



# The AGA Ledger

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## Upcoming Events

### September 2, 2021

1:00-2:15 AGA Webinar  
Ethics—FREE  
(Individual Webinar)

### September 8, 2021

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar  
Communications  
(Individual Webinar)

### October 6, 2021

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar  
Internal Control/Improper  
Payments  
(Individual Webinar)

### November 3, 2021

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar  
Ethics  
(Individual Webinar)



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## President's Message – August 2021

Hello Everyone and Happy Fiscal New Year!

I'm Terri Walker and I am the 2021-2022 Chapter President. A little about myself. I'm a graduate of AIB College of Business and I've worked at the Department of Administrative Services for 5 1/2 years, the last 3 as an Accountant 2.

While we were hoping that COVID-19 would be a 'thing of the past' for this program year, it doesn't seem to be working out that way. So, to keep everyone safe and healthy, we will continue to offer the 13 webinars scheduled for this program year remotely. We are also hoping to provide a few Lunch n' Learn training opportunities prior to some of the webinars this year, beginning remotely then hopefully moving to an in person or hybrid format. As of now we are planning to hold the Annual Spring Seminar in person, but will continue to monitor the situation and keep you all updated.

Our first webinar of the program year is September 8th on Communications. Please visit our website form more details and the registration link. I look forward to "seeing you" at the webinar and I look forward to another great year with AGA.



Terri R Walker, CPM  
Chapter President

## Member of the Year & Years of Service Awards:

You might not know it, but members earn points for attendance at events and webinars, participating or contributing to community service events and bringing guests to a Lunch N Learn (at least once we get back to in-person Lunch N Learns). At the end of each fiscal year these points are totaled and the member with the most points (Chapter President excluded) is awarded a recognition certificate and \$25 gift card or donation to their charity of choice.

This year's competition was pretty tight. There were 9 members who earned 300 points or more, and ties for both 2nd and 3rd places, but our winner earned a whopping 425 points.

### Congratulations to 2020-2021 Member of the Year Janice Jensen!



Years of membership certificates:

#### 5 years:

Abdisamat M. Aden, CGFM  
Teresa Lynn Becker, CGFM, CPA  
Mihnetta Lisinovic  
Kaylynn D. Short, CPA  
Pam K. Sullivan

#### 10 years:

Kent A. Farver, CGFM

#### 15 years:

Natalie Storm, CGFM

#### 20 years:

Michelle Lynn Wendel, CPA

#### 30 Years:

Benjamin P. Merial, CGFM

## Open Position for 2021-2022 CEC:

The Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) for the Des Moines AGA Chapter is looking to fill three positions on the 2021-2022 CEC board and we would love to have you join us! Meetings are held virtually.



**Chapter President-Elect**—This is a three year commitment. The first year will be spent learning about the CEC and how it works while helping the Chapter President in performing his or her duties as needed. The Chapter President-Elect will also serve as the chapter's recognition chair and be responsible for reporting to National AGA on how the chapter is doing. The end of the Chapter President-Elect's term will be focused on filling any vacancies on the next year's Chapter Executive Committee. After serving one year as the Chapter President-Elect, you will serve the second year as the Chapter President leading the Chapter through its various programs and events. The third year will be spent as the immediate past president and the Des Moines Chapter representative on the National Council of Chapters (NCC). The immediate past president and NCC Rep helps CEC members in completing their assigned duties, as needed. During the three year commitment on the CEC you will have the opportunity to attend numerous annual professional development trainings and networking events hosted by National AGA.

If this position sounds like something you would be interested in or you would like more information on any of the positions, please feel free to reach out to Randy Lagerblade at [randy.lagerblade@iowa.gov](mailto:randy.lagerblade@iowa.gov) or Terri Walker at [terri.walker@iowa.gov](mailto:terri.walker@iowa.gov).

**CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan**



**Become a CGFM**

Consider studying and taking the tests to become a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

Having this certification gives you a leg up when seeking promotions.



