



About Us

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a non-profit organization which supports the professional development of financial professionals working in federal, state, and local governments. The Association of Government Accountants is divided into 15 regions across the United States and includes chapters in Puerto Rico and Pacific Rim. The Des Moines Chapter was established in 1977 and is included in the Midwestern Region along with chapters in Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.

Located in the capital city of Iowa, membership in the Des Moines Chapter is made up primarily of State Government employees. The Chapter also has a few members representing the federal and local levels. The Chapter begins its program year in May with an annual Ethics Seminar. The year continues with monthly audio conferences and starting in the fall, monthly lunch meetings. Meetings are held on the capitol complex. At the end of each year, the Chapter holds an awards ceremony, recognizing member achievements.

The Chapter participates in various community service events throughout the year, including walking in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and working in Santa's Workshop for Jolly Holiday Lights (Make a Wish Foundation). The Chapter also raises donations for charitable organizations.

The Chapter is governed by a 14 position Chapter Executive Committee (CEC). The CEC meets once a month to plan the program year. More information about the chapter can be found on our website at www.agadsm.org.

Our Purpose

The purpose of the Association and Chapter is to be a professional organization dedicated to the advancement of government financial management. The Chapter serves its members by providing or sponsoring appropriate educational programs, encouraging professional development, influencing governmental financial management policies and practices and serving as an advocate for the profession.

Selected Demographics

For the fiscal year ending April 30,	2010	2011
Chapter Status	Platinum	Platinum
Membership	71	75
Members with CGFM designation	34	35
Lunch N Learn & Audio Conferences	13	15
Full Day Professional Development Conferences	1	2
Number of Participants at our Spring Seminar	67	127
Number of Continuing Education Hours Offered	40	60

Des Moines Chapter AGA

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Mission

AGA serves professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

Vision

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.

Meeting Chapter Goals

Fiscal year 2010-2011



Des Moines Chapter Goals

2010-2011 Accomplishments

- Continued to be a Platinum Chapter—the highest category available at the National Level.
- Increased the number of educational opportunities offered to ensure continuing education opportunities are available for CPA and CGFM certifications.
- Held our first large seminar. Increased the attendance from 67 attendees for our annual seminar to 127 attendees.
- Brought the three day Certified Governmental Financial Managers Review Course #2 to the Des Moines Area. Worked with Lincoln and Omaha Chapters to hold the course over the Iowa Communications Network. Participants were from the Lincoln, Omaha, Kansas City, and Des Moines Chapters.
- Increased our membership by four individuals.
- Increased the number of Certified Government Financial Manager members by one.
- Participated in two community service events. Also raised more than \$500 charitable contributions with chapter matches of over \$1,000 and national matches of over \$1,500.
- Continued outreach efforts to ensure agencies are aware of AGA and the services offered.

	Goal Met	2010 Actual	2011 Target	2011 Actual
Chapter Leadership, Planning, & Participation				
Submit all reports to National by the Due Date		July 15	July 15	July 19
Publish meeting minutes	X	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly
Prepare Monthly and Annual Financial Reports	X	Monthly & Annual	Monthly & Annual	Monthly & Annual
Participate in the Sectional Leadership Meeting		4 members attended	4 members attend	2 Members attended
Education & Professional Development				
Continuing Education Hours Provided	X	40	40	60
Market Educational events to the community	X	Monthly Newsletter	Monthly Newsletter	Monthly Newsletter
Certification				
Support CGFM hopefuls with study groups, etc.	X	None	Study Group	CGFM Course #2
Request a CGFM month proclamation from state or local government	X	State Proclamation	State Proclamation	State Proclamation
Provide Scholarship for completing CGFM exams	X	1 scholarship	1 scholarship	1 scholarship
Gain CGFM members	X	1 new CGFM	1 new CGFM	1 new CGFM
Communication				
Hold Regular Chapter Meetings	X	9 Meetings held	Hold 10 Meetings	12 Meetings held
Publish a Monthly Schedule of Events	X	Monthly newsletter	Monthly Newsletter	Monthly Newsletter
Hold a Social Event		None	1 Social Event	None
Membership				
Increase Membership in AGA	X	Increased by 9.23%	Increase by 5%	Increased 5.6%
Increase Membership and AGA awareness among Early Career individuals		1 Early Career member	1 new member + attend a career day	1 new member
Community Service				
Participate in local Community Service Events	X	Participated in 2 Events	Participate in 2 Events	Participated in 2 Events
Awards				
Nominate Individuals for National Awards	X	2 Individuals Nominated	Nominate 3 Individuals	4 Individuals Nominated
Maintain Platinum Status	X	Platinum Chapter	Platinum Chapter	Platinum Chapter

The measures reported on this page were included based on the goals set for obtaining a platinum chapter award from National. What would you like to see reported on this page? Please let us know by contacting nstorm@dhs.state.ia.us

