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Upcoming Events

September 11, 2019

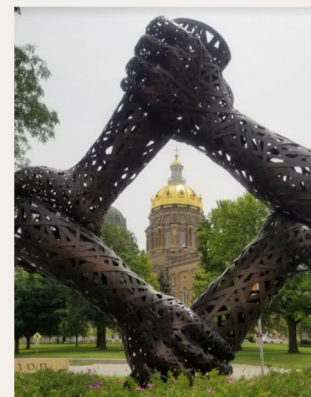
11:30-12:50 Lunch 'n Learn
Charlee Cross, COO
DAS—General Services
Enterprise Overview
1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Communications
(Grimes Bldg Room B100)

September 26, 2019

12:30-2:15 FREE Webinar
GASB is offering a Free
Webinar on GASB 84
Fiduciary Activities and
87 Leases.
(Preregister for 2 CPE)

October 23, 2019

11:30-12:50 Lunch 'n Learn
Jennifer Campbell, Asst
Auditor 5
Auditor of State Office
1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Internal Control
(Grimes Bldg Room B50)



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President's Message – August 2019

Happy Fiscal New Year Everyone!

We've made it through the first month and a half of the new fiscal year. Hopefully everyone has had an opportunity to enjoy the summer weather with family and friends.

With the new fiscal year, comes a new CEC Board for the Des Moines AGA Chapter. As the new Chapter President I wanted to take a moment and introduce myself. I am a graduate of the University of Iowa (Go HAWKEYES!) and have worked for the State of Iowa for 7 years. I am currently the Accountant 3 at Iowa Public Television and have worked for IPTV since 2017. Before IPTV I worked for the State Auditor's Office and then the Department of Agriculture. I am excited to serve as the Des Moines Chapter President for the 2019-2020 year and believe that we have a great group of people serving on the CEC this year.

We have started developing another awesome and exciting schedule of training opportunities for the 2019-2020 year. Some of the speakers that we have lined up for Lunch n' Learns thus far include; Charlie Cross from DAS General Services Enterprise, Jennifer Campbell from the State Auditor's Office, Nick Miller from DAS State Accounting Enterprise and Teresa Rotschafer with the City of Johnston. If you have any suggestions for speakers and/or topics, please pass that information along to our Education Director, Ermin Begovic, or to me.

I hope to see you at our first lunch n' learn and webinar on September 11th.

Kaylynn Short, CPA
Chapter President



Chapter President Kaylynn Short and Chapter Past President Kim Knight with AGA National President Ernie Almonte at the PDT in New Orleans.



AGA Des Moines Chapter Member Spotlight—Tracie Kirkpatrick

Q) How long have you been a member of the AGA Des Moines Chapter?

A) 5 Years

Q) How did you first learn about AGA?

A) Deb Krueger

Q) What organization do you currently work for and what is your title?

A) Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services; Accountant 2

Q) Favorite Sports Team? A) Chicago Cubs, of course!!

Q) Sweet Snacks or Salty Snacks? A) Salty

Q) Early Riser or Night Owl? A) Early Riser

Q) Read a book or Watch a movie? A) Watch a movie



CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan



Challenge yourself for this fall and consider CGFM. Candidates must apply for CGFM. Here's why you should consider enrolling and completing CGFM Certification: the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, which demonstrates competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels. CGFM is a respected credential that recognizes the knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager. Having a CGFM allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field. CGFM distinguishes individuals who have a significant commitment to their professional development with an increased knowledge of government financial management, better understanding of the big picture of government and greater confidence of the job.

Isn't it time for you to consider earning the CGFM certification? Here's the link to apply <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx>.

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July – August: Alzheimer's Association

Mission: 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.

Register for the August 24, 2019 Walk to End Alzheimer's [here](#).

Under "Join a Team or Make a Donation", enter "Joyful Walkers" under "Find a Team". The walk will be at the State Capitol in Des Moines.

THE END OF ALZHEIMER'S
STARTS WITH *you.*



The team T-shirt is available by order only and orders must be placed by noon on July 30. Proceeds from the shirts will go to the Alzheimer's Association.

AGA-Des Moines Chapter Balance Sheet As of July 31, 2019

Assets

Checking	12,704.87
Less: Outstanding Items	-
Petty Cash	11.00
Savings	1,240.40
PayPal	724.83
Certificate of Deposit	-
Total Assets	14,681.10

Liabilities & Equity

Equity-Unreserved	14,681.10
Total Liabilities & Equity	14,681.10



Treasurer's Report, Mihneta Lisinovic



AGA - Des Moines Chapter Operating Statement for the Period Ended July 31, 2019 For the Year Ending June 30, 2020

	Budget	Year to Date
Revenues/Receipts		
Interest	0.50	0.03
Membership Fees	330.00	55.00
Webinar Revenues	4,200.00	344.00
Spring Conference Revenues	10,750.00	-
Donations	300.00	-
Total Revenues	15,580.50	399.03

Expenses

Webinar Expenses	3,824.00	33.38
Spring Conference Expenses	6,698.00	-
Postage & Supplies	100.00	-
National PDT	2,440.00	-
SLMR	100.00	-
CGFM Scholarship	600.00	-
CGFM Study Guides	630.00	-
Member Incentives	175.00	-
Donations	950.00	-
Miscellaneous	10.00	-
Insurance	325.00	-
Total Expenses	15,852.00	33.38

Rev over (under) Exp	(271.50)	365.65
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Beginning Balance July 1, 2019	14,315.45
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Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember when the Des Moines Chapter was recognized by National AGA for membership growth? The following was in the August 1982 Special Edition of AGA News.



Des Moines Chapter Places 1st in Class in Mid-western Region and 3rd in Class Nationally.

The Des Moines Chapter has beaten all competitors in winning the AGA Membership Goal Attainment Award in Group D of the Midwestern Region and placed 3rd nationally. The Chapter reached 107.55% of its membership goal and will receive an award of \$25.

Our Membership Chairperson, Joan Maust, will receive a special citation for her outstanding efforts this past year in the membership drive. Due to the growth in the Chapter membership, we will be moving to Class C in the Mid-western Region. The chapter had 78 members as of January 1992 that year.

I'm not sure how many size categories there were in 1992, but I don't remember any year with over 100 members. Currently, there are five membership categories. Group A is 300 or more members, Group B 150-299 members; Group C 100-149 members; Group D 50-99 members and Group E 21-49 members. The Des Moines Chapter is currently in Group D.

