

About Us

AGA is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality and effectiveness of government fiscal administration and program performance and accountability. AGA is divided into 8 geographic areas across the United States and includes chapters in Mexico City, Puerto Rico, and Pacific Rim. The Des Moines chapter was chartered in 1977 and is included in Region 3, along with chapters in Kansas, Mexico City, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas.

Purpose

AGA is a professional association advancing accountability, transparency and leadership by promoting education, certification, innovation and collaboration across all levels of government and to stakeholders. The Des Moines Chapter serves its members by providing or sponsoring appropriate educational programs, encouraging professional development, influencing governmental financial management policies and practices, and serving as an advocate for the profession.

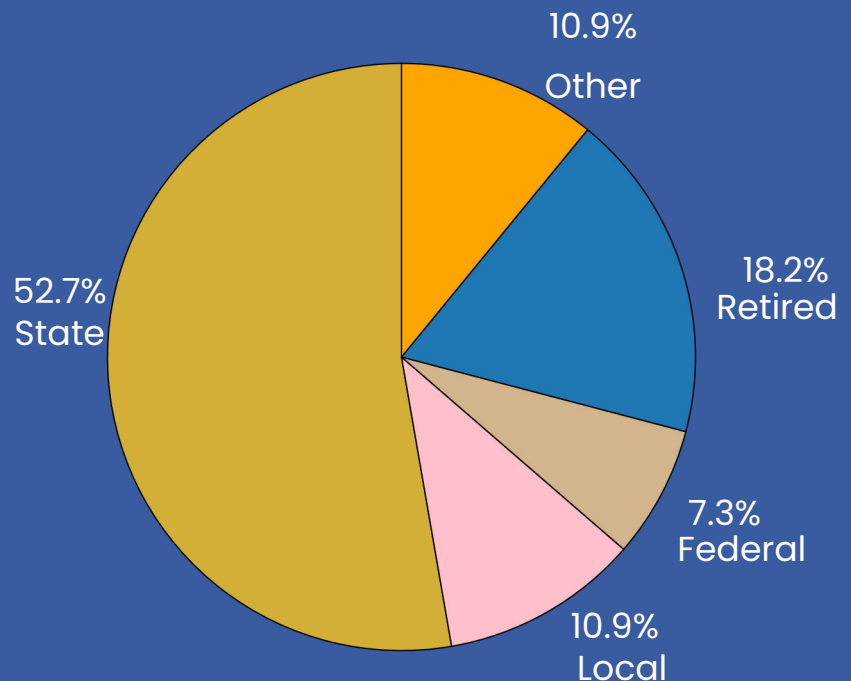
Vision

AGA endeavors to be the premier association for advancing governmental accountability.

Strategic Goals

- Provide approximately 40 CPE during the year for CPA's & CGFM's
- Maintain membership base
- Support and raise money for local charities during the year
- Build relationships with Local Colleges and Universities

Demographic Data



For more information, please visit our website:

<https://chapters.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Des-Moines-Chapter/Home.aspx.html>

2025–2026 Year in Review

Education

Provided a total of 39 CPE hours

- 8 Lunch 'n Learns
- 11 Webinars
- 1 All-Day Seminar

Meetings

- Chapter Executive Committee met monthly
- 7 Member Business Meetings were held
- One Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon held

Community Service

Supported 4 local charities
Raised \$1,210 Donated
\$1,610, including Chapter
Match

CGFM

- Obtained the Governor's CGFM proclamation in 2007 for 2007 and future years designating March as CGFM Month in the State of Iowa
- 2 Study Guides available through the State Library
- Encouraged Chapter members to gain their CGFM certification in the Chapter Newsletters and at events.
- Virtual Study Guide was given to one member during the year

Membership

- 7 new members joined during the year.
- 55 Active Members at June 30, 2026
- 21 Members have their CGFM
- 23 Members have their CPA
- 1 Student Member at June 30, 2026

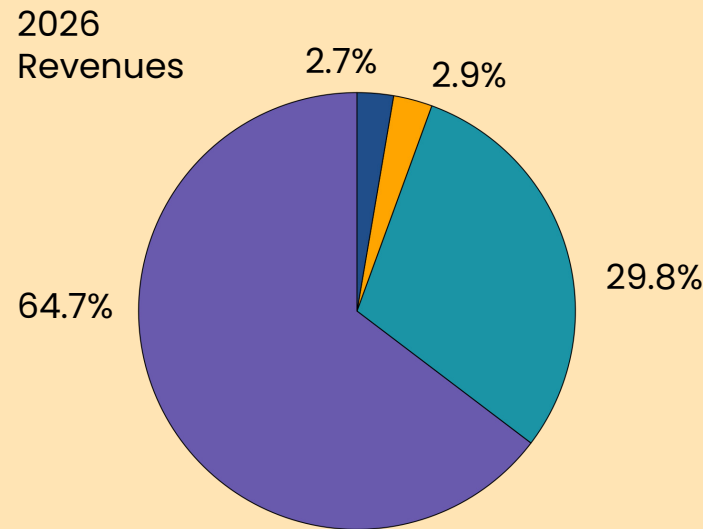
Other Accomplishments

- Tripled the amount of charitable giving over the 2025 fiscal year
- Issued 6 Newsletters during the year
- Received Gold in Achievements in Chapter Excellence

