-	-	-
		Meals	450.00	32.83%	147.75	96.41	51.34
		Donations	950.00	26.32%	250.00	131.00	119.00
		Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-	-	-
		Total Expenses	<u>13,918.00</u>		<u>5,024.39</u>	<u>2,555.83</u>	<u>2,468.56</u>
		Rev over (under) Exp	<u>(120.00)</u>		<u>(737.31)</u>	<u>(1,951.31)</u>	<u>1,214.00</u>
		Beginning Balance July 1, 2016			7,285.20		
		Ending Balance November 30, 2017			<u>6,547.89</u>		

**Treasurer's  
Report,  
Bridgett Wood**



## Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember when a black and white AGA Ledger was delivered to your mailbox? The following article about the transition to the colorful version we receive today was published in the December 2000 newsletter.

### Electronic Delivery

Your Chapter's experiment with sending out this newsletter electronically met with success.

Members of the Chapter Executive Committee and those

who had earlier indicated an interest in receiving the newsletter electronically received it by E-Mail last month. Many commented that they liked the electronic version because it comes in color. The newsletter is published in color. Unfortunately, the cost of duplicating it in color is cost prohibitive. So if you would like to see the living color version, electronic delivery is an option. Please contact Janice Jensen or Norm Hulscher to indicate an interest in electronic delivery.



Additionally, the Des Moines Chapter History Report 2016-2017 is has been posted. See the following link: [Chapter History Reports](#).



## Community Service for FY2017-2018:

### July - August:

AHeinz57 Pet Rescue & Transport

### September - October:

Alzheimer's Association

### November - December:

Lupus Foundation of America

### January - February:

Food Bank of Iowa

### March - April: Paws & Effect

### May - June: East Side Family, Inc.

We will be posting more information throughout the year on our [website](#) about these charities.

## Membership Corner, Tracie Kirkpatrick:

### Members can earn points as follows:

35 points—attend a webinar

20 points—attend a lunch 'n learn (LNL)

15 points—community service event (participation or donation per event)

Contact [tracie.kirkpatrick2@iowa.gov](mailto:tracie.kirkpatrick2@iowa.gov) to report community service participation.

10 points—for each guest you bring to a (LNL)

### Membership Point Leaders: ( as of December 2017)

Janice Evans 260 points  
Lisa Dooly 250 points  
Denise Ragias 250 points  
Cynthia Weber 245 points

## Training Calendar:

Please view our training calendar at

<https://www.agacgm.org/Chapters/DesMoines/Training-Events/2017-18-Training-Schedule.aspx>

## Chapter Minutes:

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**Community Service, Kim Knight:**

Our November and December charity was the Lupus Foundation of America. Their mission is to improve the quality of life for all people affected by lupus through programs of research, education, support and advocacy. Members and guests donated \$158, our chapter contributed \$100 and a request for a \$258 match has been submitted to the National office. Thank you to all who participated!



To kick off 2018, we will be raising money for the Food Bank of Iowa. Their mission is to alleviate hunger through food distribution, partnership and education. Cash and check donations (payable to "Food Bank of Iowa") will be accepted at our January and February training events. In addition, we will be collecting a few of the Food Bank's most needed items, specifically, we will be collecting, dry pasta, cereal, canned soup, toothpaste and soap. See you all next year!!

**Upcoming National AGA Training Events:**

January 17, 2018

**Financial Systems Summit**

Virtual or Washington, DC  
Free for Members!

February 27-28, 2018

**National Leadership Training**

Virtual or Washington, DC

April 26-27, 2018

**CGFM Intensive Review Course**

Alexandria, VA

**Need CGFM CPE by December 31st?**

Learn Online. AGA provides valuable CPE through quizzes that can be taken quarterly and cover topics in the *Journal of Government Financial Management*. Quizzes are available from the eight most recent issues.

Visit the AGA [website](#) for additional information.