See the following link for additional information: [Chapter History Reports](#).

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Membership Corner, Tracie Kirkpatrick:

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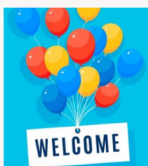
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Top Point Leaders 2018-2019:

Kimberly Ashmore—580 points—CONGRATS!!
Lisa Dooly—420 points
Marilyn Hanson—455 points

New Members 2018-2019:

Stephanie Bernard (IPTV)
Melissa Mark (IDPH)
Ermin Begovic (DAS)
Michael Team (Student)
Marie Hawthorne (DAS)



Training Calendar:

Please view our training calendar at

<https://www.agacgm.org/Chapters/DesMoines/Training-Events/2018-19-Training-Schedule.aspx>

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- Crates of all types and sizes
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- 30 gallon or smaller plastic bins with lids
- Markers
- Postage Stamps

**Chapter Recognition Points, Janice Jensen:**

Des Moines Chapter AGA goals for 2019-2020

Area	Points
Total Goal	19,501

Citizen Centric & Chapter History Reports:

The Des Moines Chapter Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) and the Chapter History Report are now available on the chapter's website. Click on the report for a link to the website.

**Certificate of Excellence-2017-18 CCR****2019 AGA Professional Development Training**

This year's event was held in New Orleans, LA from July 21-24. Chapter President Kaylynn Short and Immediate Past President/NCC Representative Kim Knight had the opportunity to attend this year's event.



Kaylynn Short accepted the 2018-2019 Chapter Website

Award at the PDT in New Orleans on behalf of Denise Ragias.

Kim Knight accepted the 2018-2019 Platinum Award at the PDT in New Orleans for reaching the chapter's recognition goal during her presidency.





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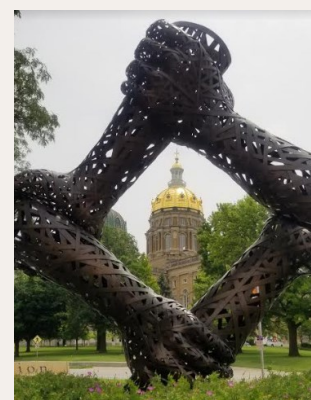
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11:30-12:50 Lunch 'n Learn
Nick Miller, Division
Administrator for SAE
State Accounting Overview
1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Ethics
(Grimes Bldg Room B100)

December 11, 2019

11:30-12:50 Lunch 'n Learn
Teresa Rotschafer, Finance
Director City of Johnson
1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Internal Control
(Grimes Bldg Room B100)



President's Message – October 2019

Happy October!!!

Fall is always a busy time for governmental accountants, whether you are a State, County, City or School District employee or even in the private sector the fall months mean Budgets are due, Audits are being performed and GAAP Packages are due for those of us at the State level. Even with our busy schedules we had an amazing turnout at our September training: 23 attended the Lunch n' Learn on *GSE Overview* presented by Kris May and Charlee Cross and 12 attended the webinar *Everyone Communicates Few Connect*. We also had a great turnout at the NASACT webinar on October 3rd *Demystifying the Cloud*, with 18 attending.

We have several exciting training opportunities coming up to round out 2019. On October 23rd, we have Jennifer Campbell from the State Auditor's Office speaking on Fraud, followed by the AGA webinar - *Internal Control: Applying Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Programs to Address Cybersecurity Risks*. Then on November 20th, we have Nick Miller speaking at the Lunch n' Learn followed by the AGA webinar - *Ethics: Building a Culture of Ethical Excellence*. Our final Lunch n' Learn and Webinar of 2019 will be on December 11th with Teresa Rotschafer from the City of Johnston speaking during the Lunch n' Learn followed by the AGA webinar on Internal Controls.

The CEC is currently working on finalizing plans for the first half of 2020 including booking speakers at the all-day spring seminar on April 9th. If you have any speaker suggestions for Lunch n' Learns or the all-day spring seminar please feel free to reach out to a member of the CEC or e-mail aga.dsmiowa@gmail.com.

Hope everyone stays warm out there and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming trainings!

Kaylynn Short, CPA
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Q) What organization do you currently work for and what is your title? A) DAS—Accountant IV
Q) What college did you attend? A) William Penn—Des Moines, IA; Tusculum College—Knoxville, TN; AIB—Des Moines, IA
Q) Cats or Dogs? A) Both—Dog Bella Maltese/Chihuahua & 2 Cats adopted bonded buddies from the ARL 7 1/2 years old.
Q) Watch sports or movies? A) Both—love college football and Iowa Wild Hockey (never miss a game—Go Wild). Movies—anything but scary and SCIFI.
Q) Sweet Snacks or Salty Snacks? A) Sweet
Q) Early Riser or Night Owl? A) Definitely early riser
Q) Interesting about me? A) I play hand bells in a choir, swim & love hockey. See page 4 for bit more on Pam's battle with breast cancer.



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CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan



CGFM 25th Anniversary

The Des Moines AGA Chapter is recognizing CGFM at the Lunch n' Learn on Wednesday, November 20th. Please wear red for the photo.

CGFM is clearly proving the test of time with members obtaining the certification each year. CGFM is a professional designation recognizing the unique skills and specialized knowledge required of today's government financial managers. The certification covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels. For more information please click on <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx>

As a reminder, CGFM members are responsible for tracking their CPE credits. Let me know if you have questions.



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Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember when the Des Moines Chapter held an open house at the Main Des Moines Library (now the World Food Prize Hall of Laureates building)? Following are the details from the October 1983 invitation.



You are cordially invited to attend this OPEN HOUSE sponsored by the Des Moines Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants on Monday, October 31, 1983 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Main Des Moines Library, 2nd floor. Refreshments will be provided. Information regarding local and national activities; and how you can become a member will be on display. Copies of the associations' journal and educational materials will also be available. Win a Free Dinner! Door Prize Drawings will be held for dinners at the November 9 meeting with the National President of AGA.

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Update from the National Council of Chapters Representative, Kim Knight

2019-2020 is starting off with some exciting changes as a result of the change in the governance structure of AGA. I attended the first ever meeting of the National Council of Chapters (NCC) in New Orleans, Louisiana on Sunday, July 21. This was an interactive 3.5 hour meeting which was kicked off by National President-Elect, Wendy Morton-Huddleston. Wendy is from the Washington D.C. Chapter and will serve as AGA's National President in 2020-2021.