AGA's CGFM program was specifically designed to emphasize the unique qualifications and stature of government financial managers. It recognizes skills and advanced knowledge required of those in the field. CGFM candidates must hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. And, in addition to passing three rigorous examinations and meeting an experience requirement of professional-level work in government

financial management. CGFMs agree to abide by AGA's strict Code of Ethics and complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial topics, or related technical subjects, every two years. You can earn CPE's from the CGFM just by reading Journal articles, written by subject matter experts. For more information, go to [www.agacgfm.org/journalquizzes](http://www.agacgfm.org/journalquizzes). What are you waiting for?

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Mihneta Lisinovic**

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<b>Assets</b>	
Checking	19,034.60
Less: Outstanding Items	-
Petty Cash	-
Savings	1,240.80
PayPal	572.74
Certificate of Deposit	-
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## Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember when Des Moines AGA held monthly meetings at various times and locations?

The December 2020 AGA Ledger reflected on meeting locations between 1979 and 1989. The June 2021 reflected on the 1990's and this newsletter will complete the meeting location history.

The 2000's started with locations that either served lunch or it was easily accessible and most meetings for the year were held in one or two locations. These meeting locations included the State Historical Building, the Lucas Building 6th Floor Cafeteria, the Lucas Building State Auditor's Office Training room (food available in the cafeteria), the Cub Club (lunch buffet), the Botanical Center, Noah's Ark Ristorante (RSVP with choice from three items), and the Mercy Capitol Hospital Cafeteria (now green space).

Starting in Fall 2009, attendees could either order a box lunch from Quiznos or bring their own. The Quiznos option was discontinued in 2011 and members brought their own lunch except for the complimentary pizza to celebrate CGFM month. Some years included an occasional supper meeting at local restaurants such as Baratta's, Mezzodi's, Johnny's Italian Steakhouse, Okoboji Bar and Grill, and Latin King.

Since March 2020 any monthly meetings have been held virtually.



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### Congratulations to the top ten!

Point leaders year end 2020-2021:

Janice Jensen – 425 points

Janice Evans – 390 points

Kim Knight – 390 points

Deb Moser – 350 points

Michelle Wendel – 350 points

Jonathan Mader – 320 points

Andy Nielsen – 315 points

Denise Ragias – 300 points

Penney Sells – 300 points

Randy Lagerblade – 285 points

### Congratulations to 2020-2021 Member of the Year—Janice Jensen!

### Welcome to new member July 2021:

Sarah Roemer (Young Professional, auditor)



## Training Calendar:

Please view our training calendar at

[AGA Des Moines Chapter: Training & Events](#)



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Vacant

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**Chapter Recognition Points, Terri Walker:**

Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Goals for 2021-2022 The ACE awards program, "focuses on core items that must be completed for a chapter to maintain baseline operations, and rewards varying levels of achievement".

The Des Moines CEC has set a goal of Silver, 2,000-2,900 points. However, the Chapter hopes to earn extra points by exceeding the set goals.

Here are some things our members can do to help the Des Moines Chapter exceed our goals:

- Recruit Members – our goal is to finish the 2020-2021 member year with 2 more members than we started with. Recruiters are entered into drawings at National for gift cards and other rewards, so help spread the word and recruit some members to the Des Moines Chapter!
- Recruit Student Members – our goal is to have 3 student members sign up this year. Student Memberships are free, so help us spread the word!
- Webinars and Educational Events – our goal is to achieve an average of 20 or more attendees.
- CGFM Designation – our goal is to help one member earn their CGFM during the program year. Let us know if you are interested in pursuing the CGFM as our Chapter does offer scholarships to help offset some of the costs!



The Des Moines Chapter received the Silver ACE Award for 2020-2021.

**Community Service, Anieta O'Hair**

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic we are "passing the envelope" via Eventbrite in FY2022!

This turned out to be a huge success during FY2021 and we would like to thank you all for your continued support of the charities!!

The Chapter will be "passing the envelope" in support of the Alzheimer's Association during the month of August followed by Iowa Remembers during the months of September and October 2021.



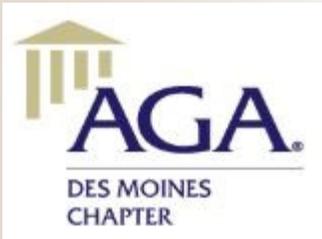
Thank you to those who have so generously donated thus far!