Note: These Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours are not NASBA-certified but do qualify for Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) CPE requirements.

**Citizen Centric Report:**

The Des Moines Chapter Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) is now available on the chapter's website. See link that follows:  
Des Moines Chapter's Citizen-Centric Reports for 2016-17





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### Upcoming Events

#### March 28, 2018

11:30-12:50  
Lunch 'n Learn  
Jesse Martinez, OCIO  
Information Security  
1:00-2:50 Webinar  
Cybersecurity  
(Grimes Bldg Room B50)

#### April 11, 2018

1:00-2:50 Webinar  
Ethics  
(Grimes Bldg Room  
B100)

#### April 12, 2018

7:30-4:00  
Spring Training Seminar  
(Noah's Event Venue)

Early Bird Rate  
Available through Mar 7  
\$100 Member  
\$130 Non-Member  
Regular Rate  
Available Mar 8-Mar 30  
\$120 Member  
\$150 Non-Member

See bottom left for additional details.

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#### President's Message – February 2018

Welcome to the new calendar year. I hope that you have survived the frigid weather but as I write this article, we are enjoying a warm day in the 40's! Funny how our definition of warm changes throughout the seasons.

These warmer days make me think of spring and our Annual Spring Seminar. This year's seminar will be held on April 12th at Noah's Event Venue. The morning speaker is Jerome Mayne and the afternoon speaker is Kim Hanson (see below for additional details). And if you have been at the seminar that last couple of years, you may be excited to know that the food will once again be catered by Great Caterers of Iowa and promises to be delicious!

The training calendar for the remainder of the year is complete! Cindy Weber has done a great job of scheduling engaging speakers for us this year. You can register for all of the remaining events now including the spring seminar. Check the website for more information.

In March, our chapter will be celebrating Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFM) month. The CGFM designation has become the standard by which government financial management professionals are measured. Please join us at the March 28th meeting as we celebrate CGFM month. See page 2 for details.

We are working to fill our slate of Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members for next year. If you would like to be a part of the committee, see me or Kim Knight. The chapter cannot bring great programs and low-cost CPE to you without the volunteer efforts of the CEC. The 4 open positions are President Elect, Education Director, Professional Certification Director and Young Professionals Director.

I sometimes forget to thank the great group that is now serving on the CEC. Our chapter wouldn't exist without you! A big THANK YOU to you all!

It is the time of year to renew your membership. If you have not done so already, you have until March 31 to renew. We appreciate your support of the Des Moines chapter as you renew your membership.

Brenda Nye, CGFM, CPA, CPM

Des Moines Chapter President



#### AGA Spring Training Seminar (April 12, 2018 7:30-4:00) 7 CPEs

This training event will feature the following speakers: Jerome Mayne & Kim Hanson.

Jerome Mayne's presentation is titled Fraud and Consequences and it includes his real life story as a former white collar criminal; an entrepreneur who crossed the line. His story explodes into a nightmare of FBI investigations, federal court and finally prison. This presentation will eliminate the "gray areas" that exist in today's, business-as-usual, corporate culture. This presentation is a real life lesson in corporate ethics.

Kim's presentation is titled Ethical Issues in Today's Workplace. Her presentation will cover how to make better ethical decisions at work. Just because a particular choice is legal does not make it right. Through this course, you will be introduced to processes that will help you make ethical decisions. You will explore the importance of being aware of your core values, as well as the standards of behavior expected by organizations.

More detailed descriptions of the presentations and the speakers can be found [here](#).

Early Bird Rate (available now through March 7): \$100 Member; \$130 Non-Member

Regular Rate (available March 8-March 30): \$120 Member; \$150 Non-Member

Register [here](#).

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## CGFM Corner, Deb Schroeder

## CGFM Corner



## March is CGFM Month!

See our [State Proclamation](#) declaring, in perpetuity, March as CGFM Month.