The theme of the meeting was "an engaged member is a retained member." I had the opportunity to speak on a panel with two other NCC Representatives about how we attract and retain members in our respective chapters. The Des Moines Chapter had a downturn in membership a couple of years ago as a result of long-time members retiring. Yet we are maintaining a strong Chapter membership and the participation in our events is outstanding. One of the key items I shared was that our membership was 71 in July 2017; it dipped to 64 in January 2018 and has recovered to 69 as of July 2019 (7.8% increase). This reflects the retirements I mentioned and then the growth from new members joining. Participation in our training events has been outstanding with over 100 attending our spring conference in April.

Our membership is 74% state employees and 13% retirees. We are striving to increase participation in other areas, including city and county government, federal government and private industry. We offer inexpensive CPE on a monthly basis and our meetings are a great opportunity to network and meet others who work in the field of government accountability.

AGA National Council of Chapters Geographic Areas



Please reach out if you would like to learn more about joining the AGA – Des Moines Chapter. The next meeting of the NCC is November 7.

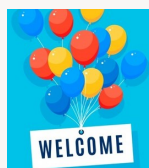
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Matthew Coulter—125 points
Abdisamat Aden—90 points
Kim Ashmore—90 points
Stephanie Bernard—90 points
Angie James—90 points
Andy Nielsen—90 points
Penney Sells—90 points
Kaylynn Short—90 points



New Members 2019-2020:

Jonathan Mader (Iowa ABD)

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Please view our training calendar at

[AGA Des Moines Chapter: Training & Events](#)

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Community Service, Melissa Mark**July – August: Alzheimer's Association**

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- See Page 2 for additional details about what is being collected.

November-December: Urbandale Community Action Network

This organization works closely with the local government, churches, civic and community organizations, not for profits, citizens and the business community to accomplish common goals and to help make a difference to the people of Urbandale. An example is they are able to provide rides for people in need to doctor appointments and help in other ways as needed. (<https://urbandalenetwork.org>)

Chapter Recognition Points, Janice Jensen:

Des Moines Chapter AGA points as of September 30, 2019

Area	Points
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,700
Education & Professional Development	1,700
Certification	750
Communications	2,014
Membership	800
Accountability	950
Community Service	675
Total Goal	10,589

Congratulation to Des Moines Chapter AGA for achieving the 2018-2019 Platinum Award from National AGA. This is the highest award to recognize a chapter for reaching the chapter's annual recognition goal. Des Moines Chapter is off to a healthy start in 2019-2020 with the 1st quarter reporting 10,589 points. National has set our annual chapter goal at 19,501 points.

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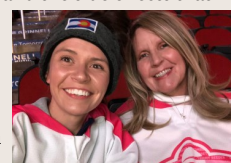
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October - Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Pam Sullivan will be participating in the Komen "Race for the Cure" with team "Wild for Pam". Pam notes that a positive attitude can make a big difference in the challenges you may endure. Sometimes in life we're given an opportunity to evaluate and prioritize what's really important. Nine months ago I was diagnosed with breast cancer for a second time. I have gone through two surgeries, chemo and radiation and the side effects that followed. Having a positive attitude and family, friends, co-workers and the CEC provided me a strong support group through the journey. My advice is don't take things for granted because you never know what's ahead.



Saturday, October 26th 10:15am
Des Moines Water Works Park





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1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Uniform Guidance
(Grimes Bldg Room B100)

February 5, 2020

11:30-12:50 Lunch 'n Learn
Speaker TBA
1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
GASB Update
(Grimes Bldg Room B100)

March 4, 2020

11:30-12:50 Lunch 'n Learn
Speaker TBA
1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Improper Payments
(Grimes Bldg Room B100)

March 25, 2020

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Cybersecurity
(Grimes Bldg Room B100)

President's Message – December 2019

Happy October!!!

As we are getting ready for the New Year I wanted to take a moment and look back at what the Des Moines Chapter of AGA has accomplished over the past year. In calendar year 2019, **nine** (9) new members joined our chapter, we offered a total of 42 hours of CPE, saw an average of 28 attendees at Lunch n' Learns and an average of 18 attendees at Webinars. We offered a full 8 hours of CPE at our all-day spring seminar back in April with a record number of 98 attendees. We also worked at making connections with local colleges and Universities.

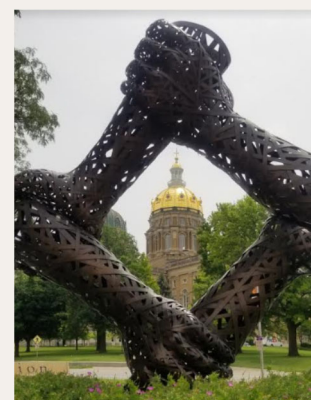
The Des Moines Chapter of AGA has a lot to look forward to in 2020. We are starting the New Year with 71 active members, we are offering a total of 27 hours of CPE through June and we are continuing to strengthen our relationships with Drake University and DMACC.

The first Lunch n' Learn of the New Year will be on January 8th with Karl Wendt from DAS Procurement presenting an overview on procurement. A webinar on Uniform Guidance will follow. During our January Lunch n' Learn and Webinar, we will be raising money and dried goods for the Food Bank of Iowa. For a complete list of the most needed items please visit the [Food Bank of Iowa](https://www.foodbankofiowa.org/) website.

MEMBERS – Be sure to check out the January 9, 2020 [Financial Systems Summit](#). This is an annual event hosted by AGA National in Washington D.C. and members have the opportunity to attend for free and earn 6 hours of CPE!

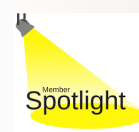
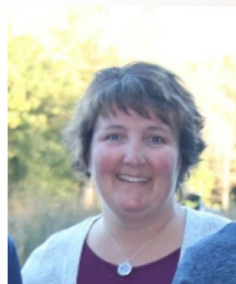
I wish you and your families a safe and happy holidays and hope to see you at our lunch n' learn and webinar on January 8th.