**Citizen Centric & Chapter History Reports:**

The Des Moines Chapter Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) and the Chapter History Report are now available on the chapter's website. Click on the report for a link to the website.

The 2019-2020 Citizen Centric Report (CCR) for the Des Moines chapter was published and posted to our chapter's website. The report can be found at the following website <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Des-Moines-Chapter/Our-Chapter/Chapter-Citizen-Centric-Report.aspx>.

This year's CCR layout was revised utilizing National's partnership with Lucid Press, a cloud based digital design software platform provider from Jordan, Utah. They provided a template option for AGA newsletters and reports that was incorporated into our 2019-2020 report. The CCR report documents our chapter's mission, vision and goals, plus chapter demographic information. It also includes performance information for key service areas, demonstrating progress (or not) over the prior year's efforts and detailed revenue and expense information highlighting changes from prior year(s). Finally it includes a look to the future and "what's next" in the year ahead, plus any foreseen challenges in meeting stated goals. Please take a look and let us know any feedback you may have for next year's report.



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Workplace Ethics  
(Individual Webinar)

### December 15, 2021

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar  
Performance Management  
(Individual Webinar)

### January 12, 2022

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar  
Uniform Guidance  
(Individual Webinar)

### February 2, 2022

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar  
GASB Update  
(Individual Webinar)



## President's Message – October 2021

Happy Fall!!!

This is a busy time for governmental accountants with GAAP Packages, budgets, and audits; but, be sure to take some time to enjoy the lower temperatures and Mother Nature's fabulous change of colors! Even with our busy schedules we had a great turnout for the Internal Control/Improper Payments webinar on October 6, with 18 attendees.

The upcoming training opportunities for 2021 are: The Influential Power of Workplace Ethics webinar on November 3rd, tickets are currently on sale through Eventbrite ending November 1st, and Performance Management webinar on December 15th. You will also be able to attend AGA's Technology & Transformation Summit 2021 on November 18th, it's free for AGA members to attend virtually. Earn up to 8 hours of CPE for FREE!

Chapter Community Service event for November/December is Toys for Tots. Keep an eye out for the Eventbrite invitation coming in November.

The CEC is currently working on the training events for the first half of 2022 including booking speakers at the all-day spring seminar in April. If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics please reach out to a member of the CEC or e-mail [aga.dsmiowa@gmail.com](mailto:aga.dsmiowa@gmail.com).

Hope everyone enjoys the beautiful fall season!

Terri R Walker, CPM  
Chapter President



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**CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan**

Certification choose the best.



CGFM or Certified Government Financial Manager is a professional certification awarded by AGA. It shows competency in: Governmental

Accounting, Auditing, Financial Reporting, Internal Controls and Budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

How do you become a CGFM?

Submit an online application and meet the following requirements:

- Ethics – Agree to abide by AGA’s code of ethics
- Education – Have a bachelor’s degree in any subject area from an accredited U.S. college or university
- Examinations – Pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations
- Experience – Have at least two years of professional level experience in government financial management

For more information, go to [www.agacgfm.org/journalquizzes](http://www.agacgfm.org/journalquizzes). What are you waiting for?

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Certificate of Deposit	-
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Do you remember when you could purchase a tax guide through AGA? The following was from the October 1981 Des Moines AGA Newsletter.

We are pleased to announce the AGA National Office has again made arrangements for our members to secure an authoritative income tax handbook at a price substantially below list.

This year, AGA has chosen Prentice Hall's "Federal Tax Handbook 1982" as the best available publication. Containing over six hundred pages, the Handbook features changes made in the tax laws right up to the date of publication. Check list—invaluable at tax time—show income items, deductions, etc., which go into the makeup of most Federal tax returns. Emphasis is on preparation of 1981 returns. The handbook will list for \$10.00. By purchasing in bulk, we will be able to secure copies for AGA members at half-price, \$5.00. Delivery is scheduled for December.

