

Upcoming Events

October 18, 2023

11:30-12:50 Lunch 'n Learn
(In Person Only)
Grimes Bldg B50
Jamie Fitzgerald
Polk County Auditor
1:00-2:50 AGA Webinar
Internal Controls
(In-Person/Remote
Webinar)

November 8, 2023

1:00-2:50 AGA Webinar
Ethics
Grimes Bldg B50
(In-Person/Remote
Webinar)

December 6, 2023

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

December 13, 2023

1:00-2:50 AGA Webinar
Risk Management
(Individual
Webinar)

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



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President's Message – October 2023

Happy Fall!!!

I hope everyone is staying warm as the weather turns colder. Although Fall is generally a busy time for government accountants I hope everyone has enough time to get out and enjoy the crisp fall weather. The Des Moines chapter kicked off our program year last month with only our third lunch n' learn since the pandemic. It was great to see some of you in person while listening to engaging speakers Nick Schaul and Carrie Kruse discuss an overview of the City of Des Moines financials and the review of the new Market District. Our next lunch n' learn is this Wednesday, October 18, 2023 with Polk Count Auditor, Jamie Fitzgerald. He will be speaking, starting at Noon in Grimes Building room B50, about the role of the County Auditor in regards to elections and other duties. Please bring your lunch and come on down to listen this month's amazing speaker.

While we probably won't have a lunch n' learn speaker every month this year, we are trying our best to line up speakers for most of the months, so if you have any speaker suggestions for lunch n' learns or even for the all-day spring seminar please feel free to reach out to a member of the CEC or e-mail aga.dsmiowa@gmail.com.

Hope everyone stays warm out there and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming trainings!

Kaylynn Short, CPA, CPM
Chapter President



CGFM Corner, Pam Sullivan

With cold weather lurking, do you need an inside project? Why not complete the CGFM program.

CGFM or Certified Government Financial Manager is a professional certification awarded by AGA. It shows competency in: Governmental Accounting, Auditing, Financial Reporting, Internal Controls and Budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

The AGA Midwestern chapters are launching a CGFM study group beginning November 6th. This is an exciting new effort for our Midwestern Chapters and a great opportunity for potential CGFM participants to study together virtually.

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 Des Moines AGA's annual receipts and disbursements were less than \$500? The following is the Treasurer's Report from the October 1982 Newsletter.



Association of Government Accountants Des Moines Chapter Treasurer's Report (Unaudited) For the Year Ended June 30, 1982

Cash at beginning of year 7/1/81		501.97
Receipts:		
Dues remitted from National Office	\$260.00	
Awards received	25.00	
Sale of Tax Guides	175.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>1.00</u>	461.00
Disbursements:		
Tax Guides - to National Office	175.00	
Past President Awards	72.10	
Speakers' meals	35.88	
Supplies	24.75	
Postage	20.48	
Door prizes	11.10	
Bank charges	<u>16.20</u>	355.51
Cash at end of year 6/30/82		<u>607.46</u>

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)

Current Top Point Leaders 2023-2024:

Janice Evans – 90 points
Kaylynn Short—90 points
Michelle Wendel – 90 points
Abdisamat Aden—90 points
Angela James – 55 points
Andrew Nielsen – 55 points



**Welcome to New Member:
Gail Marie Tenney!**



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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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.

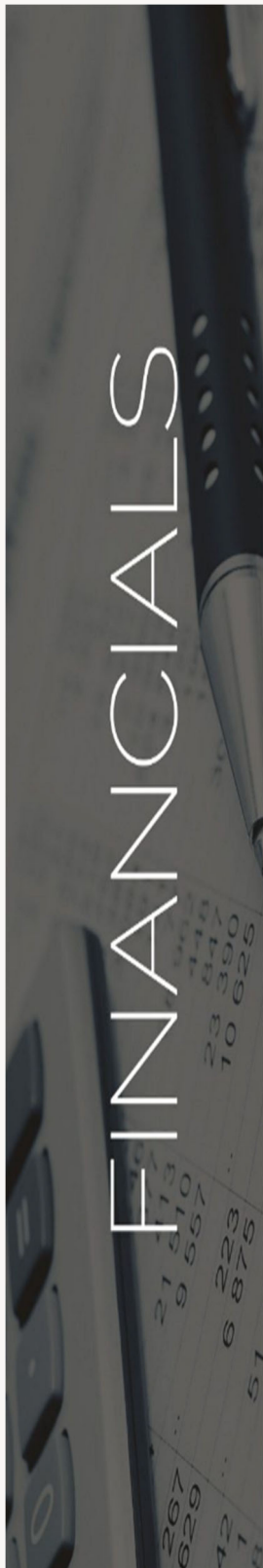
I invite you to join us in these community services events by participating in the "pass the envelope" opportunities for these great organizations!

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 September 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	23.50%	0.47
Membership Fees	350.00	69.88%	244.58
Webinar Revenues	6,000.00	10.73%	644.00
Spring Conference Revenues	12,500.00	0.00%	-
Donations	600.00	0.00%	-
Total Revenues	19,452.00		889.05
<u>Expenses</u>			
Webinar Expenses	5,271.00	59.71%	3,147.44
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	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		5,290.39
Rev over (under) Exp	-		(4,401.34)
Beginning Balance July 1, 2023			24,041.11
Ending Balance September 30, 2023			19,639.77

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

Assets	
Checking	17,803.60
Less: Outstanding Items	-
Petty Cash	-
Savings	1,242.58
PayPal	593.59
Certificate of Deposit	-
Total Assets	19,639.77
Liabilities & Equity	
Equity-Unreserved	-
Total Liabilities & Equity	-