

Upcoming Events

January 17, 2024

11:30-12:50 Lunch 'n Learn
(In Person Only)
Grimes Bldg B100
Guest Speaker: TBD
1:00-2:50 AGA Webinar
Uniform Guidance and
Grant Accounting

February 7, 2024

1:00-2:50 AGA Webinar
GASB Update
(In-Person/Remote
Webinar)

February 14, 2024

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

March 6, 2024

1:00-2:50 AGA Webinar
RPA/AI
(In-Person/Remote
Webinar)

March 7, 2024

1:00-2:50 AGA Webinar
Cybersecurity/ERM
(In-Person/Remote
Webinar)

April 10, 2024

1:00-2:50 AGA Webinar
Ethics
(In-Person/Remote
Webinar)



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President's Message – December 2023

Happy Holidays & Season Greetings from the Des Moines Chapter CEC! As we are getting ready for the New Year I wanted to take a moment and look back at what the Des Moines Chapter of AGA has accomplished over the past year. In calendar year 2023, four (4) new members joined our chapter, we offered a total of 37 hours of CPE, saw an average of 11 attendees at the three Lunch n' Learns held during the year and an average of 18 attendees at Webinars. We offered a full 8 hours of CPE at our all-day hybrid spring seminar back in April with a total of 96 attendees.

The Des Moines Chapter of AGA has a lot to look forward to in 2024. We are starting 2024 with 67 active members and we are offering a total of 29 hours of CPE through June. This includes five in-person Lunch n' Learns, eight webinars and the all-day Spring Seminar, which will be held entirely in-person on April 11, 2024. Please be on the lookout for more information and invitations for the Lunch n' Learns, Webinars and the Spring Seminar.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy holidays and hope to see you at our lunch n' learn and webinar on January 17th.

Kaylynn Short, CPA, CPM
Chapter President



CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan

Ring in the New Year and make a Resolution for CGFM in 2024! This is the year for you to expand your career opportunities. Make 2024 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 25 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.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx>

Are you ready to make a commitment for a career changing certification?
Contact agacgfm@agacgfm.org



Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Report, Kaylynn Short

June 1st was the start of the new Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Program Year. The CEC set the following goals for the upcoming year:

Membership Goals:

- Maintain current membership base of 66 members.
- Conduct a Member Satisfaction Survey and exceed an 80% satisfaction rate.

Education Goals:

- Include networking and/or social time in at least 50% of our CPE Opportunities – Chapter will offer at least 8 Lunch 'n Learns during the program year with social time before each speaker.
- Chapter will work to exceed their meeting attendance from prior year.
- Chapter will survey members on how satisfied they are with educational meetings being offered.

CGFM Goals:

- Chapter will provide CGFM Exam preparation materials or exam reimbursement. Study guides are available for member use and exam reimbursement is offered to those on the CEC.
- Chapter will share CGFM information and articles in each Chapter Newsletter.
- Chapter will seek proclamations naming March CGFM Month from counties and cities in Iowa.

Communication Goals:

- Chapter will keep the website up to date and will issue Newsletters every other month.
- Chapter will issue an Annual Citizen-Centric Report by October 31st.

Community Service Goals:

- Chapter will donate to the annual PDT NCSF Fundraiser.
- Chapter will raise money for at least 6 local charities throughout the year and will celebrate one of the local charities in person at the annual seminar.

Succession Plan Goals:

- Chapter will actively seek out and encourage members for CEC positions through the year.
- Chapter will attempt to participate in college/university fairs and/or speak to students about careers in government.
- Chapter will create and submit strategic plan and goals by August 1st.



Historian’s Corner, Janice Evans:



Do you remember when the Des Moines AGA Chapter rang bells for the Salvation Army as part of our community service activities. The following is from the December 2001 Des Moines AGA Ledger.

Des Moines AGA Chapter 2001 Community Service Opportunity – Miracle of the Bells

Volunteer to be a bell ringer at one of the many Salvation Army kettles located throughout the Central Iowa area. Help the Salvation Army raise funds to help families in need pay their rent, utility bills, and buy their groceries through the next year! All the money collected at the kettles will stay in Central Iowa. You can be part of the holiday celebration and help the families of Central Iowa! Be a part of the Miracle of the Bell!

Volunteer as an individual, with your family, friends, or co-workers in increments as short as two hours. Volunteer for more than one shift or at different locations. Volunteer on the web or by phone (addresses and phone numbers deleted).

Help the Des Moines AGA Chapter reach its goal of 50 hours of volunteer service. Please report your volunteer service dates, hours, and locations for our chapter records.



Membership Corner, Abdisamat Aden:

Members can earn points as follows:

- 35 points—attend a webinar
- 20 points—attend a lunch ‘n learn (LNL)
- 15 points—community service event (participation or donation per event)
- 10 points—for each guest you bring to a (LNL)

The Member Recognition Chair tracks member points from July through June based upon the established criteria. The member with the most points (excluding Chapter President) at the end of the Chapter year is awarded a \$25 gift card or donation to their charity of choice.

Current Top Point Leaders 2023-2024:

- Janice Evans – 195 points
- Abdisamat Aden—195 points
- Angela James – 180 points
- Michelle Wendel – 160 points
- Kaylynn Short—145 points
- Andrew Nielsen – 145 points



**Welcome to New Member:
Laura Deavers!**



**Community Service for
FY2023-2024:**

- July-August:**
Special Olympics Iowa
- September - October:**
Iowa Remembers, Inc.
- November-December:**
National Alliance on Mental Illness
- January-February:**
Autism Society of Iowa
- March-April:**
Stead Family Children’s Hospital
- May-June:**
Animal Rescue League

Des Moines AGA works with National AGA to obtain National Match contributions.



