

Upcoming Events

September 27, 2023

11:30-12:50 Lunch 'n Learn
(In Person Only)
Guest Speakers:
City of Des Moines
Finance Director—
Nick Schaul
Economic Development
Coordinator—
Carrie Kruse
1:00-2:50 AGA Webinar
Communications
(In-Person/Remote
Webinar)

October 11, 2023

1:00-2:15 AGA Webinar
Topic: TBD
Free Members Only
Webinar
(In-Person/Remote)
(Individual Webinar)

October 18, 2023

11:30-12:50 Lunch 'n Learn
(In Person Only)
Guest Speaker: TBD
1:00-2:50 AGA Webinar
Internal Controls
(In-Person/Remote
Webinar)

November 8, 2023

11:30-12:50 Lunch 'n Learn
(In Person Only)
Guest Speaker: TBD
1:00-2:50 AGA Webinar
Ethics
(In-Person/Remote
Webinar)

President's Message – August 2023

Happy Fiscal New Year Everyone!

We've made it through the first month and a half of the new fiscal year. Hopefully everyone has had an opportunity to enjoy the summer weather with family and friends.

With the new fiscal year, comes a new CEC Board for the Des Moines AGA Chapter. I am excited to see all of the great things we can accomplish with this amazing group of people. We have started developing another awesome and exciting schedule of training opportunities for the 2023-2024 year. Our goal this year is to offer more in person training opportunities by bringing back Lunch 'n Learns before national webinars. So, be on the lookout for the event invites and if you have any suggestions for speakers and/or topics, please pass that information along to our Education Director, Randy Lagerblade, or to me.

I hope to see you at our first lunch n' learn and webinar on September 27th.

Kaylynn Short, CPA, CPM
Chapter President



2023 AGA Professional Development Training

This year's event was held in Orlando, FL from July 23-26. Chapter President Kaylynn Short had the opportunity to attend this year's event. The annual PDT offered three and a half days of educational sessions and the opportunity to network with more than the 3,000 attendees. While in attendance at this year's PDT, Kaylynn Short accepted the 2022-2023 Silver Chapter Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Award at the PDT in Orlando on behalf of Terri Walker.

Next year's PDT is schedule for July 14-17, 2024 in Denver, Colorado. If you are interested in attending next year's PDT, please reach out to Kaylynn Short, we would love to have you join the CEC Board and be one of the Des Moines Chapter representatives at the 2024 PDT.



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CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan

Fall – turn over a new leaf – apply and earn your CGFM. Did you know there's scholarships for Des Moines Chapter AGA members?

- If you're a Chapter Member you can be reimbursed up to \$100 per exam upon successfully passing the respective exam.
- If you're a Chapter Member who applies to the CGFM program while actively serving on the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) you will be reimbursed the CGFM application fee. Also, as a CEC member upon successfully passing a respective exam you shall be reimbursed the full cost of the exam.
- The CEC is always looking for Chapter Members to serve on the CEC and there's clearly an incentive if you're considering the CGFM.
- Study guides (CGFM) are available at the State Library for members to check out.

How do you become a CGFM?



- Submit an online application and meet the following requirements:
- Ethics – Agree to abide by AGA's code of ethics
- Education – Have a bachelor's degree in any subject area from an accredited U.S. College or University
- Examinations – Pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations
- Experience – Have at least two years of professional

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 national AGA did not have a treasurer?



The following, included in Lori McClannahan's past-president's article about the Professional Development Conference in Nashville, Tennessee is from the August 1990 Des Moines AGA Ledger.

As President (or Past-President now) I attended the National Executive Committee Meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 3. During this meeting, the year's activities were summarized, the National President, Virginia Robinson gave her thank you's to everyone who helped during the year, and we voted on various issues regarding the AGA. Probably the most significant thing we did was vote on adding a treasurer position to the National AGA. This person will be helping to budget, forecast, and track the AGA's financial position throughout the year, as well as doing various other things.



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)

Current Top Point Leaders 2022-2023:

Janice Evans – 495 points
 Angela James – 390 points
 Deborah Moser – 300 points
 Jonathan Mader – 280 points
 Michelle Wendel – 265 points

Congrats!

Congratulations to our 2022-2023 Member of the Year—Janice Evans!



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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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 July 31, 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	8.00%	0.16
Membership Fees	350.00	69.88%	244.58
Webinar Revenues	6,000.00	3.07%	184.00
Spring Conference Revenues	12,500.00	0.00%	-
Donations	600.00	0.00%	-
Total Revenues	19,452.00		428.74
<u>Expenses</u>			
Webinar Expenses	5,271.00	59.06%	3,113.23
Spring Conference Expenses	10,021.00	2.80%	281.00
Postage & Supplies	200.00	0.00%	-
National PDT	1,800.00	0.00%	-
LEAD!	250.00	0.00%	-
CGFM Scholarships	200.00	0.00%	-
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		3,394.23
Rev over (under) Exp	-		(2,965.49)
Beginning Balance July 1, 2023			24,041.11
Ending Balance July 31, 2023			21,075.62

AGA-Des Moines Chapter**Balance Sheet****As of July 31, 2023**

Assets		
Checking	18,686.67	
Less: Outstanding Items	-	
Petty Cash	-	
Savings	1,242.27	
PayPal	1,146.68	
Certificate of Deposit	-	
Total Assets		21,075.62
Liabilities & Equity		
Equity-Unreserved	21,075.62	
Total Liabilities & Equity		21,075.62