The Des Moines Chapter Annual Report of Accomplishments and Service to Members (History Report) is updated each year. Please use the following link to review these reports:

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- Kim Ashmore – 85 points
- Kaylynn Short – 85 points
- Kathy Barger – 70 points
- Randy Lagerblade – 70 points
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- Michelle Wendel – 70 points

#### Welcome to new member October 2021:

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**Community Service, Anieta O'Hair**

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We are hosting an online donation event through Eventbrite during the months of September and October for the Iowa Remembers organization. Iowa Remembers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity run solely by volunteers. Founded in 2010, Iowa Remembers is located in Grimes, Iowa. The mission of Iowa Remembers is "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." If you would like to donate to Iowa Remembers, Inc., please use the Eventbrite link to make your donation.



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follow the link to the Toys for Tots website. On their website, there is an option to click if you "want to donate a toy." A 2021 Toys for Tots Virtual Toy Drive – Des Moines has been set up through You Give Goods. On this page, you can click the "SHOP NOW" button and purchase toys that will be distributed to children in the Des Moines area. For example, a basketball, the game Ants in Your Pants, building blocks, and much more. If you choose to donate via the virtual toy drive, please let Community Service Director Anieta O'Hair know so that your donation can be included in the Chapter's totals for matching purposes.

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Carla Kelley (Des Moines Public Schools)  
 Jenny Wall (Auditor of State of Iowa)

The following memberships have been transferred from the Minneapolis—St Paul Chapter after the Chapter closed. AGA National highly recommended the Des Moines Chapter as one of preferred Chapters to see how a successful Chapter works in order to get the benefits of a local Chapter. Des Moines Chapter has gained 13 members as a result! Welcome!

William H. Andersen (Retired)  
 David S. Andrews (MN Public Employees Retirement Assn)  
 Craig Charles Blichfeldt (USDA - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service)  
 David A. Dwapu (MN Department of Revenue, student)  
 Courtney A. Jarvis (student)  
 Katelyn Johnson (Lake County)  
 Gary T. Ramacher (Retired)  
 Renee C. Redmer (Retired)  
 Ramanik P. Shah (Retired)  
 Angel Weasner (City of Crookston)  
 Volatiana Wiens (State of Minnesota)  
 Harley L. Will (Retired County)  
 Thai Yang (Washington County WFC)

**Chapter Recognition Points, Terri Walker:**

Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Goals for 2021-2022

The ACE awards program, “focuses on core items that must be completed for a chapter to maintain baseline operations, and rewards varying levels of achievement”.

The Des Moines CEC has set a goal of Silver, 2,000-2,900 points. However, the Chapter hopes to earn extra points by exceeding the set goals.

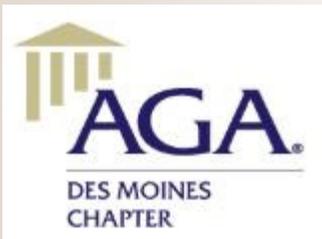
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## Upcoming Events

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1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar  
Uniform Guidance  
(Individual Webinar)

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## President's Message – December 2021

The end of 2021 is quickly approaching and while we haven't quite managed to get back to "normal", the Des Moines Chapter of AGA has worked hard to adapt and continue to support our members. We were able to hold our Annual Spring Seminar in April by going virtual along with holding 1 virtual Lunch n' Learn during the year. Throughout 2021 we offered a total of 34 hours of CPE, with an average of 24 attendees at the monthly AGA Webinars.

The Des Moines Chapter begins 2022 with 74 active members, 24 hours of CPE scheduled through the end of June, and continued support of local charities (there is still time to donate to Toys for Tots!). We have begun planning our Annual Spring Seminar, to be held on April 7<sup>th</sup>, as a hybrid event. If you have suggestions for speaker and/or topics for the Spring Seminar or even for a virtual lunch n' learn, please reach out to a member of the CEC or e-mail

[aga.dsmiowa@gmail.com](mailto:aga.dsmiowa@gmail.com).



Happy Holidays!

Terri R Walker, CPM  
Chapter President



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**CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan**



With all the craziness of 2021 that we don't have any control over, are you ready to make a New Year's Resolutions for 2022 that you can control? Make 2022 your year to add CGFM Certification to your resume and fulfill your resolution. CGFM is a great way to increase your knowledge with a professional certification. Have you considered the CGFM program offered through AGA? The Des Moines chapter has 36 CGFM. The program has four components which include ethics, education, examinations and experience. This is an opportunity to expand your career opportunities with the completion of the CGFM Certification.

