

## Upcoming Events

### February 21, 2024

7:00-8:00 AGA Webinar  
A Logistician's Perspective  
on Audit Remediation  
CPAG Wake-Up Wednesday  
Coffee Chats (FREE!)

12:00-1:00 AGA Area 3  
Webinar  
Technology Trends  
Online Registration Only.  
Register [HERE](#). (FREE!)

### March 6, 2024

11:30-12:50 Lunch 'n Learn  
(In Person Only)  
CGFM Month—Pizza  
Provided  
Matt Strawn, CEO, Iowa  
Lottery, Leading with  
Gratitude  
1:00-2:50 AGA Webinar  
Robotic Process  
Automation/AI  
(In-Person/Remote  
Webinar)

### March 27, 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)

### April 11, 2024

Des Moines AGA Spring  
Seminar (See lower left for  
more details).

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## President's Message – February 2024

Happy February! I hope everyone survived the January snow storms and are enjoying the very spring like weather that we have been having lately. As we continue our journey into Spring, the Des Moines Chapter of AGA is excited to invite you to several training opportunities we have coming up.

Our next training opportunity is on March 6<sup>th</sup> and we will be celebrating CGFM month by wearing red and providing free Pizza and Cupcakes for the Lunch n' Learn with speaker Matt Strawn, CEO of the Iowa Lottery. Mr. Strawn will be speaking on "Leading with Gratitude" from noon to 1:00 PM and will be followed by a Webinar on RPA/AI from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Both are sure to be great and we look forward to seeing you in person. To register, please use this [Eventbrite](#) link. Then on March 27<sup>th</sup> we are hosting a Webinar on Cybersecurity/ERM, which will be offered virtually, so you can watch from your own computer.

In April, the Des Moines Chapter will host our Annual Spring Training event with an Ethics webinar on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> followed by an all-day Seminar on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the DMACC FFA Enrichment Center. We are still working on finalizing the last few speakers, but have already confirmed Zach Goodrich, Executive Director of the Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board, who will be speaking on Ethics and Scott Reeser, Senior Project Manager from GASB, who will be giving a GASB Update. If you have any speaker or topic suggestions, please email them to me at [aga.dsmiowa@gmail.com](mailto:aga.dsmiowa@gmail.com). Eventbrite emails for registration will be going out Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> with early bird pricing ending March 21<sup>st</sup>, so keep an eye out for the email. We look forward to seeing you all at the FFA Enrichment Center on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>! Then, on April 24<sup>th</sup> we are hosting a virtual CARES Act/ARPA Webinar.

Make sure to check out our website for additional training events hosted by other AGA Chapters (they are added frequently as we become aware of them) and also the list of events that the Des Moines Chapter will be hosting in May & June!

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and as always if you have any speaker suggestions or session ideas, don't hesitate to email them to me.

*Kaylynn Short, CPA, CPM*  
Chapter President



## Des Moines AGA Spring Seminar—April 11, 2024

7:30-4:30 (In Person Only)

FFA Enrichment Center—Ankeny, Iowa

Confirmed Speakers:

Scott Reeser, Sr. Project Manager, GASB—GASB Update

Zach Goodrich, Executive Director & Legal Counsel, Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board—Ethics

More details to follow.



## CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan



Did someone say FREE PIZZA and CUPCAKES? Join us for the Lunch n' Learn on March 6<sup>th</sup>. All CGFM members will be recognized. This is a great opportunity if you're considering CGFM to discuss with current CGFM alum. CGFM is a great way to increase your knowledge with a professional certification.

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

Are you ready to make a commitment for a career changing certification?  
Contact [agacgfm@agacgfm.org](mailto:agacgfm@agacgfm.org)



The Iowa Department of Education has the following job postings currently open. If you are interested, please visit the job posting link to apply.



[Budget Analyst 3](#) position is posted and closes 3/7

[Accountant 2](#) position is posted and closes 3/10



## Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Report, Kaylynn Short



Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Awards –

The objective of the Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Awards is to support, encourage and promote AGA's mission, and to provide flexible guidelines to help the development of well-rounded chapters. Chapters are recognized for the accomplishments that they achieve in the areas of membership, education, CGFM, communications, community service and strategic direction. Recognition awards are presented each year at the PDT Awards Breakfast (July).

The second pulse check for the Des Moines Chapter was due February 1<sup>st</sup>. So far the chapter has earned a total of 1600 points and is well on its way to achieving the Gold level of award points. You can help the chapter earn even more points by recruiting members and attending training events. Lets make the Des Moines Chapter great and stand out among other chapters of similar size by increasing participation the rest of this year!

## Historian's Corner, Janice Evans:

Do you remember how you were first introduced to AGA and why you became a member?

The following is from the March 2004 Des Moines AGA Ledger.

### Why Recruit?

You joined AGA for a myriad of reasons:

- to keep up-to-date on news and developments in the profession
- to gain access to a variety of inexpensive continuing professional education offerings
- to move forward in your career
- to build a personal network.

Whatever your initial reason for joining was, you now know that you are part of a tremendous national network of professionals working to advance government accountability. Do you realize how unique a network AGA is? AGA is the **ONLY** professional association that boasts a membership across ALL levels of government-local, state and federal Plus, AGA also has members who work for tribal governments, academic institutions and private sector organizations This means that there are thousands of thoughts, ideas and solutions right here within the AGA network--as a member you have No 1 access! And, as our Association strengthens and grows, so do the thoughts, ideas and solutions.

Renew your membership now and continue to be a part of this great professional organization.



## 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!

## 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 – 285 points  
Abdisamat Aden—250 points  
Angela James – 235 points  
Kaylynn Short—235 points  
Andrew Nielsen – 235 points  
Michelle Wendel – 195 points



**Welcome to New Member:  
Deanna Hood!**



## 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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**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, Mihneta Lisinovic**

**AGA - Des Moines Chapter**  
**Operating Statement for the Period Ended January 31, 2024**  
**For the Year Ending June 30, 2024**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<b><u>Revenues/Receipts</u></b>			
Interest	2.00	48.50%	0.97
Membership Fees	350.00	85.59%	299.58
Webinar Revenues	6,000.00	31.20%	1,872.00
Spring Conference Revenues	12,500.00	0.00%	-
Donations	600.00	0.00%	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>19,452.00</b>		<b>2,172.55</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Webinar Expenses	5,271.00	64.26%	3,387.02
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	85.42%	1,025.00
Insurance	325.00	0.00%	-
Miscellaneous	10.00	0.00%	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>19,452.00</b>		<b>6,659.97</b>
Rev over (under) Exp	-		<b>(4,487.42)</b>
Beginning Balance July 1, 2023			<b>24,041.11</b>
Ending Balance January 31, 2024			<b>19,553.69</b>

**AGA-Des Moines Chapter**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of January 31, 2024**

<b>Assets</b>	
Checking	18,250.05
Less: Outstanding Items	-
Petty Cash	-
Savings	1,243.08
PayPal	60.56
Certificate of Deposit	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>19,553.69</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Equity-Unreserved	19,553.69
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>19,553.69</b>