

AGA – Des Moines Chapter  
Chapter History Report  
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 Program Year

**Committee:**

- President – Kaylynn Short, CPA
- President Elect, Nominations – Randy Lagerblade, CPM
- Past President/NCC Representative – Kimberly Knight, CPA
- Secretary – Terri Walker
- Treasurer – Mihneta Lisinovic
- Accountability Outreach – Kent Farver, CPA, CGFM
- Historian, Bylaws and Procedures – Janice Evans, CPA, CGFM
- Chapter Recognition – Janice Jensen, CPA, CGFM, CPM
- Communications – Angie James, CPA
- Community Service – Melissa Mark
- Young Professionals – Prasanna Bujimalla
- Education – Ermin Begovic
- Membership and Member Recognition – Tracie Kirkpatrick
- CGFM / Professional Certification – Pam Sullivan, CPM
- Webmaster – Denise Ragias, CGFM

**Monthly Meetings (6 hours CPE Offered):**

- September 11, 2019, Grimes Building, Room, B100, Charlee Cross, Chief Operating Officer and Kris May, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Administrative Services – General Services Enterprise, spoke on “DAS – General Service Enterprise Overview”. (1 hour CPE).
- October 23, 2019, at the Grimes Building, Room B50, Jennifer Campbell, Manager, State Auditor’s Office, spoke on “Fraud”. (1 hour CPE).
- November 20, 2019, at the Grimes Building, Room, B100, Nick Miller, Division Administrator, State Accounting Enterprise, spoke on “DAS Accounting Overview”. (1 hour CPE).
- December 11, 2019, at the Grimes Building, Room, B100, Teresa Rotschafer, Finance Director, City of Johnston, spoke on “City of Johnston”. (1 hour CPE).
- January 8, 2020, at the Grimes Building, Room B100. Karl Wendt, DAS Purchasing spoke on Public Procurement. (1 hour CPE).
- February 5, 2020, at the Grimes Building, Room B100. Melinda Behn, Waukeet Chamber of Commerce spoke on “Waukeet Chamber Mission, Events and Programs”. (1 hour CPE).
- March 25, 2020, Canceled due to COVID-19.
- April 8, 2020, Canceled due to COVID-19.
- May 13, 2020, Canceled due to COVID-19.
- June 10, 2020, Canceled due to COVID-19.

**Educational Audio Conferences and Seminars (30 hours CPE Offered):**

- July 10, 2019, at the Grimes Building, Room B100 – This educational event titled **GASB Review - 2019** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by the

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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; Deborah Beams, Project Manager, GASB; Lisa Parker, Senior Project Manager, GASB; and Scott Reeser, Senior Project Manager, GASB.

- September 11, 2019, Grimes Building, Room, B100 - This educational event titled **Everyone Communicates, Few Connect** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was Kevin M. Coleman, Empowerment Speaker, Executive Coach and Trainer.
- October 3, 2019, at the Grimes Building, Room B100 - This educational event titled **DeMystifying the Cloud** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by NASACT. Speakers were Geoff Plante, Partner, KPMG; Ray Zaso, Principal, Advisory, Enterprise Solutions, KPMG; and Doug Cotnoir, Maine State Controller.
- October 23, 2019, at the Grimes Building, Room B50 - This educational event titled **Internal Control, Applying ERM Programs to Address Cyber Security** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. Speaker was Nick Marinos – Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity GAO.
- November 20, 2019, at the Grimes Building, Room, B100 - This educational event titled **Ethics – Building a Culture of Ethical Excellence** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was Dr. Lyall Swim, Managing Partner and Lead Consultant. Junto Strategy.
- December 11, 2019, at the Grimes Building, Room, B100 - This educational event titled **Internal Control – Controlling Your Bots** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was Margaret Moon, Financial Systems Analyst, NSF.
- January 8, 2020, at the Grimes Building, Room B100 - This educational event titled **Uniform Guidance** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was Bert Nuehring, CPA, Partner, Crowe LLP.
- January 15, 2020, at the Grimes Building, Room B100 - This educational event titled **You Inventoried Your Leases, Now What?** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by NASACT. The speakers were Jeff Goodwin, Partner, Deloitte & Touche, LLP; Jocelyn Quintos, Director of Accounting Operations, City and County of San Francisco; and Sean Torr, Managing Director, Deloitte & Touche, LLP.
- February 5, 2020, at the Grimes Building, Room B100 - This educational event titled **GASB Update** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were David Vaudt, Chairman, Governmental Accounting

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Standards Board (GASB); Deborah Beams, CPA Supervising Project Manager GASB; Scott Reeser, Supervising Project Manager GASB; and Paulina Haro, Supervising Project Manager GASB.