Join us on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am as the Des Moines Chapter celebrates **CGFM Month** with a free pizza lunch! All registered Iowa CGFMs will be recognized during the business meeting. CGFMs – show your pride – WEAR RED.

**CGFM renewal reminder.** By submitting their annual renewal payment, CGFMs affirm that they have and will continue to abide by AGA's [Code of Ethics](#) and that they have fulfilled the [minimum CPE requirements](#). CGFMs must promptly notify AGA of any change of mailing address. It is the responsibility of each CGFM to pay the annual CGFM renewal fee, even if that individual did not receive an invoice from AGA.

**CGFM Certification Granted.** The Des Moines Chapter AGA is pleased to announce that Abdissimat Aden has been granted the designation of Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®). AGA's CGFM certification recognizes the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers and is specifically designed to meet the critical need for an increased emphasis on the professional qualifications and stature of government financial managers. Congratulations Abdi!

AGA-Des Moines Chapter  
Balance Sheet  
As of January 31, 2018

<b>Assets</b>	
Checking	4,676.39
Less: Outstanding Items	-
Petty Cash	11.00
Savings	1,239.84
PayPal	863.19
Certificate of Deposit	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>6,790.42</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Equity-Unreserved	6,790.42
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>6,790.42</b>

Treasurer's  
Report,  
Bridgett Wood



For more information about the CGFM Certification call or email Deb Schroeder, Professional Certification Director, at 515-281-3146 or [deb.schroeder@iowa.gov](mailto:deb.schroeder@iowa.gov). Or, click [HERE](#) to visit AGA's CGFM website.

AGA - Des Moines Chapter  
Operating Statement for the Period Ended January 31, 2018  
For the Year Ending June 30, 2018

	Budget	% of Budget	Year to Date	1st Qtr 2017	2nd Qtr 2017	3rd Qtr 2018
<b>Revenues/Receipts</b>						
Interest	1.00	22.00%	0.22	0.10	0.09	0.03
Membership Fees	350.00	3.69%	12.92	12.92	-	-
Conference & Webinar Revenue	12,732.00	35.55%	4,526.00	508.00	3,594.00	424.00
Nat. Recruitment Scholar.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	300.00	33.33%	100.00	31.00	44.00	25.00
Member Meals	415.00	47.59%	197.50	52.50	92.00	53.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>13,798.00</b>		<b>4,836.64</b>	<b>604.52</b>	<b>3,730.09</b>	<b>502.03</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Conference & Webinar Expense	9,303.00	46.06%	4,284.95	1,995.66	2,259.15	30.14
Postage & Supplies	80.00	0.00%	-	-	-	-
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SLM	-	-	-	-	-	-
SLMR	400.00	0.00%	-	-	-	-
Scholarship	1,000.00	10.00%	100.00	-	100.00	-
CGFM Study Guides	-	-	-	-	-	-
Member Incentives	225.00	0.00%	-	-	-	-
Meals	450.00	50.16%	225.71	96.41	99.04	30.26
Donations	950.00	40.84%	388.00	131.00	257.00	-
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>13,918.00</b>		<b>5,331.42</b>	<b>2,555.83</b>	<b>2,715.19</b>	<b>60.40</b>
Rev over (under) Exp	<b>(120.00)</b>		<b>(494.78)</b>	<b>(1,951.31)</b>	<b>1,014.90</b>	<b>441.63</b>
Beginning Balance July 1, 2016			<b>7,285.20</b>			
Ending Balance January 31, 2018			<b>6,790.42</b>			

## Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember when Des Moines AGA Chapter members answered phones and collected pledges during the Friends of Iowa Public Television Festival? Approximately 25 members worked one shift during the two-week Festival for most, if not all years, from 1990 through 2000. The following is from the February 1993 AGA newsletter.

### Festival 93

Our Chapter has participated in the Iowa Public Television Fund Raiser "Festival" for the past three years. It has been an event many members look forward to each year. Not only is "Festival" a good cause, but there is always good food and everyone has a good time. Of course, the highlight is seeing Bill Riley in person!!

