



Message from the President



This month I would like to reflect on the successes of AGA and our Chapter over the past three years considering the historic challenges we faced during this time.

It is a demonstration of the Chapter's strength and vitality that we continue to exist after such a challenging three years. This strength and vitality are entirely thanks to our members and

their contribution to the Chapter and AGA.

One of our core strengths is fellowship. We all joined AGA to share in a common interest and build new friendships as we expand and quest to achieve greater accountability at all levels of government and to improve our related skills.

Through an increased effort by many members, we have improved our ability to adapt to new ideas while continuing to respect and support our past. For example, our Chapter's Education Committee (**Keith Orr**) has worked diligently to move from a monthly in person meeting platform to a highbred vertical 40 CPE Hours each Chapter year. You can see (and join) each of these events by going to our Web-page (agacgm.org/Chapters/Phoenix-Chapter/Home.aspx). I encourage each of you to visit the site and register early.

The Chapter has also managed to maintain a satisfactory balance sheet as we enter 2023, despite all of the challenges that we have had to endure. Our Chapter Treasurer (**Michal-Anne Miller**) has done an outstanding job. However, for our books to continue to be balanced, it is vital for members to renew their annual membership and attract new members; as regular expenditures such as meetings and awards have continued and those cost have increased.

In **March**, our Chapter will **Vote** for its Officers and Directors for the **2023-2024 Program Year**. If you are interested or have any questions about running for any of the positions on the Board or its Committees, please let me know at charleshester@msn.com, as these positions are still open. It is a great way to give back to the profession and to take part in shaping the future of the Phoenix Chapter of AGA.

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Message from the President

If you are not a member of AGA or our Chapter, or have let your renewal lapse, and are interested in joining, just go to the AGA website, and click join or renew. I would love to welcome our newest member, **Glenn Vogt**. We are happy to have you join! There are many membership benefits, such as free study materials for the CGFM exams and discounted CPE.

In **My Opinion** member recruitment and retention **must** remain a top Chapter **Goal**.

We are always happy to hear from our Chapter members! We regularly check our event feedback, and we are constantly working to improve. We are also always looking for interested individuals to consider joining our Chapter's Board. I can personally attest to it being an excellent professional opportunity!

Happy Statehood Day, February 14th! Thank you for your continued support of the Chapter and AGA!

Sincerely,

Charles W. Hester, **President**

AGA Phoenix Chapter



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AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2022-2023

PURPOSE: Consists of chapter officers, past president, committee chairs, and other members appointed by the chapter president. Responsible for all chapter business and planning.

OFFICERS:

President	Charles W. Hester Sr., CGFM, CPA, CFE
Past President	Jordan Dale, CGFM
Vice President	Amber Loyce Hill, CGFM
Secretary	Joshua Jumper, CGFM
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Our Purpose

Mission Statement

AGA Phoenix Chapter serves Arizona professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality, low-cost continuing education, promoting professional development and interaction among members, and fostering a commitment to community involvement as well as a sense of responsibility for advancing government accountability.

Vision

AGA Phoenix Chapter actively creates an avenue for membership to share ideas with each other, to share knowledge and time with the community, and to promote the advancement of government standards and accountability within the profession.

We'd Love Your Input!

Please remember to send in any articles of interest, including any that you may have written on the subjects of management, accounting, or auditing. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

In addition, please send us any special announcements in relation to promotions, marriages, births, anniversaries, certifications achieved, or any other significant event for any of our chapter members. Any article submitted by the second week of the month will be included in the next month's newsletter.

Please email your news for forthcoming newsletters to:

contact@agaphoenix.org



Goals for 2022-2023 and Beyond

• Membership & Education:

- Provide 40 education credits throughout the program year. Audio conferences and live speakers.
- Reach out to new members within first month of membership.
- Reach out to all non-renewing members in May/June.
- Provide social/recruiting event in spring.
- Send out survey to members annually.
- Provide student members the option to attend three meetings for free.

• Accountability:

- Prepare chapter's Citizen Centric Report (CCR) by September 30, 2022 and post to website.
- Submit chapter's CCR to AGA's Certificate of Excellence Review Program.

• CGFM Goals:

- Continue reimbursements for chapter members who pass all three sessions of the CGFM tests. Reimbursement includes the cost of the three exams and application fee.
- Communicate and promote CGFM designation to Chapter members.
- Provide CGFM study guides to members on a first come first serve basis. Purchase two new sets this year.
- Seek State proclamation for March as CGFM month and provide recognition to CGFM members.

• Young Professionals:

- Reach out to college accounting clubs to present about jobs in governmental accounting and discuss what AGA is and how it can impact students' careers.
- Annually award up to two scholarships for students enrolled in an Accounting, Finance or Public Administration curriculum.

2022 & 2023 Spend through 11/30 (estimate)		
Budget Category	'22 Spent	'23 Spent
Education	\$8,780.32	\$3,357.16
Membership	\$1,185	\$0
Travel	\$1,075	\$0
Board Expenses	\$0	\$0
Scholarship	\$0	\$0
CGFM	\$445	\$0
Com. Service	\$0	\$0
Early Career	\$0	\$0
Audit	\$150	\$200
Misc.	\$257.20	\$22
Total	\$11,892.52	\$3,579.16

PY 2022-2023 Committee Members:

Accountability

- Kimberly Prendergast, CGFM

CGFM/Professional Certification

- Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA
- Jordan Dale, CGFM

Communications Committee

- Charles Hester (Webmaster)
- Jordan Dale, CGFM (Webmaster)
- Myrna Lopez, CGFM, CPA (Newsletter)

Community Service

- