Chapter President Denise Ragias opened the meeting by welcoming attendees, introducing the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) and recognizing three new members – Teresa Becker, Kaylynn Short, and Pam Sullivan.

The next AGA webinar offered will be October 12 and the topic is Cyber/Big Data. A lunch and learn will also be offered, topic to be determined.

Community Service Director Kim Knight presented this month’s charity is Paws and Effects, a local charity that trains dogs for service with disabled veterans and children. An envelope for donations was made available. Kim explained that the DM Chapter matches donations up to $100 and the National AGA also matches. This weekend (Saturday, September 17) is the Walk to End Alzheimer’s event; Kim has organized a team to walk. Attendees can contact her if interested in walking.

Education Director Brenda Nye introduced the presenter, Trish Radke, Metro Waste Authority. Trish’s presentation was on Recycling Guidelines in the metro area. There was much interest shown by and interaction with the audience during the presentation. Attendance: 16 members, 5 guests, 1 speaker.

The lunch and learn was followed by the AGA webinar titled Avoiding Surprises and Assessing Risks: Building on today’s Internal Controls. Attendance: 12 members, 5 guests.
Des Moines Chapter AGA Lunch and Learn and Webinar Event
October 12, 2016 11:30 am – 3:00 pm
Room B-100, Grimes Building

Chapter President Denise Ragias opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

The next AGA webinar offered will be November 16 and the topic is Fraud Toolkit.

The DM Chapter is participating in the National AGA food bank challenge during the months of October and November. Several attendees brought non-perishable food items. Community Service Director Kim Knight circulated an envelope for cash or check donations. A representative from the Food Bank of Iowa will present at the November Lunch and Learn.

Education Director Brenda Nye introduced the presenters, Debbie O’Leary and Jason Bennett from the OCIO Google Project Team. Debbie and Jason gave an overview of the State’s transition to Google and answered questions from the audience. Attendance: 16 members, 5 guests, 2 speakers.

The lunch and learn was followed by the AGA webinar titled Cybersecurity – The New Norm. Attendance: 12 members, 4 guests.
Chapter President Denise Ragias opened the meeting. Round table introductions were conducted as there were several new and guest attendees.

Development continues on the updated website of the Des Moines Chapter AGA. The new format will reflect the National AGA website style.

The next AGA webinar offered will be December 7 and the topic is Ethics.

The Des Moines Chapter continued its participation in the National AGA food bank challenge. Several attendees brought non-perishable food items. Community Service Director Kim Knight circulated an envelope for cash or check donations. Donations will be delivered to the FoodBank of Iowa.

Education Director Brenda Nye introduced presenter Bobretta Brewton from the FoodBank of Iowa. A small group exercise on food insecurity was completed. Next Bobretta presented information about the FoodBank of Iowa and answered questions from the audience. Attendance: 21 members, 6 guests, 1 speaker.

The lunch and learn was followed by the AGA webinar titled Tools and Strategies for Fighting Fraud. Attendance: 15 members, 3 guests.
Chapter President Denise Ragias opened the meeting. Members and the three guests in attendance were welcomed.

Thanks went to all for the October and November Food Bank Donations. The Chapter collected and delivered 82 pounds of canned and boxed food and $231.50 from member and guest donations. The Chapter matched with $100 and a $331.50 match was requested of National AGA for a potential donation of $663.00.

The December and January community service focus is for the Lupus Foundation of America. Community Service Director Kim Knight circulated an envelope for cash or check donations.

The next lunch and learn and webinar is on January 18th in the same room, Room B50, Grimes Building. The lunch and learn speaker will be from Employee & Family Resources speaking on the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). The webinar will be through AGA, “Getting Your Dollars to Work Harder: Blended & Braided Funding”.

Education Director Brenda Nye introduced presenter Gary Slater, CEO of the Iowa State Fair. Gary shared a presentation, “Nothing Compares to State Fair Thrills”. He also played a number guessing game with the audience. Kim Knight was the winner of two tickets to the 2017 Iowa State Fair. Attendance: 17 members, 5 guests, 1 speaker.

The lunch and learn was followed by the AGA webinar titled “Ethics in the Workplace”. Attendance: 13 members, 3 guests.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Ragias (in Kim Ashmore’s absence)
Des Moines Chapter AGA Lunch and Learn and Webinar Event
January 18, 2017 11:30 am – 3:00 pm
Room B-50, Grimes Building

Chapter President Denise Ragias opened the meeting. Members and guests were welcomed.

Today’s webinar covers Excel topics. February webinars currently scheduled:

- February 8 AGA – GASB
- February 22 AGA – Fraud and Risk
- February 23 NASACT – GASB
- The CEC recently became aware that the February 8 and the February 23rd webinars cover essentially the same material. The CEC will decide which of the two to offer. Communication will be made by email and website on any changes to the February offerings.

Updated CGFM study guides have been purchased and will be available for check out. One set will be at the Auditor’s office and the other set at the State Library.

Deb Schroeder has been nominated by National AGA for a position as the Midwest Regional Vice President.

The community service charity for February is the Lupus Foundation of America. Community Service Director Kim Knight circulated an envelope for donations.

Education Director Brenda Nye introduced presenter Thomas Farley from Employee and Family Resources. Mr. Farley presented information about the State of Iowa Employee Assistance Program. Attendance: 17 members, 2 guests, 1 speaker.

The lunch and learn was followed by the webinars: Excel Tips and Tricks: Beyond the Basics and Excel Pivot Tables – Overcome Your Fears and Learn Its Power. Attendance: 14 members, 2 guests.

Minutes submitted by Kim Ashmore.
Chapter President Denise Ragias opened the meeting. Members and guests were welcomed.

March is CGFM Month and all are invited to the March 8 Lunch ‘n Learn. Pizza will be provided. Deb Schroeder announced that the speaker will be from the Department of Education with a presentation on becoming a citizen of the United States, a history and civics lesson.

Denise reminded everyone that the AGA annual membership renewal period ends 3/31/17. She noted the amount of CPE provided by AGA and encouraged everyone to join or renew their memberships. She also asked those present to consider volunteering for the DM AGA Chapter Executive Committee.

The community service charity for February and March is the Alzheimer’s Association. An envelope was circulated for donations.

Education Director Brenda Nye introduced presenter Margaret Johnson from the Iowa Public Information Board. Ms. Johnson presented information on Iowa Public Information Board and Government Transparency. Her presentation provided information on Chapters 21 and 22, Iowa’s open meetings and public records laws. She covered the information available at their website, ipib.iowa.gov. Attendance: 14 members, 7 guests, 1 speaker.

The lunch and learn was followed by the webinar: Fraud Indicators and Risk Assessments. Attendance: 14 members, 4 guests.

Minutes submitted by Kim Ashmore.
Des Moines Chapter AGA Lunch 'n Learn and Webinar Event
March 08, 2017 11:30 am – 3:00 pm
Room B-100, Grimes Building

Chapter President Denise Ragias opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests to the CGFM Celebration! Pizza, pop, and cupcakes were provided for all to enjoy.

The DM Chapter received the Certificate of Excellence for Citizen Centric Reporting for FY16. Thank you to Rich Schoeppner for preparing the report.

March education opportunities include:
- March 15th - one hour (no cpe) AGA webinar (from your desk) on Become a CGFM!
- March 16th - AGA members only free webinar (from your desk) on Linked In: Position Yourself as an Expert and Attract Opportunities.
- March 29th - the DM Chapter hosts the webinar CFO/CIO Collaboration.

May 18th is the AGA DM Chapter Annual Conference at Noah’s Event Center. There are draft copies of the Conference brochure available. April 14th is the early bird registration date. An invitation will be sent out soon.

Speakers scheduled are:
- Jim Arnette from National AGA will speak on ‘Good Leaders equal Better Government’.
- William Kresse from the Governors State University, also known as ‘Professor Fraud’.
- A Wells Fargo representative will speak on banking issues.
- Dr. Lisa Bates will speak on a professional growth topic.
- Speakers from the State Auditors’ Office will present fraud cases.

The CEC has filled several positions for next year but is still looking for a volunteer for Early Careers.
- The following positions have been filled: Brenda Nye, President; Kim Knight, President-Elect; Lily Kryuchkova, Website; Angie James, Newsletter; Marilyn Hanson, Chapter Recognition; and Cindy Weber, Education. Other positions are being filled with current CEC members continuing.
- As an incentive to join the CEC, the DM Chapter will reimburse AGA membership fees for a new CEC member who has not been on CEC for the previous three years, once they’ve completed a year of service.

The community service charity for March is the Alzheimer’s Association. An envelope was circulated for donations.

A picture of all CGFMs was taken after the Lunch n’ Learn presentation.

Deb Schroeder spoke about the certification program to become a CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager). The process includes a series of three tests. The DM AGA Chapter has an incentive program to reimburse exam expenditures and CEC members can apply to have the application fee reimbursed also. Study guides are available at the State Library and the State Auditor’s Office. National AGA also offers study courses several times a year.

Deb noted that there is a Proclamation from the Governor’s office, in perpetuity, declaring March as CGFM Month in Iowa. The City of Des Moines and the City of Cedar Rapids have also issued Proclamations proclaiming March 2017 as CGFM month.

The lunch and learn was followed by the webinar: Uniform Guidance: Doing Things Differently. Attendance: 18 members, 3 guests.

Minutes submitted by Kim Ashmore.
Chapter President Denise Ragias opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests.