Additionally, the Des Moines Chapter History Report 2016-2017 is has been posted. See the following link: [Chapter History Reports](#).



### AGA National Academic Scholarships.

If you or a family member are pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, auditing, budgeting, economics, finance, information technology, or public administration, you should consider applying for one of several AGA Academic Scholarships. AGA grants scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing finance careers in an effort to grow the government financial management community and support current and future practitioners from the beginning of their careers. The application deadline for National Academic Scholarships is April 16, 2018.

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## Membership Corner, Tracie Kirkpatrick:

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Contact [tracie.kirkpatrick2@iowa.gov](mailto:tracie.kirkpatrick2@iowa.gov) to report community service participation.
- 10 points—for each guest you bring to a (LNL)

### Membership Point Leaders: (as of February 9, 2018)

Janice Evans 400 points  
Denise Ragias 395 points  
Lisa Dooly 360 points

### Welcome to our newest member:

Mirela Jusic  
(Budget Analyst 4 at DAS)



## Training Calendar:

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**Community Service, Kim Knight:**

Our January and February charity was the Food Bank of Iowa. Their mission is to alleviate hunger through food distribution, partnership and education. Members and guests donated \$165, our chapter contributed \$100 and a request for a \$265 match has been submitted to the National office. In addition, we collected 30 pounds of food for the Food Bank of Iowa. Thank you to all who participated.



The charity for March and April is Paws & Effect; a non-profit organization that raises, trains and places service dogs with disabled veterans and children. The majority of their recipients are children with autism and combat veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and mobility issues.

**FREE—Members Only Webinar:**

Owning My Future: Having an Enriching Career in Changing Times

March 15 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET | 2 CPEs | FOS: PD

The AGA Women's Initiative cordially invites you to its next webinar, "Owning My Future: Having an Enriching Career in Changing Times." Join us as accomplished women in the profession share what they deem essential success factors for women in today's ever-changing and challenging government financial management environment.

The focus of this webinar is leadership, career and work/life enhancement and advancement for women in government financial management. The learning objective is to share best practices to enhance the skills and potential of women leaders within the government accountability community. Senior-level women will share their experiences and methods, best practices and good old-fashioned advice on how women can secure their futures in this complex and ever-changing world.

**Upcoming National AGA Training Events**

April 26-27, 2018

CGFM Intensive Review Course

Alexandria, VA



## Upcoming Events

### May 16, 2018

11:30-12:50  
Lunch 'n Learn  
David Roederer, DOM  
1:00-2:50 Webinar  
Fraud/Data Analytics  
(Grimes Bldg Room  
B100)

### July 18, 2018

1:00-2:50 Webinar  
GASB Review 2018  
(NASACT)  
(Grimes Bldg Room  
B100)



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## President's Message – April 2018

Welcome Spring! We had a great turnout for the Spring Seminar that was held last week. We had a total of 92 attendees. We welcome all attendees that are not current members to join our chapter!

We heard presentations from Jerome Mayne and Kim Hanson. Their presentations were very interesting and engaging. Jerome's presentation certainly calls attention to the reason we always insist on all of that documentation! I hope you enjoyed the day and had a chance to meet or network with some new and old friends. We welcome any feedback or ideas you may have for future events. Thank you to Cindy Weber, Education Director for her great planning efforts!

We celebrated Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) month in March with free pizza and cupcakes. If you are not aware of the CGFM designation, I encourage you to contact one of the CEC members and get more information about pursuing it.



If you forgot to renew your membership by March 31, no worries! You may still renew. Call or email Tracie Kirkpatrick if you need assistance.