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Petty Cash	-
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PayPal	976.74
Certificate of Deposit	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>19,468.20</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Equity-Unreserved	19,468.20
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## Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember when there was a Midwest Regional Financial Management workshop at Tan-Tar-A Resort on Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks and strategic planning was the rage? I was fortunate to attend a couple of the workshops and the resort is beautiful (though it was cold in November) and the training was great. The following are excerpts from an article on strategic planning written by Steve Bolie, AGA Des Moines President Elect from the December 1990 Newsletter after attending one of the workshop sessions.



Strategic planning is the rage in business and government these days. In government and non-for-profit the list of constituencies is more difficult than in for-profit but, strategic planning is more important and works better in the government and not-for-profit arena.

Strategic planning is a continuous process which helps an organization focus its key factors on its primary purpose. The initial planning stage instills strategic thinking into an organization so that each part of the organization evaluates its activities according to the goals of the organization. Following are four sets of questions that add up to strategic planning.

- What business are we in? What set of needs are we equipped to meet?
- What markets (constituents do we serve)?
- What products/services does our organization bring to the market?
- What differentiating style does the organization wish to be known by?

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- Kathy Barger – 105 points
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- Penney Sells – 105 points
- Mary Mosiman – 105 points
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### **Welcome to new member October 2021:**

Emery P. Banguid, CGFM (US Attorney's Office Northern Iowa)

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## Are You Up to Date? Renew your AGA Membership Today!

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please don't let that stop you! Here are 3 options:

Online: Members should log in to [My AGA](#) with their user name (it's their AGA ID unless they changed it) and password.

Via phone: Members should call 800-242-7211 extension 301.

Need a paper invoice or need to make changes to record/invoice? Members should send an invoice request and questions to [agamembers@agacgfm.org](mailto:agamembers@agacgfm.org).



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We are hosting an online donation event through Eventbrite during the months of November and December for Toys for Tots. Established in 1947, Toys for Tots is the U.S. Marine Corps' premiere community action program and America's most popular Children's Christmastime Charity. It is the combined efforts of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. Their mission today is the same as it was in 1947: to bring the joy of Christmas to America's less fortunate children. If you would like to donate to Toys for Tots, please use the Eventbrite link to make your donation.

We would like to invite and encourage Chapter members to submit suggestions for future Community Service contributions or events. Also as our Chapter now includes members from the State of Minnesota, we would greatly appreciate receiving suggestions for Community Service organizations of

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**Historian Corner continued...**

The four steps used to begin the strategic planning process in an organization mentioned in the workshop were Situational Analysis, Development of the Superordinate Goal, Development of Strategies to achieve the Goal and Making the Tactical Decisions to Implement the Plan. Typically, the strategic planning process requires one-year to begin, but the cycle, and benefits it starts continues for many years.

The Des Moines Chapter Annual Report of Accomplishments and Service to Members (History Report) is updated each year. Please use the following link to review these reports:

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**Chapter Recognition Points, Terri Walker:**

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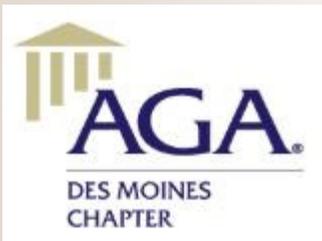
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Shenandoah Valley Chapter  
(Individual Webinar)  
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(Individual Webinar)



### President's Message – February 2022

It's February and spring is right around the corner!

In March, upcoming training opportunities consist of 3 webinars. Beginning on March 2<sup>nd</sup> with *Improper Payments: Leveraging Technology to Improve Payment Integrity*. Followed by the Members Only Webinar on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Then finally on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Cybersecurity/ERM the webinar *Attacks on Key Infrastructure: How to Prepare and Respond!*

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I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!



Terri R Walker, CPM  
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**CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan**



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- The CEC is always looking for Chapter Members to serve on the CEC and there's clearly an incentive if you're considering the CGFM.
- Study guides (CGFM) are available at the State Library for members to check out.
- Are you ready to commit to CGFM?



