

AGA – Des Moines Chapter
Chapter History Report
June 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 Program Year

Chapter Executive Committee (CEC):

- President – Denise Ragias, CGFM
- President Elect, Nominations – Brenda Nye, CGFM, CPA, CPM
- Past President – Gabe Stafford, CPA
- Secretary – Kim Ashmore, CGFM
- Co-Treasurers –Bridgett Wood, MBA and Mihneta Lisinovic
- Accountability Outreach – Richard Schoeppner, CPA
- Bylaws / Procedures and Historian – Janice Evans, CGFM, CPA
- Chapter Recognition – Jyl Huskey
- Communications – Kim Knight, CPA
- Community Service – Kim Knight, CPA
- Early Careers – Vacant
- Education – Brenda Nye, CGFM, CPA, CPM
- Membership and Member Recognition – Tracie Kirkpatrick
- CGFM / Professional Certification – Deb Schroeder, CPA, CGFM
- Webmaster – Janice Jensen, CGFM, CPA

Monthly Meetings (9 hours CPE Offered):

- September 14, 2016 at the Jessie Parker Building, Knudsen Room, Trish Radke, Metro Waste Authority spoke on “Recycling Guidelines” (1 hour CPE)
- October 12, 2016 at the Grimes Building, Room B100, Jason Bennett & Debbie O’Leary, OCIO, spoke on “Going Google” (1 hour CPE)
- November 16, 2016, at the Grimes Building, ICN Room, Bobbretta Brewton, Food Bank of Iowa spoke on “Hunger 101”. (1 hour CPE)
- December 7, 2016, at the Grimes Building, Room B100, Gary Slater, CEO Iowa State Fair spoke on “Nothing Compares to State Fair Thrills”. (1 hour CPE)
- January 18, 2017, at the Grimes Building, Room B50, Thomas Farley, Employee & Family Resources, spoke on the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) (1 hour CPE)
- February 22, 2017, at the Grimes Building, Room B100, Margaret Johnson, Interim Executive Director, Iowa Public Information Board, spoke on “Iowa Public Information Board and Government Transparency” (1 hour CPE)
- March 8, 2017 at the Grimes Building Room B100, Stephanie Wager, Department of Education Social Studies Consultant, spoke on “Civic Engagement in the 21st Century”. (1 hour CPE)
- April 12, 2017 at the Grimes Building, Room B100, Megan Tooker, Executive Director/Legal Counsel, Iowa Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board, spoke on “Government Ethics”. (1 hour CPE)
- June 14, 2017 at Grimes Building, State Board Room, Britt Davidson, Kum & Go spoke on “Loss Prevention”. (1 hour CPE)

Educational Audio Conferences and Seminars (39 hours CPE Offered):

- June 1, 2016, at the Grimes Building, Room B-100 – This educational event titled **The Importance of Change Management in Federal Shared Services** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. Speakers were Donna Edsall, Associate Director, Financial Management, Interior Business Center; Hamer Legette, Deputy CFO, DC Courts; and Brian McAuliffe, Director, Morgan Franklin Consulting.