As we wind down this program year, I hope to see you at our last lunch and learn scheduled for May 16th. David Roederer from Department of Management will be speaking at the lunch and learn followed by a webinar on Fraud/Data Analytics. The new program year will kick-off with a NASACT webinar on July 18<sup>th</sup> covering GASB Review. You may register for the May event now and registration for the July event will be coming soon. Check our website for more details.

Brenda Nye, CGFM, CPA, CPM

Des Moines Chapter President

## AGA Chapter Executive Committee Members

### Outgoing & Incoming Members attending the Spring Seminar:

Back Row: Denise Ragias, Marilyn Hanson, Kim Knight, Kaylynn Short, Brenda Nye, Janice Evans, Lilia Kryuchkova, Deb Schroeder, and Rich Schoeppner. Front Row: Tracie Kirkpatrick, Cindy Weber, Angie James, Kim Ashmore, and Pam Sullivan.



**CGFM Corner, Deb Schroeder****Maintaining CGFM Certification**

To retain the CGFM certification, all CGFMs must adhere to the AGA's Code of Ethics. In addition, to continue using the CGFM designation after their name, CGFMs must be in an active status.

To maintain the CGFM certification in an active status, CGFMs are required to:

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- Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.
- By submitting their annual renewal payment, CGFMs affirm that they have and will continue to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and that they have fulfilled the minimum CPE Requirements.

**Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Requirements**

CGFMs do not need to submit supporting documentation of the CPE hours at the time of renewal. The payment itself serves as the CGFM's affirmation of his or her compliance with the CPE requirements. CGFMs are required to maintain supporting documentation on CPE hours earned for a minimum of three years and provide it to AGA upon request. This documentation may be requested by AGA as part of the annual audit of a random sample of CGFMs.

**Calendar of CPE Cycles**

The two-year CPE cycle depends on the year the CGFM was awarded. The award date can be found on the CGFM certificate. You can use the table below to determine your CPE cycle.

If your CGFM was awarded in an odd year: Your current CPE cycle is 01/01/2018 – 12/31/2019.

If your CGFM was awarded in an even year: Your current CPE cycle is 01/01/2017 – 12/31/2018.

If your CGFM was awarded in 2018: Your 1st CPE cycle will be 01/01/2019 – 12/31/2020.

For more information about the CGFM Certification call or email Deb Schroeder, Professional Certification Director, at 515-281-3146 or deb.schroeder@iowa.gov. Or, click [HERE](#) to visit AGA's CGFM website.

**AGA-Des Moines Chapter  
Balance Sheet  
As of March 31, 2018**

**Assets**

Checking	11,062.89
Less: Outstanding Items	-
Petty Cash	11.00
Savings	1,239.90
PayPal	2,636.72
Certificate of Deposit	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>14,950.51</b>

**Liabilities & Equity**

Equity-Unreserved	14,950.51
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>14,950.51</b>



**Treasurer's  
Report,  
Bridgett  
Wood**

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For the Year Ending June 30, 2018**

	Budget	% of Budget	Year to Date	1st Qtr 2017	2nd Qtr 2017	3rd Qtr 2018
<b>Revenues/Receipts</b>						
Interest	1.00	28.00%	0.28	0.10	0.09	0.09
Membership Fees	350.00	3.69%	12.92	12.92	-	-
Conference & Webinar Revenues	12,732.00	126.63%	16,122.00	508.00	3,594.00	12,020.00
Nat. Recruitment Scholar.	-	0.00%	-	-	-	-
Donations	300.00	55.33%	166.00	31.00	44.00	91.00
Member Meals	415.00	49.88%	207.00	52.50	92.00	62.50
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>13,798.00</b>		<b>16,508.20</b>	<b>604.52</b>	<b>3,730.09</b>	<b>12,173.59</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Conference & Webinar Expenses	9,303.00	62.77%	5,839.92	1,995.66	2,259.15	1,585.11
Postage & Supplies	80.00	110.00%	88.00	-	-	88.00
National PDT	1,500.00	112.85%	1,692.76	332.76	-	1,360.00
SLM	-	0.00%	-	-	-	-
SLMR	400.00	25.00%	100.00	-	-	100.00
Scholarship	1,000.00	20.00%	200.00	-	100.00	100.00
CGFM Study Guides	-	0.00%	-	-	-	-
Member Incentives	225.00	61.44%	138.24	-	-	138.24
Meals	450.00	56.88%	255.97	96.41	99.04	60.52
Donations	950.00	55.58%	528.00	131.00	257.00	140.00
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>13,918.00</b>		<b>8,842.89</b>	<b>2,555.83</b>	<b>2,715.19</b>	<b>3,571.87</b>
<b>Rev over (under) Exp</b>	<b>(120.00)</b>		<b>7,665.31</b>	<b>(1,951.31)</b>	<b>1,014.90</b>	<b>8,601.72</b>
Beginning Balance July 1, 2016			7,285.20			
Ending Balance March 31, 2018			<b>14,950.51</b>			

### Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember when Des Moines AGA Chapter had it 1st Annual Des Moines Chapter of AGA 10K crawl? The following were in the April and May 1991 AGA Newsletters.

Have you noticed, with all the nice weather, how many joggers are out? And with all the 10K's and Drake Relay Marathon coming up, I propose the **1st Annual Des Moines Chapter of AGA 10K Crawl!** No registration needed. Write or call in your times to your publications editor and unofficial starter. Winners will be published next month. Good Luck Accountants.

And in May - Winners, those who finished, as follows:

#### Member Time

...nice going chapter members. There were no finishers in the 1st Annual Des Moines Chapter of AGA 10K Challenge.

It appears it was the first and last 10K Challenge. However, since then Des Moines Chapter members have participated in several 3-5K walks to support various charities as part of our community service program.

Additionally, the Des Moines Chapter History Report 2016-2017 is has been posted. See the following link: [Chapter History Reports](#).



### Community Service for FY2017-2018:

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AHeinz57 Pet Rescue & Transport

#### September - October:

Alzheimer's Association

#### November - December:

Lupus Foundation of America

#### January - February:

Food Bank of Iowa

#### March - April: Paws & Effect

#### May - June: East Side Family, Inc.

We will be posting more information throughout the year on our [website](#) about these charities.

### Membership Corner, Tracie Kirkpatrick:

#### Members can earn points as follows:

- 35 points—attend a webinar
- 20 points—attend a lunch 'n learn (LNL)
- 15 points—community service event (participation or donation per event)  
Contact [tracie.kirkpatrick2@iowa.gov](mailto:tracie.kirkpatrick2@iowa.gov) to report community service participation.
- 10 points—for each guest you bring to a (LNL)

#### Membership Point Leaders: (as of April 13, 2018)

Janice Evans 415 points  
Denise Ragias 395 points  
Lisa Dooly 360 points



#### Welcome to our newest member:

Ksenia Gardino (Iowa Finance Authority)  
Mark Newhall (Auditor of State)  
Kathy Barger (City of Johnston)

### Training Calendar:

Please view our training calendar at

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### Chapter Minutes:

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**Community Service, Kim Knight:**

Our March and April charity was Paws & Effect; a non-profit organization that raises, trains and places service dogs with disabled veterans and children. The majority of their recipients are children with autism and combat veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and mobility issues. Members and guests donated \$109, our chapter contributed \$100 and a request for a \$209 match has been submitted to the National office. Thank you to all who participated!



The final charity of the 2017-2018 year (May and June) is East Side Family, Inc. East Side Family, Inc. is a community organization focused on uplifting, educating and feeding the youth in Des Moines. It became a non-profit organization in April 2016 with a mission to help someone in need...maintaining, building and fostering relationships within the community.