Kaylynn Short, CPA
Chapter President



AGA Des Moines Chapter Member Spotlight—Angie James

Q) How long have you been a member of the AGA Des Moines Chapter? A) 2000
Q) What organization do you currently work for and what is your title? A) Department of Education—Budget Analyst
Q) What college did you attend? A) University of Northern Iowa
Q) iPhone or Android A) iPhone—My kids finally converted me.
Q) Favorite Ice Cream A) Majestic Milky Way
Q) Ideal Vacation? A) Either someplace warm or going to a state that I have not been to yet. There are 5 states that remain that I haven't gotten my kids to yet. North & South Carolina, Delaware, Hawaii, and Alaska.
Q) Early Riser or Night Owl? A) Definitely not a night owl. I like my sleep too much!
Q) Favorite Sport? A) Anything that my kids are playing. I enjoy watching them play and I love to take action pictures!



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CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan



How many New Year's Resolutions do you make and follow through on? CGFM Certification is a great way to increase your knowledge with a professional certification. Have you considered the CGFM program offered through AGA? The Des Moines chapter has 36 CGFM. The program has four components which include ethics, education, examinations and experience. This is an opportunity to expand your career opportunities with the completion of the CGFM Certification.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx>

March is CGFM month! Current CGFM members will be recognized with pizza at the Lunch n' Learn.



Upcoming Community Service

January—February: Food Bank of Iowa

In addition to collecting money at our January and February meetings, we will be collecting specific goods on the Food Bank of Iowa wish list, including:

- Dry Pasta
- Cereal
- Canned Soup
- Toothpaste
- Soap



The mission of the Food Bank of Iowa is alleviating hunger through food distribution, partnership, and education.

Visit <https://www.foodbankiowa.org> for more information.

AGA Spring Seminar—April 9, 2020

Be sure to mark your calendars for the annual AGA Spring Seminar to be held on April 9, 2020.

There will be a new location for this event this year. It will be held at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, IA.



Treasurer's Report, Mihneta Lisinovic



AGA-Des Moines Chapter Balance Sheet As of November 30, 2019

Assets

Checking	9,119.08
Less: Outstanding Items	-
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Savings	1,240.52
PayPal	609.29
Certificate of Deposit	-
Total Assets	10,968.89

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Donations	300.00	15.67%	47.00
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Expenses			
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Donations	950.00	26.00%	247.00
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-
Insurance	325.00	0.00%	-
Total Expenses	15,852.00		5,217.71
Rev over (under) Exp	(271.50)		(3,346.56)
Beginning Balance July 1, 2019			14,315.45
Ending Balance November 30, 2019			10,968.89

Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember when annual dues were \$35.00 for a full member and there were only three classifications of members? The following were from the bottom of the application for membership forms included in some of the past newsletters for that year. A.G.A. News for the Des Moines Chapter.



1980 Member Categories and Dues, Including \$5.00 for Des Moines Chapter.

Member Category	Qualifications	Dues
Full	Has 6 years' experience in accounting, auditing, budgeting or other financial management fields. A college graduate of with a major in the financial management or allied fields counts as 3 years of experience. Holders of CPA, CMA, and CIA certificates automatically qualify for full membership.	\$35.00
Associate	A colleague that has less than the experience requirement for full membership. It is anticipated that associate members will become full members through additional experience.	\$22.50
Retired	AGA member who is permanently retired.	\$15.00
Special Associates	Only for junior associates in their first year of employment and full-time students.	\$13.75

2019 Member Categories and Dues, Including \$5.00 for the Des Moines Chapter.

Member Category	Qualifications	Dues
Government	Member Individuals who work directly for government, academia, and not-for-profit organizations.	\$105.00
Private Sector	Sole proprietors and individuals who work for private companies, corporations or partnerships.	\$170.00
Young Professional	Young professionals with fewer than three years of ANY work experience.	\$50.00
Student – Electronic	Full-time college or university students who are not gainfully employed.	Free
Retired	Current AGA members who have permanently retired from government, academia, not-for-profit or commercial enterprises or ventures.	\$40.00
Lifetime	Individuals who have maintained active member status for 40 consecutive years.	Free
CGFM Renewal		

AGA members who hold the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification also have a CGFM renewal fee of \$30 per year.

See the following link for additional information: [Chapter History Reports](#). Note: The most recent Historian Report has been submitted to National AGA and published on our website.

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AHeinz57 Pet Rescue & Transport

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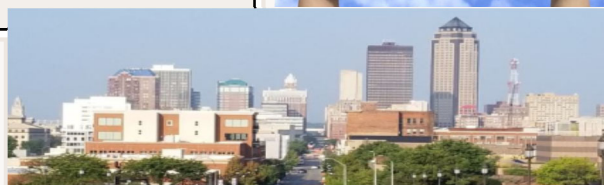
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- 10 points—for each guest you bring to a (LNL)

Top Point Leaders 2019-2020:

- Penney Sells—215 points
- Abdisamat Aden—200 points
- Angie James—200 points
- Kim Ashmore—195 points
- Kaylynn Short—180 points

New Members 2019-2020:

Cheri Myers (Iowa Department for the Blind)



Training Calendar:

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[AGA Des Moines Chapter: Training & Events](#)



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Community Service, Melissa Mark**July – August: Alzheimer's Association**

Team Joyful Walkers included AGA members Kim Ashmore, Kaylynn Short, Janice Evans, Kim Knight, and Minka Lisinovic. Not pictures, but also attending were Marilyn Hanson and Lori McClannahan.

September-October: AHeinz57 Pet Rescue and Transport

Mission: AHeinz57 is committed to saving homeless companion animals, assisting other shelters/rescues through rescue transports, offering in-home training to keep dogs in their current homes, and educating the public on the issues of over-population, responsible pet ownership and puppy mills.

November-December: Urbandale Community Action Network

This organization works closely with the local government, churches, civic and community organizations, not for profits, citizens and the business community to accomplish common goals and to help make a difference to the people of

Urbandale. An example is they are able to provide rides for people in need to doctor appointments and help in other ways as needed.

(<https://urbandalenetwork.org>)

**January-February: Food Bank of Iowa**

Mission: Alleviating hunger through food distribution, partnership, and education.

- See Page 2 for additional details about what is being collected.

**Chapter Recognition Points, Janice Jensen:**

Des Moines Chapter AGA points as of November 30, 2019

Area	Points
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,950
Education & Professional Development	3,200
Certification	1,475
Communications	3,283
Membership	1,700
Accountability	950
Community Service	1,725
Total Goal	16,283

Congratulation to Des Moines Chapter AGA for achieving the 2018-2019 Platinum Award from National AGA. This is the highest award to recognize a chapter for reaching the chapter's annual recognition goal. Des Moines Chapter is off to a healthy start in 2019-2020 with the 1st quarter reporting 10,589 points. National has set our annual chapter goal at 19,501 points.

