

AGA Des Moines Chapter 2023-2024 History Report

Executive Committee:

- President – Kaylynn Short, CPA, CPM
- President Elect, Nominations – Vacant
- Past President/NCC Representative – Terri Walker, CPM
- Secretary – Ermin Begovic
- Treasurer – Mihneta Lisinovic
- Accountability Outreach – Vacant
- Historian, Bylaws and Procedures – Janice Evans, CPA, CGFM - Retired
- Bylaws and Procedures – Regina Kling-Navratil, CPA
- Achievements in Chapter Excellence – Kaylynn Short, CPA, CPM
- Communications – Angie James, CPA
- Community Service – Anita O’Hair
- Early Careers– Laura Deavers
- Education – Randy Lagerblade, CPM
- Membership and Member Recognition – Abdisamat Aden, CGFM
- Professional Certification – Pam Sullivan, CPM
- Website Chair – Terri Walker, CPM

Virtual or In-Person Meetings (5 hours CPE Offered):

- Five in-person chapter meetings and no virtual chapter meetings were held this year.
- September 27, 2023, held in person at Grimes State Office Building, Room 100. This educational event titled **Overview of Des Moines Financials** provided one hour of CPE and was presented by Nick Schaul, Finance Director, and Carrie Kruse, Economic Development Coordinator, City of Des Moines.
- October 18, 2023, held in person at Grimes State Office Building, Room 100. This educational event titled **Role of the Auditor in Regards to Elections and Other Duties** provided one hour of CPE and was presented by Jamie Fitzgerald, Polk County Auditor.
- February 7, 2024, held in person at Grimes State Office Building, Room 100. This educational event titled **Role of the Historical Society Grants and General Information about What the Society Does** provided one hour of CPE and was presented by Kristen Vander Molen, State Historical Society Grants Manager.
- March 6, 2024, held in person at Grimes State Office Building, Room 100. This educational event titled **Leading with Gratitude** provided one hour of CPE and was presented by Matt Strawn, CEO of the Iowa Lottery.
- May 8, 2024, held in person at Grimes State Office Building, Room 100. This educational event titled **Overview of ICN and New ICN Projects** provided one

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hour of CPE and was presented by Stephanie DeVault, ICN Business Services Bureau Chief and Jessica Schlesselman, ICN Account Consultant.

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

- July 13, 2023, through individual links. – This educational event titled **GASB Review - 2023** 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, NASACT (Moderator); Joel Black, Chair, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB); and Other GASB Project Managers.
- September 27, 2023, provided hybrid - group in person at Grimes State Office Building, Room 100 and through individual links. - This educational event titled **Moving Beyond Communication and Discovering Connection is Key!** 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, Founder KMC Empowerment.
- October 18, 2023, through individual links. - This educational event titled **Internal Control – Testing Aspects of a Mature Control Environment Efficiently** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. Speakers were Alyssa Smiley, Acting Risk Management & Assurance Division Director, Office of the Chief Financial Officer at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Donnie Holzinger, Assistant Director with the Risk Management and Assurance Division, DHS Office of the Chief Financial Officer; and Karissa Matthews, Financial Management Specialist, Department of Homeland Security.
- November 8, 2023, through individual links. - This educational event titled **Ethical Blind Spots in Leadership- Pursuit of the Good Life** 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 McCarthy, CSP - CEO Blind Spots Global /Keynote Speaker / Author / Trainer / Coach.
- December 13, 2023, through individual links. - This educational event titled **Risk Management - Innovation Risk Management - Tools to Drive Big Change** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA Chapter and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Isaac E. Hernandez, PMP - Senior Risk Advisor - Office of Executive Director at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Edward Johnson - Chief Financial Officer, Retired, Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- January 17, 2024, provided hybrid – group in person at Grimes State Office Building, Room 100 and through individual links. - This educational event titled **Uniform Guidance and 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 Victoria Collin, Chief Compliance and Finance Officer of Recovery Programs, Department of the Treasury; Laura DuFief, CPA, Senior Auditor, Financial Management & Assurance, U.S.

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Government Accountability Office; and Moderator Bert Nuehring, CPA - Partner, Crowe.

