

AGA – Des Moines Chapter  
Chapter History Report  
June 1, 2006 – May 31, 2007 Program Year

**Executive Committee:**

- President – Barbara A. Gordon, CPA
- President Elect – Suzanne Hanft, CPA, CGFM
- Past President – Michelle Wendel, CPA
- Secretary/Treasurer – Angela D. James, CPA
- Professional Certification – Denise Ragias
- Chapter Recognition – Suzanne Hanft, CPA, CGFM
- By-Laws and Procedures – Janice Evans, CPA, CGFM
- Member Recognition – Susan Battani, CPA, CGFM
- Membership - Cheryl D. Mather, CPA, CGFM
- Programs and Technical Meetings – Andrew E. Nielsen, CPA, CGFM
- Education – Stan Kuhn, CPA, CGFM
- Communications – Janice A. Jensen, CPA, CGFM
- Chapter Website – Marlene Dorenkamp, CPA, CGFM and Angela D. James, CPA
- Early Careers – Rosemary Johnson, CPA
- Community Service – Valerie Wedgeworth
- AICPA, GASB, FASB, NASB Liaison – Michelle Wendel, CPA

**Monthly Meetings (9 hours CPE Offered):**

- September 5, 2006 at the Iowa Cub Club at Principal Park - Natalie Giardi, Iowa College Student Aid Commission, spoke on “Current Information about the College Student Aid Commission”. (1 hour CPE) The Chapter also held its annual awards ceremony and passing of the gavel (actually effective May 1, 2006).
- October 3, 2006 at the Lucas State Office Building, State Auditor’s Office Training Room - Marnell Kretschmer, Iowa Department of Public Health, spoke on “Pandemics”. (1 hour CPE)
- November 7, 2006, at the Lucas State Office Building, State Auditor’s Office, Third Floor Meeting Room - Brad Horn, Attorney General’s Office, spoke on “Senate File 2410”. (1 hour CPE)
- December 5, 2006, at the Lucas State Office Building, State Auditor’s Office Training Room - David Miller, Emergency Management, Department of Public Defense, spoke on “Homeland Security”. (1 hour CPE)
- January 2, 2007, at the Lucas State Office Building, State Auditor’s Office Training Room - Jennifer Knofrst, IPTV, spoke on “Information About Iowa Public Television”. (1 hour CPE)
- February 6, 2007, at the Iowa Cub Club at Principal Park - Jim Saunders, Public Information Officer, Department of Public Safety, spoke on “Iowa Department of Public Safety”. (1 hour CPE)
- March 6, 2007 at the Iowa Cub Club at Principal Park - Michael Lipsman, Iowa Department of Revenue, spoke on “Tax Credit Analysis”. (1 hour CPE) The Chapter also celebrated the Governor’s proclamation of March 2007 and March of each year hereafter as CGFM Month with cupcakes.
- April 3, 2007 at the Iowa Cub Club at Principal Park - Stan Kuhn, a member of our Chapter and a Service Efforts and Accomplishments (SEA) report reviewer, spoke on “Performance Measures”. (1 hour CPE) A \$500 scholarship was also presented to a Grand View College Student.

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- May 1, 2007 at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse - Arnie Sohn, Project Manager for Honey Creek Resort State Park, spoke on "Honey Creek Project at Rathbun Lake". (1-hour CPE) The Chapter also held its annual awards ceremony and passing of the gavel at this evening social event.

**Educational Audio Conferences and Seminars (17 hours CPE Offered):**

- September 14, 2006, at the Iowa Department of Education, Grimes Building - This educational event titled **Risk Assessments for Performance Auditing** provided 2 hours of CPE and was an audio conference hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and jointly sponsored by National AGA, National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (NASACT), and (Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA). Speakers were Beth Ashcroft, Director of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability, State of Maine and Gerald Silva, City Auditor for the City of San Jose, CA.
- October 19, 2006, at the Iowa Department of Education, Grimes Building - This educational event titled **SAS No. 112: Impact on Auditors and Preparers** provided 2 hours of CPE and was an audio conference hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by NASACT in conjunction with National AGA and ALGA. Speakers were Randy Roberts, Director of Professional Practice, Office of the Auditor General, Arizona; and Clark Partridge, State Comptroller, Arizona.
- November 8, 2006 at the Iowa Department of Education, Grimes Building - This educational event titled **The New Yellow Book – What You Need to Know** provided 2 hours of CPE and was an audio conference hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and jointly sponsored by National AGA, NASACT, and ALGA. Speakers were Jeffrey Steinhoff, Managing Director, Jeanette Meixner Franzel, Director, and Marcia B. Buchanan, Assistant Director, from the Financial Management and Assurance Division of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO); and Stephen L. Morgan, City Auditor, City of Austin, Texas and a member of the Advisory Council on Government Auditing Standards.
- December 6, 2006 at the Iowa Department of Education, Grimes Building - This educational event titled **Procurement Cards – Successes and Challenges** provided 2 hours of CPE and was an audio conference hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and jointly sponsored by National AGA, NASACT, and ALGA. Speakers were Jeffrey Glen B. Gainer, III, West Virginia State Auditor; Tom Sadowski, Director of Accounting, State of Missouri; and Bruce E. Sullivan, Vice President, Government Services, VISA USA.
- February 28, 2007 at the Iowa Department of Education, Grimes Building - This educational event titled **Practical Guidance for Auditors and Management in Effectively Assessing Risk and Controls** provided 2 hours of CPE and was an audio conference hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and jointly sponsored by National AGA, NASACT, and ALGA. Speakers were Frank W. Crawford, CPA, Crawford & Associates, P.C., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Art Hayes, Director of the Division of State Audit, State of Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
- March 28, 2007, at the Department of Education, Grimes Building - This educational event titled **Procurement Fraud – A Cost of Doing Business We Can Live Without** provided 2 hours of CPE and was an audio conference hosted by the Des Moines AGA and jointly sponsored by National AGA, NASACT and ALGA. Speakers were Bruce Crandelmire, Senior Consultant, EAM, Inc./Mosley & Associates; Russell W. Hinton, State Auditor, State of Georgia; and Janet McHard, Manager, Litigation & Valuation Services, Meyners & Company, LLC.