Denise thanked those who have volunteered to serve on the 2017-18 Chapter Executive Committee (CEC). Denise presented the list of volunteers and requested approval from membership. Andy Nielsen moved to approve and Kris Houston seconded. Motion approved. See attached list of approved CEC officers.

Upcoming opportunities include:
- April 26 - AGA Webinar Getting Your Dollars to Work Harder: Blended and Braided Funding.
- May 17 - AGA Webinar DATA Act. No cost if attending the May 18 Conference.
- May 18 - Annual Conference. A reminder that early bird registration ends this Friday, April 14. Checks must be postmarked by April 14.

Community Service Director Kim Knight announced that the community service charity for April and May is The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. An envelope was circulated for donations.

Education Director Brenda Nye introduced speaker Megan Tooker, Executive Director/Legal Counsel of the Iowa Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board. The presentation was entitled Government Ethics. Ms. Tooker provided a handout and discussed the Board’s responsibilities regarding campaign finance and government ethics. Information was presented on Iowa Code 68B which covers conflicts of interest for those involved in government. Attendance: 24 members, 5 guests, 1 speaker.

The lunch and learn was followed by the webinar: Pardon Me, But Are My Ethics Showing?. Attendance: 21 members, 3 guests.

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Chapter President Denise Ragias opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests.

Education Director Brenda Nye presented a fundraiser opportunity and requested volunteers. The Iowa State Fair is looking for groups to sell wrist bands at the Thrill Zone (Midway). Fifteen people are needed, per shift, and organizations will be paid $500 per eight hour shift. Volunteers also get free admission, a free parking pass and $5 in food coupons. Shifts available are 8:30 am – 4:30 pm and 3:30 pm – close. The CEC committee has chosen Saturday, August 12 8:30 am – 4:30 pm as the preferred shift, and Brenda had a sheet to sign up. An additional sign-up sheet was available if an alternative shift is preferred.

An envelope was circulated for donations for The Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

The webinar was: **DATA Act: Moving Beyond Compliance.** Attendance: 19 members, 0 guests.

Minutes submitted by Kim Ashmore.
Chapter President Denise Ragias opened the Conference with a welcome to all. She encouraged attendees to network during the day and thanked the CEC for their work preparing for the Conference.

Education Director Brenda Nye introduced speakers. See Program Agenda for speaker and presentation information.

The Awards Ceremony took place in the afternoon. Tracie Kirkpatrick, Chapter Membership Director, announced length of service award winners:
- Gabe Stafford, 5 years
- Deb Schroeder, 10 years
- Cindy Weber, 10 years
- Mohan Soloman, 10 years
- Andy Nielsen, 25 years

Chapter President Denise introduced and recognized the current and new CEC members. Pictures were taken.

After the last presentation, Education Director Brenda Nye thanked the speakers again and let participants know that CPE would be emailed to them within the next month. She reminded people to check out and requested volunteers for a fundraiser opportunity during the Iowa State Fair. Sign-up sheets for the Saturday, August 12 8:30 am – 4:30 pm shift were available (need 15 volunteers per shift). Organizations will be paid $500 per eight hour shift. Volunteers also get free admission, a free parking pass and $5 in food coupons. An additional sign-up sheet was available if an alternative day or shift is preferred.

Attendance: 41 members (including 2 speakers), 46 guests (including 4 speakers).

Minutes submitted by Kim Ashmore.
Chapter President Denise Ragias welcomed members and guests and announced:

- Any payments for this webinar can be made to Deb Schroeder.
- CPE for the Spring Conference will be distributed soon, along with a survey.
- The CEC will meet at 5 pm on June 22nd. Meeting location to be determined.
- On July 13th, the NASACT GASB update webinar will be presented in Room B-50 of the Grimes Building.
- Volunteers are still needed for the State Fair fundraising opportunity. The shift is Saturday August 12, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.
- The Des Moines AGA Chapter won three awards this year: Chapter Recognition-Platinum, Website, and Newsletter. Brenda Nye will accept the awards in July at the National Professional Development Training event.

Community Service Director Kim Knight announced that the June charity of the month is East Side Family, a non-profit organization that supports the youth of Des Moines. Their current efforts are focused on providing clothing to children and sponsoring two youth flag football teams.

Education Director Brenda Nye introduced speaker Britt Davidson, Manager of Loss Prevention with Kum & Go, L.C. Mr. Davidson’s presentation was on “Loss Prevention”. He provided information on the annual loss to businesses from internal and external theft and the impact to governments in lost tax revenue. He discussed efforts made by businesses to reduce the losses, including technological advances in these efforts. Attendance: 15 members, 3 guests, 1 speaker.

The lunch and learn was followed by the webinar: Digital Evolution of the CFO. Attendance: 8 members, 3 guests.

Minutes submitted by Kim Ashmore.