

AGA – Des Moines Chapter
Chapter History Report
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 Program Year

Committee:

- President – Brenda Nye, CPA, CGFM, CPM
- President Elect, Nominations – Kimberly Knight, CPA
- Past President – Denise Ragias, CGFM
- Secretary – Kimberly Ashmore, CGFM
- Treasurer – Mihnet Lisinovic and Bridgett Wood, MBA
- CGFM / Professional Certification – Deb Schroeder, CPA, CGFM
- Chapter Recognition – Marilyn Hanson, CPA
- Historian, Bylaws and Procedures – Janice Evans, CPA, CGFM
- Membership and Member Recognition – Tracie Kirkpatrick
- Education – Cindy Weber, CPA, CGFM
- Communications – Angie James, CPA
- Webmaster – Lily Kryuchkova, CGFM
- Community Service – Kimberly Knight, CPA
- Accountability Outreach – Rich Schoeppner, CPA

Monthly Meetings (7 hours CPE Offered):

- September 13, 2017, at the Jessie Parker Building, Knudsen Room, Darla Iverson, CFO, Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), spoke on "The Truth About IPERS". (1 hour CPE).
- October 11, 2017, at the Grimes Building, State Board Room, Mary Mosiman, Auditor of State, spoke on "FY 2018 Final Action Budget Analysis and Fiduciary Responsibility". (1 hour CPE).
- December 6, 2017, at the Grimes Building, Room B-100. Iowa Public Television broadcast of "Stealing Our Life" with Frank Abagnale, consultant to FBI. This documentary discussed identity theft and cybercrime. (1 hour CPE).
- January 10, 2018, at the Grimes Building, Room B-100. John Parker, Department of Management, spoke on "School Foundation Aid". (1 hour CPE)
- February 7, 2018, at the Grimes Building, Room B-100. David Johnston, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department (HSEMD) spoke on "Overview of Iowa HSEMD". (1 hour CPE).
- March 28, 2018, at the Grimes Building, Room, B-100. Jesse Martinez, OCIO, spoke on "Information Security". (1 hour CPE).
- May 16, 2018, at the Grimes Building, Room B-100. David Roederer, Director, Department of Management, spoke on the "State of Iowa's Economy". (1 hour CPE).

Educational Audio Conferences and Seminars (33.9 hours CPE Offered):

- July 13, 2017, at the Grimes Building, ICN Room – This educational event titled **GASB Review - 2017** 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 13, 2017, at the Jessie Parker Building, Knudsen Room - This educational event titled **Managing 90% of Your Job!** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by

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- National AGA. The speaker was Leon Young, Consultant and Educator, Leon Young Seminars.
- October 11, 2017, at the Grimes Building, State Board Room - This educational event titled **Auditing Relevance and Reliability of Performance Information** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. Speakers were Paul D. Epstein and Su Grifel, Auditor Roles, Inc.
 - November 15, 2017, at the Jessie Parker Building, Knudsen Room - This educational seminar hosted by the Des Moines AGA chapter included Stuart Anderson, Director, Planning, Programming and Modal Division, Iowa DOT speaking on **Transportation 101**; Mary Neubauer, Vice-President External Relations, Iowa Lottery speaking on **Social Media**; Andy Nielsen, Deputy and Marlys Gaston, Director, State Auditor's Office speaking on **GASB 75 OPEB and GASB 77 Tax Abatements**; National AGA Webinar Chuck Whitlock, Expert, White Collar Crime & Fraud Prevention speaking on **Spotting Fraud in Your Organization**, and Dr. Ann Lebo, Executive Director, Iowa Board of Educational Examiners speaking on **Iowa Board of Educational Examiners Complaint Resolution Process**. This seminar provided 6.7 hours of CPE.
 - December 6, 2017, at the Grimes Building, Room B-100 - This educational event titled **Accounting & Financial Auditing Challenges/ Best Practices** 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 Wendy Payne, FASAB and Anne Sit-Williams, GAO.
 - January 10, 2018, at the Grimes Building, Room B-100 - This educational event titled **Grants Management: Breaking Down the Complexities** provided 2 hours of CPE. The speaker was Douglas Godesky, Senior Grants Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service.
 - February 07, 2018, at the Grimes Building, Room B-100 - This educational event titled **Understanding GASB's New Standards on Leases and Fiduciary Activities** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Wesley Galloway, Senior Project Manager, Scott Reeser, Supervising Project Manager, and David Vaudt, Chairman, GASB.
 - March 28, 2018, at the Grimes Building, Room B-100 - This educational event titled **Cybersecurity** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was Caleb Jones, Assistant VP, Security Risk Program Manager, Alion Science & Technology.
 - April 11, 2018, at the Grimes Building, Room B-100 - This educational event titled **Beyond the Code: Ethics in the Real World** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was Toby Groves, PhD, President, Groves Research and Consulting.
 - April 12, 2018, at the Noah's Event Venue, West Des Moines - This educational seminar hosted by the Des Moines AGA chapter included Jerome Mayne, Entrepreneur, former white collar criminal speaking on "Fraud and Consequences" and Kim Hanson, Department of Administrative Services, Human Resources Enterprise, speaking on "Ethical Issues in Today's Workplace". This seminar provided 7.2 hours of CPE.
 - May 16, 2018, at the Grimes Building, Room B-100 - This educational event titled **Fraud/Data Analytics**, provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Ken Dieffenbach, Office of the Inspector General, DoJ; Vijay D'Souza, Applied Research and Methods, GAO; and Rebecca Shea, Forensic Audits and Investigative Services, GAO.

