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Executive Committee:

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

Virtual or In-Person Meetings (0 hours CPE Offered):

- No in-person chapter meetings were held during the year due to COVID-19. 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.

Educational Audio Conferences and Seminars (34 hours CPE Offered):

- July 14, 2021, through individual links due to COVID-19. – This educational event titled **GASB Review - 2021** 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 Joel Black, Chair, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB); Ann Skelton, Director of Research, GASB; Other GASB Project Managers
- September 8, 2021, through individual links due to COVID-19. - This educational event titled **Communications – Connectedness: Changing Communications Expectations in a World of Hybrid Work** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Jay Hoffman, CGFM, CFO, US Patent and Trademark Office; David Cotton, Deputy CFO, Department of Commerce; Jonathan Clinton, Acting Deputy CFO, GSA.

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- October 6, 2021, through individual links due to COVID-19. - This educational event titled **Internal Control / Improper Payments** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. Speakers were Carolyn Dempster, Director, Data Integrity and Financial Controls Division, Department of Education; Jesse Simons, Chief, Payments and Analytics Branch, National Science Foundation (NSF); Gabriella Csepe, Director of Funds Control Assurance Division, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and Jon Dolloff, Associate Director, Financial Services Segment, Guidehouse.
- November 3, 2021, through individual links due to COVID 19. - This educational event titled **Ethics: The Influential Power of Workplace Ethics** 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 Coleman, Empowerment Coach, Trainer and Speaker, KMC Empowerment, LLC.
- December 15, 2021, through individual links due to COVID-19. - This educational event titled **Performance 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 Martin O'Malley, Former Governor of Maryland; Jed Hermann, Senior Advisor for Policy Outreach, U.S. Department of the Treasury; Lauren Larson, Director, Governor's Office of State Planning & Budgeting, Colorado, and Harry Black, City Manager, City of Stockton, CA.
- January 12 2022, through individual links due to COVID-19. - This educational event titled **Uniform Guidance: Compliance and Management of the Pandemic Relief 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 Jeff Arkin, Director, Strategic Issues GAO; and Melinda Miguel, PMP, CIG, Chief Inspector General State of Florida, Executive Office of the Governor.
- February 2, 2022, through individual links due to COVID-19. - This two-hour educational event titled **GASB Update** provided 1.4 hour of CPE due to the timing of the attendance tracking letters 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 2, 2022, through individual links due to COVID-19. - This educational event titled **Improper Payments** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA. The speaker was Eva Robinson, Managing Director, Public Segment Head for Treasury Services J.P. Morgan
- March 23, 2022 – 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 speaker was Hiep Vo, Security Division Manager, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC).

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- April 6, 2022, through individual links due to COVID-19 - This educational event titled **Ethics Update and “More Ethical Dilemmas – You Make the Calls** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Melinda DeCorte, CGFM, CPA, CFE, PMP – Partner, Cotton & Company LLP, Chair of AGA Professional Ethics Board; and Dave Cotton, CGFM, CPA, CFE – Chairman, Cotton & Company, Vice Chair of AGA Professional Ethics Board
- April 7, 2022, 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 Gerry Boaz, AGA’s National President 2021-2022 provided a GASB Update and spoke on Accounting & Auditing; Lori Conner, Fiscal & Policy Analyst Senior, Iowa Department of Management spoke on Federal Funds Received for the Pandemic; Adam Steen, Director, Iowa Department of Administrative Services spoke on Creating Order in Chaos; Jesse Martinez, IT Specialist 5, Iowa Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) spoke on OCIO Security; Lynn Hicks, Office of the Attorney General spoke on Fraud Affecting Government Employees; and Bobby Derrick, AGA National’s Field Representative and Past National President (2004-2005) spoke on Ethics.
- April 20, 2022, through individual links due to COVID-19. This educational event titled **CARES Act: Challenges and Solutions to Oversight of Pandemic Relief Funds** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Robert Westbrook, Executive Director, Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC); Beryl Davis, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; Melinda Miguel, President-Elect, AGA and Chief Inspector General, State of Florida, Executive Office of the Governor; and Vigay D’Souza, Partner, Cotton & Company.
- May 12, 2022, through individual links due to COVID-19 - 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 Brett Baker, PhD, CPA, CISA, Inspector General NARA; Nicole Puri, Chief Risk Officer, Bureau of the Fiscal Service; and Jamie Chambers, MS, CGFM, CIA, CGAP, Internal Auditor WV Department of Homeland Security, Division of Administrative Services.
- June 8, 2022, through individual links due to COVID-19 - This educational event titled **Leadership**, provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was Steve Roncone, Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement.
- 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.

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Community Service Events:

Although 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.

- August - September, 2021 – Collected cash donations for the Alzheimer’s Association. The Alzheimer’s Association leads the way to end Alzheimer’s and all other dementia – by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Chapter members also joined the September 25, 2021 Walk to End Alzheimer’s event. \$1,025 was donated to the Alzheimer’s Association, including member contributions, the chapter match and the national match.
- September – October 2021 – Collected donations of cash 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. \$285 was donated to Iowa Remembers, including member contributions, the chapter match and the national match.
- November – December 2021 - Collected cash donations 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 effort of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve and the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. The mission today is the same as it was in 1947: to bring the joy of Christmas to America’s less fortunate children. \$800 was donated to Toys for Tots, including member contributions, the chapter match and the national match.
- February – March 2022 - Collected cash donations for the Animal Rescue League of Iowa. 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. A check for \$775 from member contributions, the chapter match and the national match was presented to the ARL CEO, Tom Colvin, who gave a brief overview of the ARL at the spring hybrid conference. The donations included at the hybrid spring conference.
- April – May 2022 – Collected donations of cash 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. \$400 was donated to the Autism Society of Iowa including member contributions, the chapter match and the national match.
- June 2022 – Collected donations of cash for the Food Bank of Iowa. Their mission is to provide food for Iowa children, families, and seniors to lead full and active lives, strengthening the communities where they live. \$440 was

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donated to the Food Bank of Iowa including member contributions, the chapter match and the national match.

The Des Moines AGA chapter matched the first \$100 of member contributions and the national AGA match was requested for each charity.

Early Careers Events:

- No early careers events were held during FY22.

Membership:

- Several members received recognition at the hybrid spring seminar. Membership awards were for 5 years (Laura Wernimont), 10 years (Gabriel Stafford, CPA), 15 years (Patricia Townsend, CGFM, CPA) 30 years (Andrew Nielsen, CPA, CGFM, Ramanik Shah, CGFM) of AGA membership.
- Member of the Year Award – Penny Sells.
- Added 6 new members from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. (Carla Kelley, Jenny Wall, Emery P. Banguid, Cheri Myers, Alexander N. Kawamura, Barbara Nemeth)
- Welcomed 13 members transferred from the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter after their Chapter closed. (William H. Andersen, David S. Andrews, Craig Charles Blichfeldt, David A. Swapu, Courtney A. Jarvis, Katelyn Johnson, Gary T. Ramacher, Renee C. Redmer, Raminik P. Shah, Angel Weasner, Volatiana Wiens, Harley L. Will, and Thai Yang)
- Checked membership lists and contacted suspended members to encourage them to renew.
- Sent email 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 a Governor's proclamation of 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.

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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 fourteen years.
- Bi-monthly (6) newsletters were issued during the year.
- No members were able to attend LEAD 2022.
- Terri Walker and Randy Lagerblade attended the 2021 Virtual PDT.
- Randy Lagerblade received the 2021-2022 Volunteer of the Year award.