



DES MOINES CHAPTER

Chapter History Report

June 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 Program Year

Committee:

- President – Gabe Stafford, CPA
- President Elect – Denise Ragias, CGFM
- Past President – Deb Schroeder, CPA, CGFM
- Secretary – Janice Jensen, CPA, CGFM
- Treasurer – Bridgett Wood, MBA
- Professional Certification – Deb Schroeder, CPA
- Chapter Recognition – Jyl Huskey
- By-Laws and Procedures – Richa Goel, CPA, CGFM
- Membership and Member Recognition – Tracie Kirkpatrick
- Programs and Technical Meetings – Brenda Nye, CPA, CGFM
- Communications – Jyl Huskey
- Chapter Website – Denise Ragias, CGFM
- Early Careers – Vacant
- Community Service – Kimberly Knight, CPA
- Accountability Outreach – Janice Jensen, CPA, CGFM

Monthly Meetings – 10 hours of CPE offered (1 hour each meeting):

- **June 3, 2015** – “Improving Results with LEAN” presented by Marcia Tope, Iowa Department of Management, Lean Enterprise Division
- **September 23, 2015** – “Trends in State Government Hiring” presented by Robin Jenkins, Iowa Department of Administrative Services, Human Resources Division
- **October 21, 2015** – “Recent Fraud Reports” presented by Annette Campbell and Jennifer Campbell, Iowa Auditor of State, Performance Investigation Division
- **November 4, 2015** – “Tax Free Investing: It’s Not What You Make, It’s What You Keep” presented by Jan Vonderhaar Pautvein, Edward Jones
- **December 2, 2015** – “State Financial Aid Programs” presented by Todd Brown, Iowa College Student Aid Commission
- **January 13, 2016** – “State Tax Legislation Overview” presented by Patty Fulton, Iowa Department of Revenue
- **February 25, 2016** – “Voting Issues” presented by Carol Olson and Christy Johnson, Iowa Secretary of State
- **March 24, 2016** – “Data Visualization Using the State Data Center of Iowa Website” presented by Gary Krob, Iowa Library Services
- **April 27, 2016** – “Believe in Yourself” presented by Sara Kurovski, Mayor of Pleasant Hill
- **June 1, 2016** – “State Budget Issues” presented by Dave Roederer, Iowa Department of Management

Educational Webinars and Seminars – 31 hours of CPE Offered (2 hours each event, unless otherwise noted):

- **June 3, 2015** AGA Webinar – “Update and Implications of DATA (Digital Accountability & Transparency) Act ‘Beyond the Beltway’” presented by Christina Ho, US Department of the Treasury, Karen Lee, US Office of Management and Budget, Hudson Hollister, Data Transparency Coalition, and LeAntha Sumpter, US Office of the Under Secretary of Defense
- **July 8, 2015** NASACT Webinar – “Must Know Guidance on Previously-Issued GASB Statements” presented by David A. Vaudt, David R. Bean, and other GASB staff
- **September 23, 2015** AGA Webinar – “Ensuring a High-Quality Financial Management Workforce for the Future” presented by Dr. Keren Deal, Auburn University, Dr. Barbara Eide, University of Wisconsin, Dr. Billy Morehead, Mississippi College, and Dr. Ken Smith, Central Washington University
- **October 21, 2015** AGA Webinar – “Fraud Risk Management in Government Programs” presented by Erin McLaughlin, US Government Accountability Office, Ryan Coble, Health & Human Services, and Linda Miller, Homeland Security and Justice
- **November 4, 2015** AGA Webinar – “OMB Uniform Guidance: Impact on the Grant Community” presented by Charles W. Hester, Speaker
- **December 2, 2015** AGA Webinar – “Ethics in the Workplace” presented by Leon Young, Speaker
- **January 13, 2016** AGA Webinar – “Evidence Based Policy Making – Making the Right Decision to Improve Programs” presented by Torrey Silloway and Gary VanLandingham, Pew Charitable Trusts
- **February 25, 2016** CPA Academy Webinar– “Microsoft EXCEL: The Power of Mapping Tables” presented by Jeff Lenning, Excel University via CPA Academy
- **March 24, 2016** NASACT Webinar – “Fraud Analysis and Detection: Using Benford’s Law and Other Effective Techniques” presented by Ian Green, Jamie Ralls, and Wendy Kam, Oregon Secretary of State Audits Division
- **April 27, 2016** AGA Webinar – “The Brave New World of Grants Under the Uniform Grants Guidance” presented by Andrea Bandon, US Department of Homeland Security and Theresa Falance and James McKay, Kforce Government Solutions
- **May 11, 2016** AGA Webinar – “Ethics Webinar” presented by Leon Young
- **May 12, 2016** Chapter Annual Professional Development Conference – “Creating and Innovative Environment” presented by Terry Rich, Iowa Lottery; “Protecting our Energy Infrastructure” presented by Steve Bogle, MidAmerican Energy; “FBI Embezzlement Fraud Investigations” presented by Kevin Kohler, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and “Ethics In Action: Protect and Defend” presented by Dan Chenoweth, MBA, CPA (7 hours CPE)
- **June 1, 2016** AGA Webinar – “The Importance of Change Management in Federal Shared Services” presented by Donna Edsall, Interior Business Center, Hamer Legette, DC Courts, and Brian McAuliffe, MorganFranklin Consulting