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- June 20, 2018, at the Grimes Building, Room B-50 - This educational event titled **Identifying Improper Payments in High Risk Programs**, provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by NASACT. The speakers were Daryl Purpera, Legislative Auditor (LA), Andrea Inman, Director, Office of the State Comptroller (NY), Kip Memmot, Director, Division of Audits (OR), Kathy Davis, Staff Auditor, Division of Audits (OR), and Eli Ritchie, Staff Auditor, Division of Audits (OR).
- 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 webinars.

Community Service Events:

- Donation of a \$50 gift card for Bed Bath and Beyond to National PDT Community Service Raffle in July 2017 in Boston, Massachusetts.
- July – August, 2017 – Collected donations of cash and supplies for AHeinz57, which is a foster-based animal rescue organization, headquartered in De Soto, IA. They exist to bridge the gap between traditional animal shelters and no-kill rescues by providing free transportation and temporary housing for dogs from traditional shelters to no-kill rescues and by pulling dogs out of traditional shelters and placing them in foster homes and forever homes. Total contributions, including Des Moines AGA and national AGA matches totaled \$352. In addition, items such as paper towels, a small pet carrier, trash bags, peanut butter and water bottles were donated.
- September – October 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 \$608. Five members walked in the September 2017 Walk to End Alzheimer's event held at the State Capitol in Des Moines.
- November – December 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 \$516.
- January – February 2018 - 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 \$530 plus 30 pounds of non-perishable items.
- March – April 2018 – Collected donations of cash for Paws & Effect, which raises, trains, and places service dogs with disabled veterans and children. Total contributions, including Des Moines AGA and national AGA matches totaled \$418.
- May - June 2018 – 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 \$510.

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Early Careers Events:

- Provided information on National Scholarship opportunities to Chapter members.

Membership:

- Annual awards were presented at the April 12, 2018 spring conference. Past President Award to Denise Ragias; and membership awards for 5 years (David Vaudt & Randy Lagerblade), 10 years (Marlys Gaston, Kim Knight, Donna Kruger, & Margaret Munson), 15 years (Rosemary Johnson), 20 years (Robert Howe & Michelle Meyer), 30 years (Annette Campbell, Tami Kusian, & Cheryl Williams), and 40 years (Norman Hulscher) of membership.
- Member of the Year Award – Janice Evans.
- Added 7 new members from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
- Checked membership lists and contacted suspended members to encourage them to renew.
- Sent email invitations to non-members who attended monthly meetings, webinars, or conferences to invite them to upcoming events and encourage them to join.

CGFM:

- The Chapter CGFM Scholarship Program is established in order to assist chapter members in obtaining the CGFM certification.
 - A chapter member is reimbursed up to \$100 per exam upon successfully passing the respective exam.
 - A chapter member who applies to the CGFM program while actively serving on the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) is reimbursed the application fee.
 - A chapter member successfully passing an exam while serving on the CEC is reimbursed the full cost of the exam.
- Obtained Governor's proclamation of March as CGFM month.
- Obtained Mayors' proclamations of March as CGFM month from the cities of Cedar Rapids and Des Moines.
- Celebrated CGFM Month at the March meeting.
- Encouraged Chapter members to become a CGFM. Provided CGFM brochures at chapter events, articles in the newsletters, and answered questions or provided information on the National CGFM Review Sessions being held.
- One member (Abdi Aden) successfully completed the CGFM exams during this year.

Other Facts:

- Chapter Recognition – The Chapter earned chapter recognition points to achieve the Platinum level this year. The chapter has received the Gold, Platinum, or Silver award in each of the last ten years.
- Formed a procedures committee to update procedures for the CEC. Refund and expense reimbursement policies were updated and approved.
- Bi-monthly (6) newsletters were issued during the year.
- Des Moines Chapter featured in Topics to celebrate 40 years.
- The Chapter received a Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting for the year ending 2017, which was completed in September, 2017.
- Brenda Nye attended the 2017 PDT in Boston, Massachusetts, and picked up awards for the previous year's accomplishments. These were the Chapter

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Recognition Award, Platinum Chapter, Chapter Newsletter Award Group D First Place, and the Chapter Website Award Group D First Place.

- Deb Schroeder, Regional Vice-President Elect, planned the Midwest Region SLMR meeting in Des Moines January 27, 2018. Several CEC members also helped and attended the meeting. A bowling social event was held the night before.
- Kim Knight, Deb Schroeder, and Pam Sullivan attended the April 19-21 Sectional Leadership Meeting in Kansas City, MO.