- February 7, 2024, 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 Alan Skelton, CPA, Director of Research and Technical Activities, GASB.
- March 6, 2024, provided hybrid – group in person and through individual links. - This educational event titled **RPA/AI - Innovative CFO's Addressing Transformation using Process Intelligence** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Janet Morrow, ARM | Director, Director of Risk Assessment and Compliance Division, Office of Management and Enterprise Services; Martina Miles Johnson, Manufacturing Technology Integrator, Research & Development Information, Operations HQ Defense Logistics Agency; and Moderator Aubrey Vaughan, Public Sector Executive Celonis.
- March 27, 2024 – through individual links. - This educational event titled **Cybersecurity/ERM - Trends in Ransomware and Identity Theft** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speakers were Josh Leiling, Assistant Director - U.S. Government Accountability Office, Jordan Ginsberg, Assistant United States Attorney - Eastern District of Louisiana, Carl Hoecker, Former Inspector General - United States Securities and Exchange Commission, Moderator Loren Schwartz, CPA, CISSP, CISA - Partner at Sikich.
- April 10, 2024, provided hybrid - group in person and through individual links. This educational event titled **Ethics - Using Ethical Coaching to Grow Your Leadership Team!** provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker was Kevin Coleman, Empowerment Coach/Trainer/Speaker - KMC Empowerment.
- April 11, 2024, Spring Seminar was held in person at DMACC FFA Enrichment Center and provided 8 hours of CPE. Speakers and topics included Scott Reeser - Senior Project Manager, Government Accounting Standards Board provided **GASB Updates** and **GASB Technical Agenda**; Zach Goodrich - Executive Director, Iowa Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board provided **Ethics**; Melissa Finestead, CFE, Director and Jim Cunninham, CPA, Deputy Auditor, Office of Auditor of State provided **Fraud Findings by the State Auditor's Office** and Joe Erion, MBA, CFE, CECFE, Special Agent, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation provided **Combating White Collar Crime**.
- April 24, 2024 – through individual links. - This educational event titled **Hot Topics in ARPA Grant Management** 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, Moderator Senior Manager, Berry Dunn;

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Mary Brown, Grant Manager Boise, Idaho; Kevin Englebert, Director Development and Land Services Outagamie County, WI.

- May 8, 2024, provided hybrid - group in person and through individual links. This educational event titled **Grants: Protecting Programs, ensuring mission impact and reducing Fraud at the Federal, State, and Subrecipient Levels**, 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, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE); Amanda Seese, Principal Director for Mission Strategy and Product Development - Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC) and Moderator, Gary Cantrell, Specialist Leader - Deloitte.
- May 22, 2024, provided through individual links. This educational event titled **Leadership - Creating Moments that Matter**, provided 2 hours of CPE and was a webinar hosted by the Des Moines AGA and sponsored by National AGA. The speaker were Calandra D. Layne, Director, Financial Improvement and Audit Remediation, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) (OUSD(C)), Department of Defense (DoD); Jon J. Rychalski - Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA); Lynn Moaney - Deputy Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and moderator Wendy Morris, CPA, CGFM, PMP - Public Sector Principal, BDO Public Sector, LLC.
- Also provided information on other continuing education opportunities sponsored by National AGA, Region 3 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.
- February 2024 - Collected \$145 cash donations for the Special Olympics. Since 1968, Special Olympics Iowa has been a statewide movement that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sports. Using sports as the catalyst, and including programming on health, leadership and education, Special Olympics is fighting inactivity, injustice and intolerance. As a result, people with intellectual disabilities become accepted and valued members of their communities, which leads to a more respectful and inclusive society for all.
- March -April 2024 - Collected \$105 cash donations for the Food Bank of Iowa (Food Bank). The Food Bank is committed to creating a hunger-free Iowa and provides food that helps Iowa children, families, seniors, and veterans lead full and active lives, strengthening the communities where they live. More than 300,000 Iowans struggle to afford nutritious food. The Food Bank gathers and distributes more than 1.5 million pounds of

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nutritious food each month to 700 partners across 55 Iowa counties, getting help to those who need it the most.

- June 2024– Collected \$20 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.
- The Des Moines AGA chapter matches the first \$100 of member contributions and the national AGA match was requested for each charity.
- Collections from the prior year were remitted to Iowa Remembers, Inc.; Family Children’s Hospital in Iowa City; National Alliance on Mental Illness, Autism Society of Iowa, and Animal Rescue League of Iowa in January 2024.

Early Careers Events:

- Two early careers events were held during FY24. On Mar 4, 2024 Laura Deavers and Kaylynn Short spoke to accounting students in a lecture hall at Drake University in Des Moines. Apr 3, 2024, Laura Deavers, Kaylynn Short and Janice Evans presented information and answered questions for students at Grandview University in Des Moines.

Membership:

- Several members received recognition at the spring seminar. Membership awards were for 5 years (Ermin Begovic and Stephanie Bernard and Terri R. Walker, CPM); 15 years (Penny K. Sells); 25 years (Matt Coulter, CGFM, Suzanne Dahlstrom, CPA, CGFM, and Katherine Rupp, CPA), 30 years (David S. Andrews, CGFM and Deborah Moser, CPA, CGFM), 35 years (Cheryl D. Mather, CGFM-Retired, CPA, Cheryl M. Williams, CPA, CGFM); and 45 years (James D. Anderson, CGFM-Retired); of AGA membership.
- Member of the Year Award – Angie James.
- Added seven new members from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. (Laura Deavers, Denna Hood, Adam Kerkove, Dawn Reinertson, Gail Tenney, Francis Thurman, and Tammy White)
- 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.

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- 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 Gold 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.
- Randy Lagerblade attended LEAD 2024 in Baltimore, Maryland.
- Kaylynn Short attended the 2024 PDT and was recognized with a Gold Annual Service Award.
- Laura Deavers was recognized at PDT with a Volunteer of the Year Award