

AGA Des Moines Chapter 2022-2023 History Report

Executive Committee:

- President – Terri Walker, CPM
- President Elect, Nominations – Kaylynn Short, CPA
- Past President/NCC Representative – Terri Walker, CPM
- Secretary – Ermin Begovic
- Treasurer – Mihneta Lisinovic
- Accountability Outreach – Vacant
- Historian, Bylaws and Procedures – Janice Evans, CPA, CGFM
- Chapter Recognition – Kaylynn Short, CPA
- Communications – Angie James, CPA
- Community Service – Anita O’Hair
- Young Professionals – Kent Farver, CPA, CGFM
- Education – Randy Lagerblade, CPM
- Membership and Member Recognition – Terri Walker, CPM
- Professional Certification – Pam Sullivan, CPM
- Website Chair – Kaylynn Short, CPA

Virtual or In-Person Meetings (2 hours CPE Offered):

- Two in-person chapter meetings and no virtual chapter meetings were held this year. Many members were involved in training and/or conversion to new human resources and accounting systems the state is in the process of implementing.
- November 2, 2022, held in person at Grimes State Office Building, Room 100. This educational event titled **Overview of the Iowa Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board** provided one hour of CPE and was presented by Zach Goodrich, Executive Director of the Iowa Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board.
- February 1, 2023, held in person at Grimes State Office Building, Room 100. This educational event titled **Department of Revenue New Tax System** provided one hour of CPE and was presented by Mary Mosiman, Deputy Director & Tax Management Division Administrator & Robin Anderson, State Chief Economist & Division Administrator for Research & Policy.

Educational Audio Conferences and Seminars (36 hours CPE Offered):

- July 14, 2022, through individual links due to COVID-19. – This educational event titled **GASB Review - 2022** 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 Kinney Poynter, Executive Director, National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers (Moderator); Joel

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- Black, Chair, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB); Ann Skelton, Director of Research, GASB; and Other GASB Project Managers.
- September 28, 2022, through individual links due to COVID-19. - This educational event titled **Communications – Auditees and Auditors Working Together to Assure Accountability in Government** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Elizabeth Kearns, Director of Audit Execution NSF; Christina Sarris, Assistant General Counsel NSF; Andrew Lewis, CPA, CGFM, Partner-in-Charge, Federal Audit Practice, KPMG.
 - October 19, 2022, through individual links due to COVID-19. - This educational event titled **Internal Control – Assessing and Monitoring Controls in a Remote Environment** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. Speakers were Vanessa Maybury, MBA, PMP, CFE, Manager, BerryDunn (Moderator); Peter Scavotto, Assistant Comptroller for Risk, Commonwealth of MA; Grant Simmons, Assistant Director, Financial Management & Assurance Team, GAO; and Michael Pearson, CGFM, CPA, Financial Executive Officer, State of Idaho, Dept. of Fish and Game.
 - November 2, 2022, held in person at Grimes State Office Building, Room 100 and also through individual links for those that didn't want to attend in person. This educational event titled **Ethics – Ethical Standards in Accountability & Transparency** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was Charles Hester, CGFM, CPA, CFE.
 - November 10, 2022 (rescheduled from October 16), through individual links due to COVID-19. - This educational event titled **Leading Through Volatility** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by NASACT. The speaker was Mary C Kelly, PhD, CDR, US Navy (ret), Productive Leaders.
 - December 14, 2022, through individual links due to COVID-19. - This educational event titled **Risk Management** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Kevin Meyers, Master of Science in Public Policy Research Student, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford; Paul English Smith, JD, Vice President and General Counsel, Mountain Health Network, Inc and Cabell Huntington Hospital, Inc, and Keith Fawcett, Co-Founder and Vice President, Washington Business Dynamics.
 - January 11, 2023, through individual links due to COVID-19. - This educational event titled **Uniform Guidance & Grant Accounting** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Moderator Bert

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- Nuehring CPA, CGMA, Partner, Crowe LLP; Victoria Collin, Chief Compliance and Finance Officer, Office of Recovery Programs, Department of the Treasury; Donna Sandoval, CGFM, CISA, CISM, City Controller, City of Albuquerque; and Tina Kim CPA, CIA, CISA, CFE, Deputy Comptroller for State Government Accountability, OSC.
- February 1, 2023, provided hybrid – group in person and through individual links. - This two-hour 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 speaker was Paulina Haro, Senior Project Manager, Government Accounting Standards Board.
 - March 1, 2023, through individual links due to COVID-19. - This educational event titled **RPA/AI** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA. The speakers were Jillian Eddy, Manager of the Digital Automation Branch, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury and Dave Weekley, Director, Customer Support Division, Modernization and Customer Care, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury.
 - March 22, 2023 – through individual links due to COVID-19. - This educational event titled **Cybersecurity / ERM** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Harrison Lee, CISSP, CISA, CISM, PMP, Partner, Cotton, a Sikich Company (Moderator); Jon Boyens, Deputy Chief of the Computer Security Division, NIST Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management Lead, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Willie D. Crenshaw Jr., Program Executive, NASA (Retired); and Jon Amis, Supply Chain Risk Management Expert, (SCRM).
 - April 12, 2023, provided hybrid - group in person and through individual links. This educational event titled **Ethics** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was Megan Gaillard, Corporate Compliance Division Director, and Utilities Finance Division Director, Collier County Board of County Commissioners.
 - April 13, 2023, Spring Seminar was held hybrid with an in person option at DMACC FFA Enrichment Center or a virtual zoom option and provided 8 hours of CPE. Speakers and topics included Lisa Parker - Senior Project Manager, Government Accounting Standards Board provided **GASB Updates**; AJ Mumm - Director, Polk County Emergency Management spoke on **Keeping Polk County Ready**, Gregory Samorajski - Chief Executive Officer, Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System spoke on **IPERS Updates**; Mary Neubauer - Vice President of External Relations and Social Responsibility, Iowa Lottery, spoke on the **Iowa Lottery - Woo Hoo for You**; and Lance Noe, Zimpleman College of Business, Drake University spoke on **Ethics in the Public Sector**.