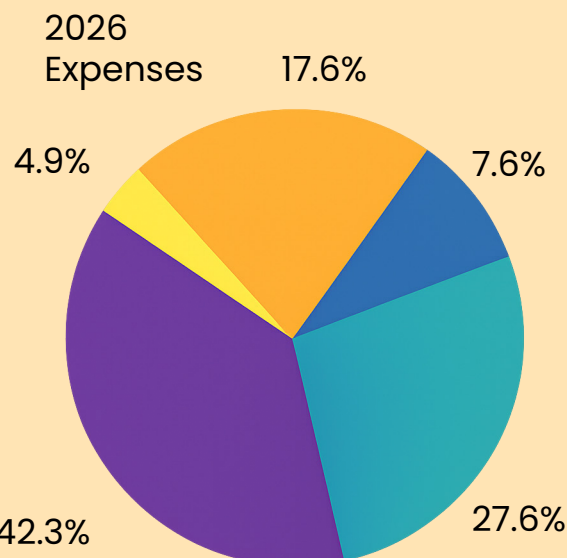
2025-2026 Finances

Revenues – Conference registration and monthly webinar fees are the primary source of revenue for the Des Moines Chapter. The Chapter uses these revenues to provide educational programs and leadership opportunities and to maintain Chapter operations. Revenues are collected predominately in the spring of each year and are used to fund activities in the subsequent program year. During the 2025-2026 program year, webinar revenues rebounded significantly, nearly offsetting decreased revenues in every other category.

	Revenues by Source	2025	2026	% Change
	Conference Revenues	6,565	5,845	-11.0%
	Monthly Webinars	1,980	2,690	35.9%
	Membership Dues and Fees	442	260	-41.2%
	Charitable Contributions and Other Activities	305	243	-20.3%
	Total Chapter Receipts	9,292	9,039	-2.7%



Expenses – Chapter expenses include the purchase of webinars, the costs of the all-day annual conference, registration and travel costs for the Chapter President to attend the National AGA Professional Development Training (PDT), community service projects (direct charitable contributions), CEC member incentives and other general operating costs. In 2025-2026, the Des Moines Chapter was able to reduce expenses in most categories, especially the costs for the annual conference.



	Expenses by Function	2025	2026	% Change
	Annual Conference	6,308	4,698	-25.52%
	Monthly Webinars	3,456	3,061	-11.42%
	Charitable Activities	278	848	205.04%
	Conference Travel Costs	1,836	1,950	-6.21%
	Chapter Operations	609	547	-10.18%
	Total Chapter Expenses	12,478	11,105	-11.07%

What's Next

2026–2027 Chapter Executive Committee:

Chapter President/ NCC Representative

Kaylynn Short, CPA, CPM

Secretary

Tammy White

Treasurer

Minka Lisinovic

Accountability and Outreach Chair

Donni Anderson, CPA

Historian

Janice Evans, CPA, CGFM

Communications Director

Angie James, CPA

Early Careers Co-Directors

Rhonda Betsworth

Membership Director

Abdisamat Aden, CGFM

Professional Certification Director

Pam Sullivan, CPM

Website Chair

Crystal Harmon

Vacant Positions

Chapter President-Elect

ACE Director

Education Director

Community Services Director

By-Laws & Procedures Director

Goals for Upcoming Year

- Offer a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education through webinars, lunch 'n learns and seminars.
- Support local charities and provide up to \$100 chapter match for each dollar raised.
- Continue to build relationships with Colleges and Universities throughout Iowa.
- Work to maintain current members while aiming to recruit new members.
- Fill all vacant leadership positions.

For a complete list of the Des Moines Chapter 2026–2027 goals, see our Chapter plan on our [website](#).

Anticipated Challenges

Attendance at monthly webinars increased slightly, but remains low, so recouping the costs of purchasing the webinars had become more difficult in the last few years. The Des Moines Chapter will continue to look for ways to cut costs while working to attract more paying attendees to our events.

We want to hear from you!

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