Citizen Centric & Chapter History Reports:

The [Des Moines Chapter Citizen-Centric Report \(CCR\)](#) and the [Chapter History Report](#) are now available on the chapter's website. Click on the report for a link to the website. Note: The most recent CCR has been submitted to National AGA and is published on our website.

Open Positions for 2020-21 CEC

Have you ever thought of serving on the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) for the Des Moines AGA Chapter? There are a number of positions open for 2020-21 and we would love to have you join us! The following positions are currently open: President-Elect, Membership, and Nominations. If any of these positions sound like something you would be interested in or if you would like more information on any of these positions, please feel free to reach out to Kaylynn Short

at Kaylynn.Short@iptv.org or Randy Lagerblade
at randy.lagerblade@iowa.gov.





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Upcoming Events

March 4, 2020

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Improper Payments
(Grimes Bldg Room B100)

March 12, 2020

1:00-2:25 NASACT
Webinar
Uniform Guidance
(Grimes Bldg Room B50)

March 25, 2020

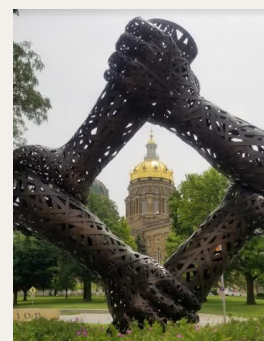
11:30-12:50 Lunch 'n Learn
Speaker TBA
1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Cybersecurity
(Grimes Bldg Room B100)

April 8, 2020

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Ethics
(Grimes Bldg Room B100)

April 9, 2020

7:55-4:40 AGA Spring
Conference
(DMACC Ankeny Campus
—FFA Enrichment Center)
See page 6 for flyer



President's Message – February 2020

I can't believe that we are already two months into the New Year! I don't know about you, but I'm ready for warmer weather and the start of Spring.

Spring and warmer weather usually brings busy schedules, so I wanted to point out several training opportunities that are coming up this spring for you to note on your calendars.

In March, the Des Moines Chapter will be hosting three training opportunities. The first will be on March 4th, we will be hosting an improper payments webinar on *Reducing Improper Payments: Leading Insights and Strategies*. Then on March 12th, we will be hosting the NASACT Webinar: *The GREAT ACT & Proposed Revisions to the Uniform Guidance: Things You Need to Know!* Then finally on March 25th, we will be celebrating Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Month by providing free pizza, pop and cupcakes prior to the lunch n' learn. OCIO will be speaking on Cybersecurity at the Lunch n' Learn, which will be followed by a webinar on Cybersecurity.

In April, the Des Moines Chapter will host our big Spring Training event with an Ethics webinar on Wednesday, April 8th followed by an all-day Seminar on Thursday, April 9th. We have a great line-up of speakers during the Seminar including; State Auditor – Rob Sand, AGA CEO – Ann Ebberts, Pratum IT Security Consultant – Tony Schwarz, IDR Deputy Director – Mary Mosiman, Drake University Director and Instructor – Lance Noe and TOS Deputy Treasurer – Karen Austin. This year's Seminar is being held at the DMACC FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. For more information and to register, visit our [website](#). Early bird registration closes Friday, March 13th.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Kaylynn Short, CPA
Chapter President



AGA Des Moines Chapter Member Spotlight—Ermin Begovic

Q) How long have you been a member of the AGA Des Moines Chapter? A) 1 Year
Q) How did you first learn about AGA? A) From co-worker Pam Sullivan
Q) What organization do you currently work for and what is your title? A) Department of Administrative Services—Accounting Tech II
Q) Least favorite food? A) Green Beans
Q) iPhone or Android? A) Android
Q) Worst Fear? A) Snakes
Q) Spring or Fall? A) Spring
Q) Other info to share? A) I like to play soccer & tennis. In my free time now I spend most of it with my almost 1 year old daughter. She can be a handful and always keeps me busy chasing after her all over the house. I like to stay active and love being outdoors. Winter is the worst time of the year for me because I cannot be outside.



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CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan

Free pizza and cupcakes at the lunch n' learn on March 25th. We will recognize the CGFM members along with a picture. Don't miss it!

Why employers hire CGFM - the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) credential exemplifies experience and proficiency, distinguishing individuals who have made a significant commitment to their professional development. A CGFM has:

- Increased knowledge of government financial management: CGFMs must pass three rigorous examinations, covering key topics including federal, state and local accounting and reporting; financial management functions; performance measurement; internal controls and auditing.
- Better understanding of the big picture of government: CGFMs recognize how the different components of government financial management fit together, and they understand their role in the process.
- Greater confidence on the job: The CGFM certification is directly applicable to the everyday duties of government financial professionals, at every level. It can help a new employee hit the ground running, while enhancing the performance of existing employees.



Consider the challenge to complete your CFGM. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the Office of Professional Certification at agacgfm@agacgfm.org

**Treasurer's Report,
Mihneta Lisinovic**

**AGA-Des Moines Chapter
Balance Sheet
As of January 31, 2020**

Assets

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Less: Outstanding Items	-
Petty Cash	-
Savings	1,240.59
PayPal	1,418.21
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Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember when there was no Internet. The following contains information from an article in the February 1996 AGA Ledger written by Shirley Hebrank, former Des Moines Chapter member and president (96-97).



Sources for Shirley's article were from training "Navigating the Internet" presented by Thomas P. Haberman, CISA, CIA from Deloitte Touche at an AGA Leadership workshop in Osage Beach Missouri, and an MBA class titled "Electronic Commerce". Links are to additional information found in Wikipedia.