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- April 26, 2023, through individual links due to COVID-19. This educational event titled **CARES Act /ARPA** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Steven Whitney, JD, Prosci® CCMP, Senior Manager, Berry Dunn (Moderator); Stacey Linch, MPA, CIA, CISA, PCI ISA · Deputy City Auditor, City of Phoenix; Stephanie McGarrah, Executive Director, North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office; and Clarice Proctor, County Administrator/Finance Director; Androscoggin County, Maine.
- May 10, 2023, through individual links due to COVID-19 - This educational event titled **Graph Modeling and Analytics for Fraud Detection: Addressing the “Needle in a Haystack” Problem**, provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was Andrea Fletcher, Executive Director of the Digital Service Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
- May 24, 2023, through individual links due to COVID-19 - This educational event titled **The Authentic Leader**, provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was Alfred Robinson, PhD, Senior Trainer Advisor for the Department of Defense.
- 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.

Community Service Events:

- Although most events were not held in person, the chapter “passed the envelope” and collected donations for these charities through Eventbrite, which is also used for event registration and payments.
- September – October 2022 – Collected \$95 cash donations for Iowa Remembers, Inc. This organization, located in Grimes, Iowa, was founded in 2010 to remember and honor the Iowa military casualties of war from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn. Their sacrifice, and that of all the others who have died, will never be forgotten.
- November – December 2022 - Collected \$180 cash donations for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). NAMI is dedicated to improving the lives of millions of Americans affected by mental illness. Donations help support NAMI’s ongoing awareness, education and advocacy efforts, including initiatives such as expanding NAMI HelpLine’s hours and services; advocating for a better crisis response system; developing resources for youth and young adults; and updating our educational materials to better address the needs of underrepresented communities.

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- January – February 2023 - Collected \$105 cash donations for the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital Fund. The U of I Stead Family Children's Hospital is dedicated to meeting the health care needs of children and families. Services range from promoting wellness to the care of general childhood illness, surgery, traumatic injuries, life-threatening and chronic illnesses, and developmental disabilities. As part of an academic medical center, UI Stead Family Children's Hospital also performs groundbreaking research to help solve the mysteries of childhood diseases, in addition to training the next generation of health care professionals. The Stead Family Children's Hospital, who presented a brief video about the hospital at the spring hybrid conference.
- March – April 2023 – Collected \$100 cash donations for the Autism Society of Iowa. Their mission is to provide advocacy, support and information to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders, their families, professionals, and communities throughout the state of Iowa.
- May 2023 - Collected \$75 cash donations for the Animal Rescue League of Iowa (ARL). The Animal Rescue League of Iowa (ARL) is Iowa's largest nonprofit animal shelter, caring for many thousands of pets each year. The ARL serves people and pets from across the state of Iowa through its programs, which include pet adoption, humane education, pet behavior training, spay/neuter, animal cruelty intervention and much more.
- The Des Moines AGA chapter matches the first \$100 of member contributions and the national AGA match was requested for each charity.
- Additional amounts will be remitted to the charities early in the 2023-24 program year.

Early Careers Events:

- No early careers events were held during FY23.

Membership:

- Several members received recognition at the hybrid spring seminar. Membership awards were for 5 years (Kathleen Barger, Ksenia Gardino-Hammerberg, CPA, CPM, and Stephen French); 10 years (Kathleen A. Bowers, Craig Blichfeldt; Randy W. Lagerblade); 15 years (Patricia Townsend, CGFM, CPA, Margaret A. Munson); 20 years (Rosemary E. Johnson, CPA, David A. Vaudt, CPA); 25 years (Michelle Meyer, CGFM, CPA), 30 years (Andrew E Nielsen, CPA, CGFM and Ramanik P. Shah); and 45 years (Norman F. Hulscher, CGFM-Retired and Gary T. Ramacher); of AGA membership.
- Member of the Year Award – Janice Evans.

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- Added 2 new members from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. (Rebecca Brouille and Regina Kling-Navratil)
- Checked membership lists and contacted suspended members to encourage them to renew.
- Send invitations to non-members who attended 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 the Governor's CGFM proclamation in 2007 for 2007 and future years designating March as CGFM month.
- Encouraged Chapter members to become a CGFM. Provided 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.

Other Facts:

- Chapter Recognition – The Chapter earned chapter recognition points to achieve the Silver Achievement in Chapter Excellence award this year. The chapter has received the Gold, Platinum, or Silver award in each of the last fifteen years.
- Bi-monthly (6) newsletters were issued during the year.
- Kaylynn Short and Randy Lagerblade attended LEAD 2023 in Baltimore, Maryland.
- No members were able to attend 2022 Virtual PDT.