- March 4, 2020, at the Grimes Building, Room, B100 - This educational event titled **Reducing Improper Payments: Leading Insights and Strategies** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA. The speakers were Tom Rohn, Statistician, Defense Finance and Accounting Service and Peggy Javery, MPA, CGFM, Director, Compliance Operations Office, USDA-Rural Development.
- March 12, 2020 – through individual links due to COVID-19 - This educational event titled **The Great Act & Proposed Revisions to the Uniform Guidance: Things you Need to Know** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by NASACT. The speakers were Rhea Hubbard, Senior Policy Analyst and Grants Team lead, U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Gil Tran, Senior Policy Analyst, OMB.
- April 8, 2020, through individual links due to COVID-19 - This educational event titled **Ethics: A Spy is Among Us: The Psychology Behind Unethical Behavior & the Role Technology Plays in Unethical Behavior** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was Dr. Alfred Robinson, Chief J1, Department of Defense.
- April 9, 2020, Spring Seminar Canceled due to COVID-19.
- May 13, 2020, through individual links due to COVID-19 - This educational event titled **How to Leverage Data Analytics to Build an Effective Anti-Fraud Strategy**, provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was David Young, Director, Criminal Analysis, Division, DOS OIG Office of Investigation.
- June 10, 2020, through individual links due to COVID-19 - This educational event titled **Taking Care of People – Leadership that Matters**, provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was David Weinberg, CDGM, Leadership Expert.
- June 24, 2020, through individual links due to COVID-19 - This educational event titled **CARES Act/The Great Act - COVID-19 Reporting: Best Practices and Data Standards** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Rhea Hubbard, Senior Policy Analyst, OMB; OMB, Natalie Rico, Senior Policy Analyst, OMB; Laurie Petrone, Director, Grants Management Office, Department of Administration, Dr. Erika D Axelson, CFE, Acting Chief Data Officer Pandemic Response Accountability Committee.
- Also provided information on other continuing education opportunities sponsored by National AGA, other AGA Chapters, and other organizations in the Chapter's newsletters, by email, and at Chapter meetings and webinars.

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**Community Service Events:**

- July – August, 2019 – 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. Several members walked in the August 24, 2019 Walk to End Alzheimer’s event held at the State Capitol in Des Moines.
- September – October 2019 – 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. Chapter members and guests donated numerous other items including paper towels, newspapers, blankets, dog and cat food and treats, pet collars and leashes, peanut butter, bleach, garbage bags, and sterile gloves. All contributions were dropped off at the AHeinz57 location.
- November – December 2020 - Collected cash donations for the Urbandale Community Action Network. This organization works closely with the local government, churches, civic and community organizations, not for profits, citizens and the business community to accomplish common goals and to help make a difference to the people of Urbandale. For example, they are able to provide rides for people in need to doctor appointments and help in other ways as needed.
- January – February 2020 - Collected donations of cash, food and household items for the Food Bank of Iowa. Their mission is to alleviate hunger through food distribution, partnership and education. Items collected were dropped off at the Food Bank.
- March – April 2020 – Collected donations of cash for Everybody Wins! Iowa. Their mission is to increase children’s success in school and life through one-to-one reading and mentoring experiences with caring volunteers. Donations go towards purchasing books and supplies at each location, books for gifts for children to build a home library, and background checks for volunteers.
- May - June 2020 – Although the chapter didn’t meet to collect cash donations for Can Do Cancer, the chapter donated towards this cause. This non-profit organization works to improve and enhance the lives of breast cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy treatment in Des Moines and surrounding areas. They provide gift cards, cleaning services, dinners, and moral support during the patient’s journey.
- The Des Moines AGA chapter matched the first \$100 of member contributions and the national AGA match was requested for each charity.

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**Early Careers Events:**

- Contacted and or spoke to students at Grandview University, Drake, Iowa State University and Des Moines Area Community College to promote AGA to potential student members and one new student member joined.
- Two Drake students attended the National Leadership Training.

**Membership:**

- Although the spring seminar was canceled, several members were recognized in the newsletter.
- Membership awards were for 5 years (Kim Ashmore, Mary Mosiman, and Bridgett Wood), 10 years (Dan Bittner, Lilia Kryuchkova, and Laura Parker), 15 years (Denise Ragias) 20 years (Angie James), 25 years (Janice Jensen), and 30 years (Pamela Bormann and Richard Schoeppner) of membership in the Des Moines Chapter.
- Member of the Year Award – Angie James.
- Andy Nielsen, CPA, CGFM, Retired Deputy Auditor of State and Des Moines AGA chapter member was named the winner of the [2019 Outstanding CPA in Government Award](#) at the AICPA National Governmental Accounting and Auditing Update Conference.
- Added 5 new members from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.
- 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.
- Recognized CGFM's 25th Anniversary at the November 20, 2019 meeting.
- Obtained Governor's proclamation of March as CGFM month.
- 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.
- CGFM Study Guides are available in the State Law Library as a resource.

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**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 twelve years.
- Bi-monthly (6) newsletters were issued during the year.
- The Chapter was the winner of the 2020 Chapter Education Award and was recognized at this year's virtual PDT.
- Kim Knight and Kaylynn Short attended the 2019 PDT in New Orleans, Louisiana, and picked up the Chapter Recognition Award, Platinum Chapter award and the Chapter Website award for the previous year's accomplishments.
- By-laws were approved and submitted to National AGA in May.