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- May 9, 2007, at the Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Jessie Parker Building - This educational event titled **Ethics Seminar** provided 3 hours of CPE. Speakers were David Vaudt, Auditor of State of Iowa, and W. Charles Smithson, Executive Director and Legal Counsel, Iowa Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board.
- May 9, 2007, at the Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Jessie Parker Building - This educational event titled **Ethical Challenges in Today's Environment** provided 2 hours of CPE and was an audio conference hosted by the Des Moines AGA and jointly sponsored by National AGA, NASACT and ALGA. Speakers were Alan Goodman, Master Trainer for the Institute for Global Ethics, and Leon Young, Associate Professor at the University of Maryland University College.
- Also provided information on other continuing education opportunities sponsored by National AGA, other regional AGA Chapters, and other organizations in the Chapter's newsletters, by email, and at Chapter meetings, audio conferences, and the February 9, 2007 State Financial Managers' Meeting.

**Community Service Events:**

- December 3, 2006 – Volunteered at Jolly Holiday Lights, a fundraiser for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, held in Des Moines' Water Works Park. This event features over 75 light displays of leaping deer, skating penguins, and much more. Chapter members volunteered at Santa's Village and sold hot chocolate, coffee, frosted Christmas cookies, kettle corn, and various merchandise items, took pictures of Santa, and directed traffic to the parking lot or exit of the park.
- Collected \$100.80 in donations for the Food Bank of Iowa throughout the year by providing a "change jar" at our meetings for the donations. The Chapter contributed \$49.20 in funds to bring the total up to \$150. National AGA subsequently matched the Chapter's contribution of \$150, bringing the grand total to \$300.
- Collected \$259 in donations (including an equal match of Chapter funds) for Operation Iraqi Children, an organization to collect school supplies for Iraqi children. National AGA also matched the Chapter's contribution, bringing the total funds collected for the cause to \$518.
- Collected \$259 in donations (including an equal match of Chapter funds) to provide easily transportable food items for our troops overseas. National AGA also matched the Chapter's contribution, bringing the total funds collected for the cause to \$518.
- Donation of Iowa products to National PDC Community Service Raffle in San Diego in June 2006 (Value \$51).

**Early Careers Events:**

- April 3, 2007 – Presented a \$500 scholarship to Anna Posekany, a Grand View College Accounting Student. Also offered her a free one-year membership in AGA.
- Provided information on National Scholarship opportunities to Chapter members.
- Formed a committee to evaluate the Chapter's scholarship application process.

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**Social Event:**

- May 1, 2007 – The last meeting for the program year was held in the evening at Johnny's Italian Steakhouse. Spouses and other guests were invited. In addition to the interesting program on Lake Rathbun, the Chapter held its annual awards ceremony and passing of the gavel.

**Membership:**

- Annual awards were presented at the May 1, 2007 meeting. Past President Award - Barbara A. Gordon; Member of the Year Award – Angie James. Also recognized the CEC's dedicated assistance and members' program support during the past year, Janice Jensen for her 10 years of service as a CEC member, new members, and three members who had perfect attendance for the year.
- Added 5 new members from May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007.
- Gave a presentation at the February 9, 2007 meeting of the State Financial Managers, promoting membership in AGA and the CGFM designation. Provided cookies as a treat. Managers were also given a coupon for a free lunch at the March regular monthly meeting. Eight people took advantage of this coupon at a cost of \$80.
- Checked membership lists and contacted suspended members to encourage them to renew.
- Sent email invitations to those non-members who attended our monthly meetings, audio conferences, and the State Financial Managers' meeting to invite them to our upcoming events, or to encourage them to join.
- Nominated Immediate Past President Michelle Wendel for the National 2007 Chapter Service Award. Our Past President Marlene Dorenkamp received this award for 2006 at the National PDC in San Diego in June 2006.

**CGFM:**

- The Chapter offers a \$500 scholarship for any member who successfully completes the CGFM exam and meets certain criteria for chapter membership and involvement. One member successfully completed the first exam towards becoming a CGFM.
- An additional \$500 is budgeted to be shared by those successfully completing the CGFM exams during any given year but do not qualify under the first incentive program.
- Obtained Governor's proclamation of March 2007 and each year hereafter as CGFM month.
- Encouraged Chapter members to become a CGFM. Provided CGFM brochures at our various events, articles in the newsletters, and answered questions or provided information on the National CGFM Review Sessions being held.

**Other Facts:**

- Chapter Recognition Points achieved = 17,325 points - Received the Gold Chapter Designation for the first time. Last year had received the Platinum Award for the first time with 17,625 points. Had previously received the Silver Chapter Designation for seven consecutive years with over 10,000 or 12,500 points, as applicable at the time.
- Nominated Lori McClannahan for National Excellence in Government Leadership Award.
- Held a very successful seminar on May 9, 2007 with 77 people in attendance, excluding the 2 speakers.