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## Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

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- **Robert W. King Award** – Established in honor of the Association's founding president, made to a member of the Association for significant distinguished service that enhanced the Association's national prestige and status. (still awarded annually to an AGA member)
  - **Distinguished Leadership Award** – Conferred on individuals in government service (federal, state, and local) who have provided notable sustained outstanding leadership contributing to improvements in financial management over a period of years. (appears to now be called the Frank Greathouse Distinguished Award and awarded annually and membership is not required.)
  - **Achievement of the Year Award** – According national recognition to the recipient of a chapter award during the year for leadership or outstanding achievement in improving financial management in government (federal, state, and local) (still awarded annually and membership is not required.)
  - **Chapter Service Award** – Made to AGA members in each one of the Chapter Activities Program Groups for outstanding contributions to the development and enhancement of the chapter, bringing substantive recognition and credit to chapter activities. (Appears to now be called the Volunteer of the Year Award)
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2. Log in with your AGA ID and password.
3. Click "Proceed to Checkout."
4. Verify AGA membership dues and/or CGFM renewal amount(s).
5. Click "Check Out" and enter credit card payment.
6. Click "Submit Payment."

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**Community Service, Anieta O'Hair**

The Chapter received \$350 in member contributions for the Toys for Tots fundraising event during the months of November and December 2021. Total year to date member contributions towards Community Service donation events totaled \$1,045 through the end of December. Thank you so much for your generous contributions and participation in these events!



The current Community Service donation event underway through the end of March 2022 is for the Animal Rescue League of Iowa. The 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 ARL is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The ARL's mission is to promote animal welfare, strengthen the human-animal bond, and prevent the overpopulation of pets.

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**Historian Corner continued...**

- Elmer Staats Award (federal) (one award)
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- Private Sector Financial Excellence Award (private sector – state/local) (one award annually)
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- Educator Award (one award annually)
- International Achievement Award (one award annually)
- Cornelius E Teirney / EY Research Award (one award annually)
- Relmond P. Van Daniker Government Transparency Award (one award annually to a government)
- Emerging Leader Award of Excellence (one award annually)
- National President’s Award (selected by the national president)
- Author Award (award winners selected by the AGA Journal’s Editorial Board)

**Chapter Recognition Points, Terri Walker:**

As of November 30<sup>th</sup> the Des Moines Chapter on track to receive the points necessary to receive the Silver Award. However, the Chapter hopes to earn the Gold Award by exceeding the goal set at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Here are some things our members can do to help the Des Moines Chapter exceed our goals:

- Recruit Members – our goal is to finish the 2020-2021 member year with 2 more members than we started with. Recruiters are entered into drawings at National for gift cards and other rewards, so help spread the word and recruit some members to the Des Moines Chapter!
- Recruit Student Members – our goal is to have 3 student members sign up this year. Student Memberships are free, so help us spread the word!
- Webinars and Educational Events – our goal is to achieve an average of 20 or more attendees.
- CGFM Designation – our goal is to help one member earn their CGFM during the program year. Let us know if you are interested in pursuing the CGFM as our Chapter does offer scholarships to help offset some of the costs!



The Des Moines Chapter received the Silver ACE Award for 2020-2021.



## Upcoming Events

### April 20, 2022

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar  
CARES Act  
(Individual Webinar)

### April 25-26, 2022

Virtual Online 2022  
Maryland Fraud  
Conference

### April 28, 2022

11:00-12:00 AGA Webinar  
Shenandoah Valley  
(FREE for Members)

### May 11, 2022

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar  
Fraud/Data Analytics  
(Individual Webinar)

### June 8, 2022

1:00-3:00 AGA Webinar  
Leadership  
(Individual Webinar)



## President's Message – April 2022

Whew! Another spring conference successfully completed!