**Membership Awards:**

The following awards were presented at the annual spring conference:

**5 Years:** David Vaudt & Randy Lagerblade

**10 Years:** Marlys Gaston, Kim Knight, Donna Kruger, & Margaret Munson

**15 Years:** Rosemary Johnson

**20 Years:** Robert Howe & Michelle Meyer

**30 Years:** Annette Campbell, Tami Kusian, & Cheryl Williams

**40 Years:** Norman Hulscher

**Chapter Recognition Points, Marilyn Hanson:**

Our Des Moines Chapter has 22,285 points as of 03/31/18.

Area	Points	Maximum	Percentage
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,750	5,000	75%
Education & Professional Development	5,450	4,000	136%
Certification	2,950	4,000	74%
Communications	5,885	3,000	196%
Membership	2,200	4,000	55%
Accountability	800	2,000	40%
Community Service	1,250	2,000	63%
Awards	0	1,000	0%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22,285</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>89%</b>





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## President's Message – June 2018

As my year as President of the Des Moines chapter comes to a close, I want to thank all of the CEC members for the contributions they have made to our chapter. At the beginning of this year, I set three goals. Progress was made but there is always room for improvement. I know that Kim Knight as our incoming President will continue the good things that the chapter does for its members.

The first goal for this year was to offer a variety of programs for educational opportunities for our members. That goal was certainly achieved including the addition of a fall conference. Cindy Weber was the Education Director add made that goal a reality. The second goal was to expand membership. Through efforts from many members, we did add several members. Thank you to Tracie Kirkpatrick for tracking membership and reaching out to new members. The third goal was to provide peer networking at events. That opportunity certainly exists but there is room for improvement. Networking is such an important part of your AGA membership.

A few other items that stand out:

- Several job openings were listed on our website and in our newsletter.
- Dollars were raised for six worthwhile charities.
- A free CGFM exam voucher was given away to one member.
- A Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting (See certificate below).

Please take time to spend some time with family and friends this summer. I look forward to seeing you in the next program year!

Brenda Nye, CGFM, CPA, CPM

## AGA Chapter Certificate of Excellence:



## Upcoming Events

### June 20, 2018

1:00-2:50 Webinar  
NASACT: Identifying  
Improper Payments in  
High Risk Programs  
(Grimes Bldg Room B50)



### July 18, 2018

1:00-2:50 Webinar  
GASB Review 2018  
(NASACT)  
(Grimes Bldg Room  
B100)



### Passing of the Gavel:

Brenda Nye ends her term as  
2017-2018 AGA President with  
the passing of the gavel to the  
2018-2019 AGA President Kim  
Knight.

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## CGFM Corner, Deb Schroeder

## CGFM Corner



### What is CGFM?

The AGA Certified Government Financial Manager®(CGFM®) credential allows professionals to expand their career options by demonstrating they have the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers at the local, state, and federal levels. The certification recognizes the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers, specifically in the areas of governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls, and budgeting.

### How do you become a CGFM?

To earn the CGFM, you must fill out an online application and meet the following requirements:

Ethics — read and agree to abide by AGA's *Code of Ethics*

Education — have a bachelor's degree in any subject area from an accredited U.S. college or university

Examinations — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations

Experience — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management

### Des Moines Chapter CGFM Scholarship Policy

The Chapter's CGFM Scholarship Program was established in order to assist Des Moines chapter members in obtaining the Certified Government Financial manager (CGFM) certification. Financial incentives are provided to members who enroll and complete the CGFM examination process. Visit the Chapter's [CGFM Certification](#) webpage for complete details.

Please email or call Deb Schroeder at [deb.schroeder@iowa.gov](mailto:deb.schroeder@iowa.gov) or 515-281-3146 if you have questions or would like more information about the program.

### July 2018 CGFM Intensive Review Course

AGA's Intensive Review Course (IRC) is a great opportunity to review the CGFM course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete the CGFM exam process! The next IRC will be held July 20-21, 2018, in Orlando, Florida.