- Statistics from 1996 (more recent):
 - o 30 million users of the Internet (there were 4.5 billion in mid-2019, or 58.8% of the world's population. It is estimated that almost 89% of the 329 Million people in the United States currently use the internet.)
 - o 50 million email users and growing by one million users a month. (Now over 3.9 billion.)
 - o Less than 1% of direct sales are made via the internet in the United States. (This had grown to 9 percent in 2017 and was expected to reach 12.4 percent in 2020.)
- Current Uses in 1996 included email communication with another user (easier than phone tag and faster than snail mail).
- Biggest Hurdle is Security - Digit cash or E-cash (tokens like ATM) can be used which does not leave any records and therefore cash can be sent internationally.
- Access through On-Line Services - Providers included [American On-line](#), [CompuServe](#), [Prodigy](#), [Netscape](#), etc. Software packages available included [Internet in a Box](#) and Net Cruiser by [Netcom](#), which was \$30 initially, then \$20 per month for 440 on-line hours monthly.
- Future uses included video conferences, business-to-business sales, retail sales, secure Transactions, and telecommuting
- Browsing Applications available included [Gopher](#) (Originated from the University of Minnesota); [TELNET](#) (used to access a remote computer); [World Wide Web](#) (A hypertext system linking information distributed across multiple servers around the world). For the World Wide Web these included [Yahoo](#), [Webcrawler](#), [Lycos](#), etc.
- Other Services included [WHOIS](#) (gives the user the ability to locate friends in other regions); [Wide Area Information Server \(WAIS\)](#) (Search and retrieve information from remote databases); TALK (live talk sessions with other users). [Internet Relay Chat \(IRC\)](#) (multi-user communications on specific topics); [CU-SeeMe](#) (Internet teleconferencing); and [\(Multimedia Backbone \(MBONE\)\)](#) (for multicast teleconferences).

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National Council of Chapters Rep, Kim Knight:

The National Council of Chapters (NCC) met on February 4, 2020. There were a number of topics discussed in this 4th meeting of the NCC, including:

1. The AICPA has an exposure draft out for comment that is proposing to remove much of the state and local government content from the CPA exam.
2. The newly appointed GASB Chair is from the private sector, this is the first time in GASB's 35 years the Chair has not had a state or local government background.
3. The Governance Committee has been drafting a diversity and inclusion statement for consideration by the National Governing Board (NGB).
4. 2020-2021 NCC Representatives can self-nominate for consideration for one of the open NCC Director positions. The deadline is February 21.
5. There is a working group looking at criteria for closing and opening AGA chapters.
6. There is a working group reviewing the current Chapter Recognition Program.
7. The next NCC meeting will be April 30th at LEAD2020. Kaylynn Short will be attending as the 2020-2021 NCC Representative for the Des Moines Chapter.



Spring Training Seminar, April 9, 2020:

The seminar will feature the following speakers:

- Rob Sand, State Auditor, Importance of Internal Controls
- Ann Ebberts, AGA National CEO, Transparency in Government
- Tony Schwarz, Pratum IT Security Consultant
- Karen Austin, Deputy State Treasurer, Investments 101
- Mary Mosiman, Tax Management Deputy Director and Administrator, Overview of Iowa State Taxes
- Lance Noe, Director, Center for Professional Studies and Instructor at Drake University, Ethics



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Mission: Alleviating hunger through food distribution, partnership, and education. In addition to collecting money at our January and February meetings, we will be collecting specific goods on the Food Bank of Iowa wish list, including: Dry Pasta, Cereal, Canned Soup, Toothpaste, and Soap. Visit <https://www.foodbankiowa.org> for more information.



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**Chapter Recognition Points, Janice Jensen:**

Des Moines Chapter AGA points as of February 12, 2020

Area	Points
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	4,275
Education & Professional Development	4,500
Certification	2,350
Communications	4,946
Membership	2,400
Accountability	950
Community Service	2,225
Total Goal	21,646

Des Moines Chapter recognition points currently have maxed out National's goal for our chapter in several categories: Education, Communication, and Community Service. We continue to stay healthy and active in these areas.

Citizen Centric & Chapter History Reports:

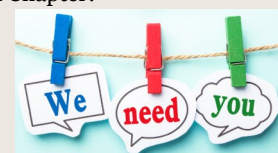
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DES MOINES CHAPTER AGA SPRING TRAINING APRIL 8 - 9, 2020



➤ April 8, 2020

✧ Ethics Webinar (2 CPE)

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Grimes Building, 400 E 14th Street, Des Moines, IA, Room B-100
Check-In 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM

➤ April 9, 2020

✧ Spring Training Seminar (8 CPE)

7:55 AM – 4:40 PM, DMACC FFA Enrichment Center, 1055 SW Prairie Trail Pkwy, Ankeny, IA
Check-In and Continental Breakfast 7:30 AM – 7:55 AM.

The seminar will feature the following speakers:

- ❖ **Rob Sand**, State Auditor, *Importance of Internal Controls*
- ❖ **Ann Ebberts**, AGA National CEO, *Transparency in Government*
- ❖ **Karen Austin**, Deputy State Treasurer, *Investments 101*
- ❖ **Mary Mosiman**, Tax Management Deputy Director and Administrator, *Overview of Iowa State Taxes*
- ❖ **Lance Noe**, Director, Center for Professional Studies and Instructor at Drake University, *Ethics*

Registration fees include the April 8th Webinar and the April 9th Spring Seminar. The Seminar will include continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION – DEADLINE MARCH 13, 2020

Member	\$115
Non-member	\$150

REGULAR REGISTRATION MARCH 14 – April 3, 2020

Member	\$140
Non-member	\$175

WEBINAR only

Member	\$20
Non-member	\$32



To register visit the Des Moines Chapter website at: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/DesMoines/Home.aspx>
Up to **10 hours of CPEs** will be offered.



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Upcoming Events

May 13, 2020

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Data Analytics
(Virtual w/Voucher Codes)

June 10, 2020

11:30-12:50 Lunch 'n Learn
Speaker TBA
1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
Leadership
TBA

See President's message to the left for other upcoming opportunities provided virtually by other AGA chapters.

Phoenix Chapter

April 24th 8-4:15 8 CPE

Dallas Chapter

May 14th 8-11:30 3.5 CPE

Montgomery Chapter

May 19th 8-11:35 4 CPE



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President's Message – April 2020

I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy. These past 4 1/2 weeks have been ones for the history books. Everyone's days have been busy with learning to adapt to these new and strange circumstances. The AGA Des Moines Chapter has been working hard to pivot and adapt as well. Starting with canceling/postponing our all-day Spring Seminar, which was to be held Thursday, April 9th. The National Office helped soften the blow by offering individual voucher codes so registrants could attend the April 8th Ethics Webinar from their own computers. I wanted to personally thank everyone who was originally registered to attend the Seminar for bearing with us as we worked through the cancellation and refund process. Thank you for your continued support of the AGA Des Moines Chapter, without all of you we would not be able to offer relevant CPE at affordable prices.