We had 6 interesting speakers, beginning with AGA National President Gerry Boaz speaking on GASB, Accounting & Auditing Updates. Iowa Department of Management (DOM), Fiscal & Policy Senior, Lori Conner gave an overview of the Federal Funds Received for the Pandemic. Iowa Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Director, Adam Steen spoke on Creating Order in Chaos. Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) IT Specialist 5, Jesse Martinez gave a talk on current OCIO Security. Iowa Office of the Attorney General (AG) Chief of Staff, Lynn Hicks provided information on Fraud Affecting Government Employees. AGA National Field Representative, Bobby Derrick provided 2 hours of Ethics training. And, CEO of the Animal Rescue League (ARL) of Iowa, Tom Colvin stopped in to accept a check from our Chapter for his organization. Thank you to all the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members for all the time and talent you put into organizing our first ever hybrid event! Surveys will be distributed soon, please take a few minutes to respond and give us your opinion on how we did.

Thank you for your support of the Des Moines Chapter!

Terri R Walker, CPM  
Chapter President



Pictured left...Lynn Hicks from the Iowa Office of the Attorney General



Pictured left...Terri Walker with Lori Conner from the Iowa Department of Management.

Pictured right...Randy Lagerblade introduces Jesse Martinez from the Office of the Chief Information Officer



Pictured above...Adam Steen, Iowa Department of Administrative Services Director.

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### 2022 Spring Seminar

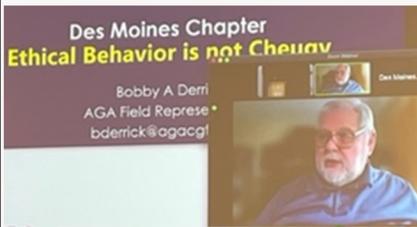
What a great time on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the 2022 Spring Seminar! We had speakers from Tennessee and Indiana, as well as four local speakers representing DAS, OCIO, AG, and DOM. This was our first ever “Hybrid” event for both speakers and participants...but only those who went “in-person” got to enjoy the continental breakfast, Hy-Vee catered lunch, snacks and a goodie bag.

However, this was only possible because the members of the CEC pooled their talents to organize and host this event. The CEC is looking to fill a few vacancies and we’re hopeful you will join us. Bring your talents, skills or just a willingness to learn and grow with the Des Moines Chapter – AGA. The commitment is minimal but the benefits are huge.



Pictured above...AGA National President Gerry Boaz presented on GASB, Accounting & Auditing Updates in-person.

Pictured below... AGA National Field Representative, Bobby Derrick spoke on Ethics virtually.



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Spring Conference Revenues	10,500.00	93.87%	9,856.00
Donations	600.00	165.83%	995.00
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Member Incentives	175.00	0.00%	-
Donations	1,200.00	43.51%	522.13
Insurance	325.00	0.00%	-
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-
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<b>Rev over (under) Exp</b>	<b>(0.50)</b>		<b>8,098.70</b>
Beginning Balance July 1, 2021			20,848.14
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### Treasurer’s Report, Mihneta Lisinovic

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Petty Cash	-
Savings	1,240.89
PayPal	10,755.95
Certificate of Deposit	-
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**Membership Milestones:**

Laura Wernimont 5 Years  
 Gabriel Stafford, CPA 10 Years  
 Patricia Townsend, CGFM, CPE 15 Years  
 Andrew Nielsen, CGFM 30 Years  
 Ramanik Shah, CGFM-Retired 30 Years

Those attending the seminar in person received their certificates of recognition from Chapter President Terri Walker. Also, due to COVID cancellation of the 2020 seminar, the following in attendance at this year's seminar received their 2020 recognition certificates:

Pam Bormann 30 Years  
 Janice Jensen 25 Years



Also recognized were the current CEC members attending in person: Kaylynn Short, Randy Lagerblade, Anieta O'Hair, Pam Sullivan, Ermin Begovic, and Terri Walker.



**Membership Corner, Janice Jensen:**

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please don't let that stop you! Even though AGA membership and CGFM renewal payments were due March 31, if you still need to take care of your dues your memberships are now in a renewal grace period until May 31.

Welcome to new members who joined in March!

- Cheri Myers, Chief Financial Officer at Iowa Department for the Blind
- Alexander N. Kawamura, Senior Auditor II at Iowa Auditor of State



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## Upcoming Events

### June 30, 2022

1:00-2:15 AGA Webinar  
Accountability  
FREE AGA Members  
(Individual Webinar)

### AGA Des Moines

Visit the [AGA Des Moines Chapter Event Calendar](#) to obtain information for upcoming events.