We will be posting more information throughout the year on our [website](#).

Membership Renewal changes for the upcoming 2023–24 membership:

- We have closed our lockbox! We are now able to take ACH/check payments securely on our website, so please be sure to **remove** the closed lockbox address from your records (P.O. Box 715146, Philadelphia, PA 19171-5146).
- You can enroll to auto-renew your membership! The option will be available at check out. Be sure to opt-in!
- **Make sure your contact information is up to date.** Are you still working from home? Back in the office? Make sure the address in your profile matches where you are, and remind your chapter members to do the same!

Training Calendar:

Please view our training calendar at

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



Chapter Minutes:

Minutes of Chapter Executive Committee meetings and Monthly Lunch ‘N Learn meetings are located on the Chapter’s website. Minutes have been posted through the most recent meeting.



Please use the following link to review these minutes:

[AGA Des Moines Chapter: Meeting Minutes](#)

2023-2024 Chapter Executive Committee Members (CEC):**President:**

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Vacant

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Vacant

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Community Service, Anieta O'Hair

The Des Moines Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants is continuing to "pass the envelope" to collect monetary donations for charities in fiscal year 2023-2024. While we are unable to meet in person, we have set up an online Eventbrite donation process that you can use to donate to one of the six charities, if you would like. The Des Moines Chapter will continue to match up to \$100 in donations per charity and will also request a match from the National Office. See page 3 for a listing of the Community Service projects selected for the 2023-2024 year.

The mission of Special Olympics Iowa is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals with intellectual disabilities by giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

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."

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is dedicated to improving the lives of millions of Americans affected by mental illness. Financial contributions 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.

The Autism Society of Iowa is an integral part and affiliate of a nationwide association, the Autism Society, which has provided accurate information about autism since its inception in the early 70's. 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.

The University of Iowa 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 Animal Rescue League (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.

I invite you to join us in these community services events by participating in the "pass the envelope" opportunities for these great organizations!

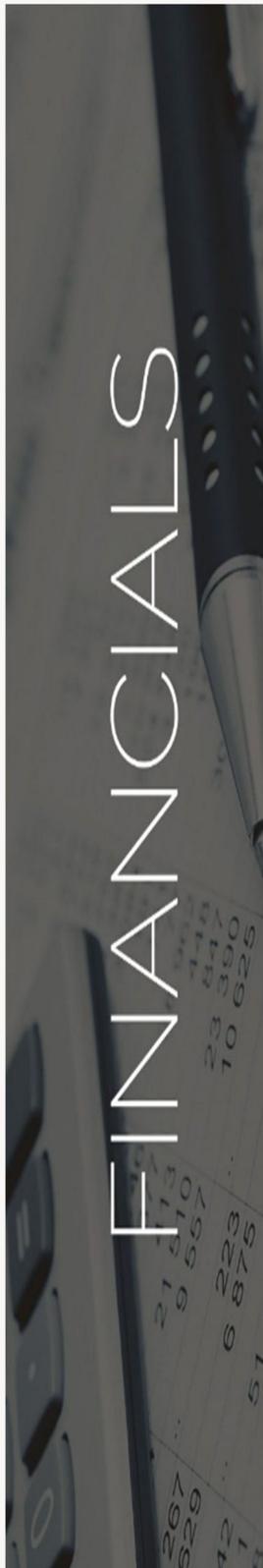
Anieta O'Hair, Community Services Director

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](#).



Treasurer's Report, Mihnetta Lisinovic



**AGA - Des Moines Chapter
Operating Statement for the Period Ended November 30, 2023
For the Year Ending June 30, 2024**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<u>Revenues/Receipts</u>			
Interest	2.00	39.00%	0.78
Membership Fees	350.00	85.59%	299.58
Webinar Revenues	6,000.00	19.20%	1,152.00
Spring Conference Revenues	12,500.00	0.00%	-
Donations	600.00	0.00%	-
Total Revenues	19,452.00		1,452.36
<u>Expenses</u>			
Webinar Expenses	5,271.00	61.84%	3,259.77
Spring Conference Expenses	10,021.00	2.80%	281.00
Postage & Supplies	200.00	0.00%	-
National PDT	1,800.00	99.55%	1,791.89
LEAD!	250.00	28.02%	70.06
CGFM Scholarships	200.00	52.50%	105.00
CGFM Study Guides	-	0.00%	-
Member Incentives	175.00	0.00%	-
Donations	1,200.00	0.00%	-
Insurance	325.00	0.00%	-
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-
Total Expenses	19,452.00		5,507.72
Rev over (under) Exp	-		(4,055.36)
Beginning Balance July 1, 2023			24,041.11
Ending Balance November 30, 2023			19,985.75

**AGA-Des Moines Chapter
Balance Sheet
As of November 30, 2023**

Assets	
Checking	17,682.30
Less: Outstanding Items	-
Petty Cash	-
Savings	1,242.89
PayPal	1,060.56
Certificate of Deposit	-
Total Assets	19,985.75
Liabilities & Equity	
Equity-Unreserved	19,985.75
Total Liabilities & Equity	19,985.75