While the Des Moines Chapter is working to adapt and is exploring virtual options, we feel like this is not the right time to test these options for the first time during this stressful period. That being said, we are working to highlight other AGA Chapter's virtual workshops, seminars and webinars, which are open to everyone. Some of the upcoming opportunities include:

Phoenix Chapter—Friday April 24th 8:00-4:15PM (8 CPE) \$110 for AGA Members (Des Moines Chapter members should select the "Member of Related Organization" ticket type) \$175 for non-members—Register by April 23rd [here](#)

Dallas Chapter—Thursday, May 14th 8:00-11:30AM (3.5 CPE) \$30 for AGA Members \$40 for non-members—Register by May 13th [here](#)

Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter—Tuesday, May 19th 8:00-11:35 (4 CPE) FREE—Register [here](#)

Many webinar sites charge per registered person, so to keep costs low for everyone, please be respectful and conscientious of this and only register if you are 100% planning on attending. The Des Moines Chapter will continue to update our website with training opportunities as we learn about them, feel free to email myself or another CEC member of any training opportunities you are aware of and would like posted on our website.

The next webinar being "hosted" by the Des Moines Chapter is May 13th on Fraud/Data Analytics and will be open for registration on Eventbrite towards the end of April at our regular webinar pricing (\$20 for members, \$32 for non-members). Voucher codes will be emailed to those who register so the webinar can be viewed independently.

Thank you again for your support of the Des Moines Chapter and I hope you all stay healthy and safe over the next couple of months.

Kaylynn Short, CPA
Chapter President



AGA Des Moines Chapter Member Spotlight—Janice Jensen

Q) How long have you been a member of the AGA Des Moines Chapter?

A) I have been a member since December 1995.

Q) What organization do you currently work for and what is your title?

A) I am retired since March 29, 2019 from Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services as Financial Processing Supervisor. However, I do volunteer work with this Chapter as well as my church and as a Master Gardener Intern this year.

Q) What college did you attend? A) Central College in Pella, Iowa. Go Dutch!

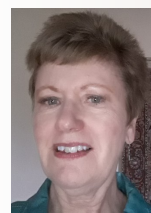
Q) Cats or Dogs?

A) Love both although my husband and I have only had one cat at a time. We love our grand puppies, Kirby and Chloe.

Q) Watch sports or movies? A) Golf is generally the sport I watch on TV although I prefer to actually be outside golfing or bike riding. Movies, not so much.

Q) Early Riser or Night Owl? A) Generally early riser over night owl.

Q) Sweet Snacks or Salty Snacks A) Sweet and tangy.



CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan

With the new normal we're experiencing "Shelter in Place" how are you spending all your spare time? Organizing your garage, house, apartment and now what? Now would be a great time to enroll in the CGFM Certification. Our excuse is we never have time because we're so busy. No more excuses now's the perfect time to enroll.

Consider the challenge to complete your CFGM. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the Office of Professional Certification at agacgfm@agacgfm.org



Treasurer's Report, Mihneta Lisinovic

AGA - Des Moines Chapter
Operating Statement for the Period Ended March 31, 2020
For the Year Ending June 30, 2020

AGA-Des Moines Chapter Balance Sheet As of March 31, 2020	
Assets	
Checking	11,108.95
Less: Outstanding Items	-
Petty Cash	-
Savings	1,240.64
PayPal	11,943.52
Certificate of Deposit	-
Total Assets	24,293.11
Liabilities & Equity	
Equity-Unreserved	24,293.11
Total Liabilities & Equity	24,293.11

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<u>Revenues/Receipts</u>			
Interest	0.50	54.00%	0.27
Membership Fees	330.00	21.84%	72.08
Webinar Revenues	4,200.00	106.67%	4,480.00
Spring Conference Revenues	10,750.00	126.93%	13,645.00
Donations	300.00	46.67%	140.00
Total Revenues	15,580.50		18,337.35
<u>Expenses</u>			
Webinar Expenses	3,887.00	97.22%	3,779.08
Spring Conference Expenses	6,735.00	24.63%	1,658.59
Postage & Supplies	100.00	114.00%	114.00
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Donations	900.00	58.33%	525.00
Insurance	325.00	0.00%	-
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-
Total Expenses	15,852.00		8,359.69
Rev over (under) Exp	(271.50)		9,977.66
Beginning Balance July 1, 2020			14,315.45
Ending Balance March 31, 2020			24,293.11

Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

As topics are considered for the Historian's corner, past newsletters are reviewed. Since we're in the process of modifying the chapter's bylaws, the following article from the April 1989 AGA Ledger was chosen.



THOSE INFORMATIVE BYLAWS

Our (the Central Iowa Chapter) programs and activities are designed to make each member a more successful contributor to whatever facet of government he/she is presently serving. The objectives of the Association of Government Accountants are:

1. To provide continuing professional education;
2. To advance financial principles and to foster public accountability;
3. To promote adherence to professional standards and ethics.

This is a small part of the information to be found in the chapter bylaws. Besides being a document that you need to read and vote on, the chapter bylaws contain a wealth of information about the chapter, what it does, and how it does it.

Community Service for FY2019-2020:

July - August:

Alzheimer's Association

September - October:

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Urbandale Community Action Network (UCAN)

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Food Bank of Iowa

March - April:

Everybody Wins! Iowa

May - June:

Can Do Cancer

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

Membership—Years of Service:



The following members would have been recognized at the Spring Seminar in April had it not been cancelled:

- Kim Ashmore—5 Years
- Mary Mosiman—5 Years
- Bridgett Wood—5 Years
- Dan Bittner—10 Years
- Lilia Kryuchkova—10 Years
- Laura Parker—10 Years
- Denise Ragias—15 Years
- Angie James—20 Years
- Janice Jensen—25 Years
- Pamela Bormann—30 Years
- Richard Schoepner—30 Years

Gayle Isaac

Our sincere condolences to Gayle's family. Gayle served the Des Moines AGA Chapter as the 2013 president. Gayle Isaac died on April 3rd in Des Moines due to COVID-19.



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The annual membership renewal season is open. Please login and verify your contact & demographic information when you re-new your membership.



Membership Corner, Tracie Kirkpatrick:

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- 15 points—community service event (participation or donation per event)
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- 10 points—for each guest you bring to a (LNL)

Top Point Leaders 2019-2020:

Angie James—470 points
Abdisamat Aden—415 points
Kaylynn Short—410 points
Janice Evans—390 points
Janice Jensen—370 points
Stephanie Bernard—350 points
Kim Ashmore—345 points
Penney Sells—340 points
Andy Nielsen—335 points
Kent Farver—310 points



Training Calendar:

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May-June: Can Do Cancer

Non-profit organization that works to improve and enhance the lives of breast cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment in Des Moines and surrounding areas. They provide gift cards, cleaning services, dinners, and moral support during the patient's journey. Visit <https://candocancer.org/> for more information.