### President's Message – June 2022

It's hard to believe my first year as President of the Des Moines Chapter AGA is coming to a close. I want to thank everyone who served on the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) for 2021-2022. It was their dedication and hard work that allowed the Chapter to hold its first ever hybrid seminar while simultaneously keeping the normal business running smoothly.

As this program year comes to an end at the end of the month and a new program year starts, be sure to consider attending one of the upcoming training opportunities. On June 30<sup>th</sup> there is a Free AGA Members Only webinar on: *A Conversation with Comptroller General, Gene Dodaro*; then on July 14<sup>th</sup> join us for the NASACT GASB Review webinar; and the AGA Annual PDT 2022, will be from July 17-20<sup>th</sup> this year in Anaheim, CA or Virtual.

I am looking forward to serving as both the Chapter President and the Chapter's Representative on the National Council of Chapters (NCC) in the upcoming program year. As always, if anyone is interested in volunteering on the Des Moines Chapter CEC, please reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Terri R Walker, CPM  
Chapter President



### 2022-2023 CEC Update & Open Positions:

- President – Terri Walker
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- President Elect/Nominations/Recognition – Kaylynn Short
- Secretary – Ermin Begovic
- Treasurer – Mihneta Lisinovic
- Accountability \_\_\_\_\_
- CGFM/Professional Certification- Pam Sullivan
- Early Careers/Young Professionals – Kent Farver
- Community Service – Anieta O'Hair
- Communications – Angela James
- Education – Randy Lagerblade
- Membership \_\_\_\_\_
- Chapter Historian \_\_\_\_\_
- Bylaws & Procedures – Randy Lagerblade
- Webmaster – Kaylynn Short



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## CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan

Summer is upon us and the fiscal year is about to close have you considered CGFM certification?

Here's why you should consider enrolling and completing CGFM Certification:

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If you have any questions about the process, please contact the Office of Professional

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**Historian’s Corner, Janice Evans:**



Do you remember when Iowa had a State Comptroller’s Office and Ron F. Mosher, CPA, State Comptroller spoke at the June 4, 1979 AGA meeting on “You Can Help Cut Taxes”?

Following is a portion of the meeting notice from the June 1979 newsletter.

Ronald F. Mosher is the State Comptroller for Iowa. As the chief financial officer of the state, his primary responsibility is to provide advice to the Governor on all aspects of government finance. The Comptroller Office includes the functions of accounting, budgeting, data processing and labor

It appears the State Comptroller’s Office was eliminated during the 1986 legislative session and duties went to the Department of Management, the Department of Revenue and Finance, and the Department of General Services. The following are excerpts from the Iowa Legislative Service Bureau’s publication [Summary of Legislation, Iowa General Assembly 1986 Session](#).

The Department of Management assumes most of the responsibilities of the State Comptroller except for accounting and tax credit disbursement functions which are transferred to the Department of Revenue and Finance, and the data processing function which is moved to the Department of General Services. The State Comptroller functions, which the Department of Management will perform, include pre-audit of claims, warrant issuance, and contract reviews. Functions the Department assumes from the Office for Planning and Programming include planning and budget preparation. The State Appeal Board becomes a part of the Department, and the State Comptroller’s position on the Board is replaced by the Director of Management.

The name of the Department of Revenue is changed to the Department of Revenue and Finance to reflect the Department’s assumption of the State Comptroller’s accounting and tax credit disbursement functions and the Lottery Agency.

The current Department of General Services assumes additional responsibilities which include: coordinating building and office space leasing for all state agencies; providing communications services; and coordinating data processing (assumed from the State Comptroller).

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**Membership Corner, Janice Jensen:**

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- 20 points—attend a lunch ‘n learn (LNL)
- 15 points—community service event (participation or donation per event)  
Contact [Roo4sun@aol.com](mailto:Roo4sun@aol.com) to report community service participation.
- 10 points—for each guest you bring to a (LNL)

**Top Point Leaders 2021-2022:**

- Penney Sells – 400 points
- Kimberly Ashmore – 330 points
- Mary Mosiman – 315 points
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