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- July 13, 2016, at the Grimes Building, ICN Room – This educational event titled **GASB Review - 2016** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT). Speakers were David A Vaudt, Chair, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB); David R. Bean, Director of Research, GASB and other GASB staff.
- September 14, 2016, at the Jessie Parker Building, Knudsen Room, - This educational event titled **Avoiding Surprises and Assessing Risks: Building on Today's Internal Controls** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Wynona Cash, CICA, EAGLE Team Lead, North Carolina Comptroller's Office; Mike Wetklow, MPA, CGFM, CPA, Deputy CFO, National Science Foundation.
- October 12, 2016, at the Grimes Building, Room B100, - This educational event titled **Cybersecurity – The New Norm** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Gwen Sykes, CFO, US Secret Service, Costis Toregas, Ph.D., Council IT Adviser, Montgomery County, Maryland, and Mike Watson, Chief Security Officer, Commonwealth of Virginia.
- November 16, 2016 at the Grimes Building, ICN Room. This educational event titled **Tools and Strategies for Fighting Fraud** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. Speakers were George Anastos, Principal Analyst, Statewide Quality Assurance, Comptroller's Office, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Linda Miller, Director, Global Public Sector, Grant Thornton; and Gregory Vokoun, MBA, CPA, Professional Practice Administrator, General Accounting Office, State of Arizona .
- December 7, 2016 at the Grimes Building, Room B100. This educational event titled **Ethics in the Workplace** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA,. Speaker for this webinar was Leon Young, Consultant and Educator, Leon Young Seminars.
- January 18, 2017 at the Grimes Building, Room B50. This educational event titled **Excel Tips & Tricks** and **Pivot Tables & Basics** provided 2 hours of CPE. Speakers were John Cline, Owner and Developer, ExcelCEO and John Michaeloudis, Chief Inspirational Officer, MyExcelOnline.
- February 08, 2017 at the Grimes Building, Room B50. This educational event titled **GASB's Financial Reporting Model Improvements – Governmental Funds** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Pam Dolan, Project Manager, Roberta Reese, Senior Project Manager, Scott Reeser, Supervising Project Manager, and David Vaudt, Chairman, GASB.
- February 22, 2017 at the Grimes Building, Room B50. This educational event titled **Fraud Indicators & Risk Assessments** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Kenneth Frederick, Senior Investigator, Special IG for Afghanistan Reconstruction; J.T. Littlejohn, Assistant Auditor General for Navy Internal Control and Fraud Audits; and Art Scott, Assistant Auditor General for Navy Research, Development & Acquisition Audits.
- March 1, 2017, at the Grimes Building, State Board Room - This educational event titled **GAO's Yellow Book Exposure Draft – What Changes are Ahead** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. Speakers were Kristen Kociolek, Assistant Director,

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Christie Pugnetti, Senior Auditor, Mary Ann Hardy, Senior Auditor, and Rebecca Riklin, Senior Auditor - GAO.

- March 8, 2017 at the Grimes Building, Room B100. This educational event titled **Uniform Guidance: Doing Things Differently** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. Speakers were Jeffrey Johnson, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grants, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Merril Oliver, Director, Maryland Governor's Grants Office; and James Taylor, Managing Director, Global Public Sector, Grant Thornton LLP.
- March 29, 2017 at the Grimes Building, Room B100. This educational event titled **CFO/CIO Collaboration** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. Speakers were Tim Gribben, Chief Financial Officer and Associate Administrator for Performance Management and Maria Roat, Chief Information Officer, Small Business Administration.
- April 12, 2017 at the Grimes Building, Room B100. This educational event titled **Pardon me, but are my ethics showing?** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was Bobby Derrick, CGFM, Past National President, Field Representative and Chapter Consultant, Association of Government Accountants.
- April 26, 2017 at the Grimes Building, Room B100. This educational event titled **Blended and Braided Funding – Maximizing Existing Funds**, provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO, Children's Services Council of Broward County, Florida; José Esquibel, Director, Office of Community Engagement, Colorado Department of Law, Office of the Attorney General; and Mike Osinski, Director, Performance Partnership Staff, Office of the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- May 17, 2017 – at the Grimes Building, Room B50– This educational event titled **DATA Act: Moving Beyond Compliance**, provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Peter Del Toro, Assistant Director, Strategic Issues, U. S. Government Accountability Office; Amy Edwards, Senior Advisor, Financial Transparency, U.S. Department of the Treasury; Mike Peckham, Director, HHS DATA Act PMO, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and Jeff Press, Practice Leader, Government Performance, Socrata.
- May 18, 2017, at the Noah's Event Venue, West Des Moines. This educational seminar hosted by the Des Moines AGA chapter included Jim Arnette, AGA National President-Elect speaking on "Good Leaders = Better Government", Willaim Kress, Governors State University speaking on "In Both Love and Fraud, Little Things Can Mean A Lot", Marisa Castanded, Wells Fargo, speaking on "Cyber Fraud and Mobile Security", Dr. Lisa Bates, speaking on "How to Choose Your Ego States and Improve Your Relationships, An Intro to Transactional Analysis", and Annette Campbell and Jim Cunningham, State Auditor's Office, speaking on "Fraud Case Studies". This seminar provided 7 hours of CPE.
- June 14, 2017 – at the Grimes Building, State Board Room– This educational event titled **Digital Evolution of the CFO**, provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was Aditi Charnoubi, Senior Manager, Morgan Franklin Consulting .
- 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 and audio conferences.