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Des Moines Chapter AGA points as of March 31, 2020

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Communications	5,782
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Accountability	950
Community Service	2,225
Total Goal	24,982

Des Moines Chapter is on track to achieve platinum status in the National AGA Chapter Recognition Program.

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June 24, 2020

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar
CARES Act/The Great Act:
COVID-19 Reporting
(Individual Webinar)

July 15, 2020

1:00-3:00 NASACT
Webinar
GASB Review 2020

President's Message – June 2020

I cannot believe that my year as President of the Des Moines Chapter of AGA is almost over. While these last 13 weeks haven't gone exactly how I pictured the end of my presidency going, I am extremely grateful to have such an amazing 2019-2020 Chapter Executive Committee (CEC)! The CEC definitely stepped up big time to continue to offer valued training opportunities in this new virtual environment we all find ourselves in.

My time as President of the Des Moines Chapter of AGA has been extremely rewarding. At the beginning of the year I was nervous taking on the responsibility of Chapter President, but looking back on the last year I can say that I have learned a lot and feel that I have grown personally and professionally. I'm excited to continue to serve on the CEC during the 2020-2021 program year, as the NCC Representative and Secretary.

The thing I'm most looking forward to this upcoming year is when we can meet in person for trainings once again. I can't wait to see all of the amazing training opportunities this next year will provide. Please keep checking our Chapter Website for upcoming trainings (virtual and eventually in-person) as they become available.

Again, I'm so thankful for all of the hard work everyone on the 2019-2020 CEC has done over this last year. I look forward to seeing you all again in person, in the near future.

Kaylynn Short, CPA
Chapter President



Congratulations to the Des Moines Chapter! The chapter is the recipient of AGA's 2020 Chapter Education Award and will be recognized at this year's virtual PDT. A special thank you to our Education Director, Ermin Begovic.

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CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan



What is CGFM?

Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

CGFM is a respected credential that recognizes the specialized knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager.

Obtaining a CGFM allows you to expand your career opportunities and distinguishes you from others in your field.

How do you become a CGFM?

To earn the CGFM, you must complete 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

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the Office of Professional Certification at agacgfm@agacgfm.org.



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Savings	1,240.66
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Certificate of Deposit	-
Total Assets	12,107.45
Liabilities & Equity	
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- o **Chapter Recognition Awards for Points earned**– The chapter has received the Silver (over 10,000 points), Gold (over 17,000 points), or Platinum (over 19,500 points) award each year for at least the last twenty years.
- o **Citizen Centric Reporting (CCR)** – - This report helps simplify communication between governments and its citizens, who have a right to accurate information about the way their government spends their taxpayer dollars. AGA's concept of a CCR is a visually appealing four-page document that includes government entity mission, vision, and goals, plus community demographic information such as population and other interest items; performance information for key service areas, demonstrating progress (or not) over the prior year's efforts; detailed revenue and expense information highlighting changes from prior years and a look to the future and "what's next" in the year ahead, plus any foreseen challenges in meeting states goals. Chapters with well-designed and informative CCRS receive the AGA Certificate of Excellence, which the chapter has received numerous times since this program started.
- o **Chapter Education Award** – This award recognizes chapters that have done an outstanding job in providing educational programs to its members and other accountability professionals. The chapter won this award at least once for our size category.
- o **Chapter Newsletter Award** – Chapters submit one newsletter issue that best represents their work during the year. The publications are judged on usefulness of content and quality of design. The chapter has received the chapter newsletter award numerous times for our size category.
- o **Chapter Website Award** – Chapters submit their websites for consideration for this award. The websites are judged on quality of design, timeliness of content, and audience appeal. The chapter has received this award numerous times for our size category.

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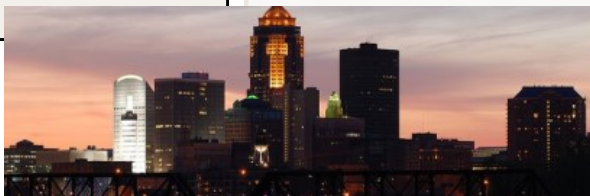
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 Janice Jensen—455 points
 Kaylynn Short—445 points
 Janice Evans—440 points
 Kim Ashmore—430 points
 Abdisamat Aden—430 points
 Andy Nielsen—405 points
 Stephanie Bernard—365 points
 Marilyn Hanson—350 points
 Kent Farver—345 points

**Member of the
Year: Angie James**



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Community Service, Kim Knight**July – August: Alzheimer's Association**

The Alzheimer's Association® is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research.

Vision: A world without Alzheimer's and all other dementia.™

Mission: The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support.

In addition to collecting monetary donations for the Alzheimer's Association, the Des Moines Chapter will be participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at the Iowa State Capitol (West Terrace).

Check-in: 8:00am
Opening Ceremony: 9:00am
Walk Begins: 9:30am

If you would like to join the Chapter at the walk, please use the link below to join team "Joyful Walkers." Community Service Director, Kim Knight is the team captain. This link may also be used to make donations on behalf of the team or individual participants on the team.

Link to Join the Walk to End Alzheimer's: https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2020/IA-Iowa?team_id=604210&pg=team&fr_id=13399

If you would like to order a team shirt (\$17-\$20 depending upon size, youth to adult 3XL are available), contact Kim. Orders and payment are due by July 31.

**Chapter Recognition Points, Janice Jensen:**

Des Moines Chapter AGA points as of May 31, 2020

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Membership	3,525
Accountability	950
Community Service	2,325
Awards	300
Total Goal	30,082

Des Moines Chapter AGA submitted the final report for the year at the end of May for the Chapter Recognition Program. National AGA has already notified Chapter President Kaylynn Short that the Des Moines Chapter has received platinum award status for 2019-2020, the highest level. Congratulations!

Citizen Centric & Chapter History Reports:

The Des Moines Chapter Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) and the Chapter History Report are now available on the chapter's website. Click on the report for a link to the website. Note: The most recent CCR has been submitted to National AGA and is published on our website. On March 10th, the chapter received the Certificate of Excellence award for the 2018-2019 CCR Report.