Throughout the program year, information was provided on additional 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 and audio conferences.

Community Service Events:

- Donation of an Iowa-themed and Iowa Artist-designed plate to National PDC Community Service Raffle in July 2015 in Nashville, Tennessee
- May/June 2015 – Collected cash donations for the Alzheimer’s Association
- July/August 2015 – Collected cash donations for Paws & Effects
- September/October 2015 – Collected cash donations for Susan G. Komen Foundation. AGA members participated in the “Walk” on October 3, 2015
- November/December 2015 – Collected cash donations for the Lupus Foundation of America
- January/February 2016 – Collected cash donations for the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association
- March/April 2016 – Collected cash donations for the American Diabetes Association
- May/June 2016 – Collected cash donations for the Alzheimer’s Association

Early Careers Events:

- Provided information to Iowa Colleges with respect to the AGA National Challenge.

Annual Meeting:

- May 12, 2016 – The annual awards and passing of the gavel ceremonies for the program year were held in conjunction with the Chapter Annual Professional Development Conference.

Membership:

- Annual awards were presented at the May 12, 2016 meeting. Past President Award – Gabe Stafford; Member of the Year Award – Brenda Nye.
- Added 3 new members from May 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, Abdisamat Aden, Mihneta Lisinovic, and Pam Sullivan.
- 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, to invite them to our upcoming events, or to encourage them to join.
- Deb Schroeder was nominated for 2016 National AGA Chapter Service Award.

CGFM:

- Obtained perpetual Governor's proclamation of March as CGFM month in 2007.
- Obtained the City of Des Moines proclamation of March 2016 as CGFM month.
- Promoted CGFM certification to chapter members. Provided CGFM brochures at various events, articles in newsletters, and answered questions or provided information on the National CGFM Review Sessions being held.
- In honor of CGFM Month, the Chapter provided pizza and cupcakes and recognized Iowa CGFMs at the March 24th CGFM Celebration Meeting and on the Chapter website. Drawings were held for AGA promotional items.
- The Chapter offers \$500 scholarships for Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members who successfully complete the CGFM exam and meet certain criteria for chapter membership and involvement. One member obtained CGFM certification during this year, Deb Schroeder. Two members have initiated the process of obtaining certification.
- The total number of active members holding CGFM certification as of April 30, 2016 was thirty eight.

Other Facts:

- Chapter By-Laws were revised and adopted in March 2016.
- Chapter Recognition – The Chapter achieved Platinum status for the year. The chapter has received the Gold, Platinum, or Silver award in each of the last ten years. The Chapter also received the Group D Website Award.
- The Chapter completed its fifth Citizen Centric Report (CCR) in September and was awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Member-Centric Reporting by the National AGA Office.
- Gabe Stafford and Deb Schroeder attended the 2015 PDT in Nashville, Tennessee and picked up awards for the previous year's accomplishments.
- Denise Ragias and Deb Schroeder attended the January 2016 Midwest Regional SLMR in Lincoln, Nebraska.
- Denise Ragias and Bridgett Wood attended the Sectional Leadership Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah in May 2016.
- Deb Schroeder served as Regional Education Coordinator (Midwest Region).
- Chapter Facebook and Twitter pages were established.