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Community Service Events:

- Donation of Iowa products to National PDC Community Service Raffle in July 2016 in Anaheim, CA.
- August – September, 2016 – Collected donations of cash for Paws & Effect, which raises, trains, and places service dogs with children and veterans with disabilities. Total contributions, including Des Moines AGA and national AGA matches totaled \$320.
- October – November 2016 – Collected donations of cash and food and household items for the Food Bank of Iowa. Their mission is to alleviate hunger through food distribution, partnership and education. Total contributions, including Des Moines AGA and national AGA matches totaled \$663 plus 82 pounds of non-perishable items.
- December 2016 – January 2017 - Collected cash donations for the Lupus Foundation of America. Their mission is to improve the quality of life for all people affected by lupus through programs of research, education, support and advocacy. Total contributions, including Des Moines AGA and national AGA matches totaled \$484.
- February – March 2017 - Collected cash donations for the Alzheimer's Association. This organization's mission is 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. Total contributions, including Des Moines AGA and national AGA matches totaled \$792. Three members walked in the September 2016 Walk to End Alzheimer's event held at the State Capitol in Des Moines.
- April – May 2017 – Collected cash donations for The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. This organization's mission is to prevent and cure breast cancer by advancing the world's most promising research. Total contributions, including Des Moines AGA and national AGA matches totaled \$232.
- June 2017 – Collected cash donations for East Side Family, Inc. (ESF) This organization is a community organization focused on uplifting, educating, and feeding the youth in Des Moines. In April 2016, ESF became a non-profit organization with a mission to help someone in need. ESF believes that hunger is a root to many problems and if ESF can feed, educate, and uplift people to help change lives ESF is willing to do that. Total contributions, including Des Moines AGA and national AGA matches totaled \$478

Early Careers Events:

- Provided information on National Scholarship opportunities available for Chapter members or their families.
- Provided National Collegiate Leadership Program (NLT) scholarship information to area colleges and universities.

Membership:

- Annual awards were presented at the May 18, 2017 seminar. Past President Award – Denise Ragias; Member of the Year Award – Kim Ashmore. Also, members were recognized at the awards ceremony with a certificates of recognition for each 5, 10, 15 etc. years of membership.
- Added five new members from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017.

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- 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.

Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM):

- Obtained Governor's proclamation of March as CGFM month. The cities of Des Moines and Cedar Rapids have also declared March 2017 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.
- New CGFM Study Guides were ordered.
- The chapter's CGFM Scholarship Program was established to provide financial assistance to chapter members in obtaining the CGFM Certification. Chapter members in good standing when the exam was taken and successfully passed are reimbursed \$100. CEC members are reimbursed the application fee and the full cost of each exam passed while actively serving on the CEC.
- One member successfully completed the CGFM exams during this year. (Kim Ashmore) and others successfully completed one or more exams.

Other Facts:

- Chapter Recognition – The Chapter earned chapter recognition points to achieve the Platinum level this year. Special thanks to Jyl Huskey, Chapter Recognition. The chapter has received the Gold, Platinum, or Silver award in each of the last fourteen years.
- Website Award – The Chapter received the national website award for Group D (55-99 members) Special thanks to Janice Jensen, Webmaster. The chapter's website was also migrated to being hosted by National AGA.
- Newsletter Award – The Chapter received the national newsletter award for Group D (50-99 members). Special thanks to Kim Knight, Newsletter Editor.
- The Chapter completed its Citizen Centric Report (CCR) in September for the 2015-16 year. The chapter was awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Member-Centric Reporting by the National AGA Office
- Denise Ragias, President attended the 2016 PDT in Anaheim, CA and picked up awards for the previous year's accomplishments. Deb Schroeder also attended as a volunteer on the National PDT Host Committee.
- Denise Ragias, Deb Schroeder and Bridgett Wood, attended the Midwest Region SLMR meeting in Kansas City, Missouri in January 2017.
- Deb Schroeder and Brenda Nye, attended the Sectional Leadership Meeting meeting in Kansas City, Missouri in May 2017.