The cost of the course for qualified participants is \$375 for AGA members or \$425 for non-AGA members. **SPECIAL BONUS:**

**The CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to course attendees — a \$375 savings!**

**What is the Intensive Review Course?** It is a special, limited enrollment opportunity for those individuals who have already been studying for the CGFM examinations and want extra reinforcement of the material. It is a review of the main topics covered on the CGFM examinations, led by a knowledgeable instructor.

**What it's NOT:** It is not a shortcut. It is not an exam prep course with strategies on how to pass the exams. The Intensive Review Course is not a substitute for the three AGA instructor-led training courses. It is usually not enough, by itself, to prepare for the CGFM examinations — advance preparation is strongly recommended.

To participate, individuals must first apply and be accepted into the [CGFM Program](#) and must preregister for the training event [HERE](#).

### AGA - Des Moines Chapter Operating Statement for the Period Ended May 31, 2018 For the Year Ending June 30, 2018

AGA-Des Moines Chapter Balance Sheet As of May 31, 2018	
<b>Assets</b>	
Checking	5,435.77
Less: Outstanding Items	-
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Savings	1,239.96
PayPal	2,678.63
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>9,365.36</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
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**Treasurer's  
Report,  
Bridgett  
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	Budget	% of Budget	Year to Date
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Do you remember when Des Moines AGA Chapter helped host the AGA's national Professional Development Conference? Several Des Moines AGA members attended and helped host the 1991 PDC held in Kansas City. Following are a few newsletter items related to that PDC.

The following items were in the June 1991 AGA Ledger. The CEC was to determine the amount of funds the Chapter would forward to the Kansas City Chapter for the upcoming PDC. After much discussion regarding past practices and the current balance of the Chapter's funds, it was approved unanimously that the Des Moines Chapter send \$1,000 for unspecified purposes.

### Last Chance to Attend Professional Development Conference (PDC)

The 1991 PDC will be held at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri, June 24-26, 1991. The PDC promises to provide the latest in current developments on government accounting and auditing in a friendly fund filled atmosphere that will "Take You By Surprise."

Five tracks will include:

- How to Deal with the Media.
- Computer Intrusion Vulnerability.
- Gambling: A Boom or a Bust for Financial Woes?
- Following the Yellow Book Road: Where the Government Auditing Standards Advisory Council is Headed.
- CFO Legislation in Federal Accounting Standards Board: What Does This Mean for Government?



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Denise Ragias 505 points  
Janice Evans 500 points  
Deb Schroeder 490 points  
Kim Knight 480 points  
Janice Jensen 475 points  
Brenda Nye 465 points  
Lisa Dooly 425 points  
Michelle Wendel 410 points  
Angie James 365 points



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We collected \$109 in the month of May and will be collecting again at our June 20 webinar. The Des Moines Chapter will contribute a match of \$100. Additionally, a match request will be submitted to the National office for consideration.

Thank you to all who contributed to the 6 charities we supported in the 2017-2018 year! The first charity of 2018-2019 will be the Alzheimer's Association - stay tuned for more information about participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's on August 25!

**Welcome to our newest 2018 members:**

Ksenia Gardino (Iowa Finance Authority)  
Mark Newhall (Auditor of State)  
Kathy Barger (City of Johnston)  
Stephen French (Auditor)  
Jene Jess (State of Iowa Judicial Branch)  
Debra Osborn (Iowa Veterans Home)

**Chapter Recognition Points, Marilyn Hanson:**

Our Des Moines Chapter has 28,002 points as of 06/15/18.

Area	Points	Maximum	Percentage
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	4,400	5,000	88%
Education & Professional Development	7,200	4,000	180%
Certification	4,250	4,000	106%
Communications	6,802	3,000	227%
Membership	2,700	4,000	68%
Accountability	800	2,000	40%
Community Service	1,350	2,000	68%
Awards	500	1,000	50%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28,002</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>112%</b>