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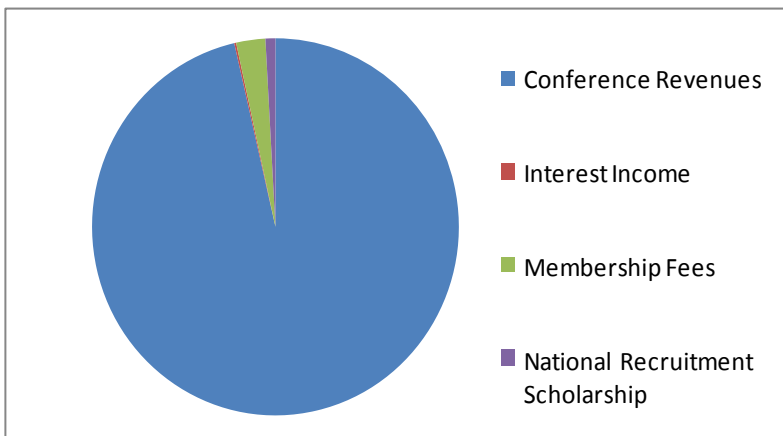
Our Finances

Revenues and Expenses

What are the costs for services and how are those costs paid?

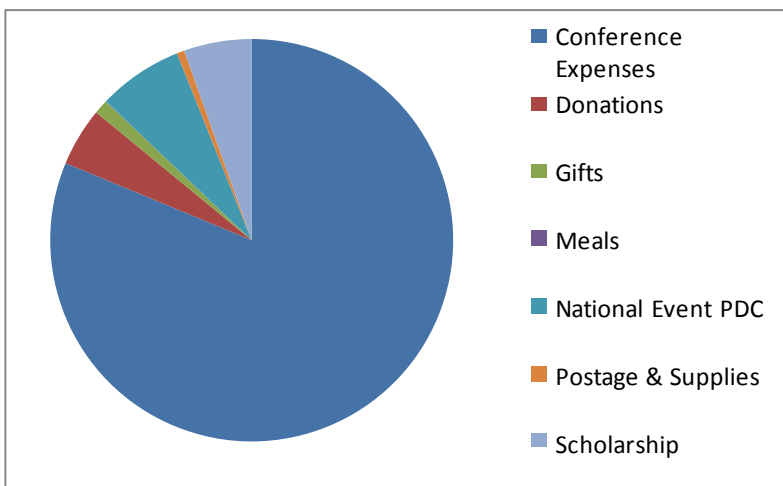
Conference revenues are the primary source of funds for the Chapter. Fees for attending conferences are set at the beginning of each fiscal year and are tiered depending on conference length and member status. The Chapter uses these revenues primarily for providing education programs. Revenues collected in each year are used in the subsequent program year. Other costs of the Chapter include paying registration and travel to the National AGA Professional Development Conference, charitable contributions, and providing scholarships to students and members becoming CGFM's.

Revenue by Source



Fiscal Year Ending	2010	2011
Conference Revenues	\$17,749	\$16,633
Interest Income	3	29
Membership Fees	328	443
National Recruitment Scholarship	125	151
Total Chapter revenues	\$18,205	\$17,256

Expenditures



	2010	2011
Conference Expenses	\$6,453	\$18,274
Donations	600	1,059
Gifts	350	256
Meals	169	4
National & Regional PDC	2,597	1,536
Postage & Supplies	375	136
Scholarships	1,225	1,225
Total Chapter expenditures	\$11,769	\$22,490

Financial Review

A financial review of the Chapter's finances was conducted. The review did not result in any questioned costs.

What's Next

2011—2012 Chapter Plan



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Long-range Strategic Planning

- Identify the needs of members.
- Create a long-term budget to ensure quality programming in future years without raising conference prices.
- Facilitate policy discussions regarding ways of attracting new board members
- Work with State and Local Governments to work on preparing a Citizen Centric Report (CCR) each year.

Program Plan

- Continue to offer at least 40 hours of continuing education to ensure opportunities are available for CPA and CGFM certification requirements.
- Increase attendance at the monthly lunch-n-learns and annual spring conference.
- Look for partnerships with other organizations (PDS, IACPA, IIA, NASACT, etc.) to bring quality programs to the area at a reasonable price for members.
- Expand the advertising for the annual Spring Ethics Seminar to attract more individuals to AGA events.

Chapter Community Service Events

- Ensure AGA continues to donate time and funding towards community service.
- Work with members to participate in the selected Chapter Community Service Events.
- Expand the Chapter's Community Service Events to include more service events in addition to monetary donations.
- Give recognition to members who participate in non-Chapter sponsored events.

Certified Government Financial Manager Plan

- Work within the region to bring the Section 3 review course to the Des Moines area.
- Ensure those studying for the CGFM exams have the instruments necessary to pass the exams.
- Increase the number of members studying for the CGFM exams.
- Increase the number of certified members in the Chapter.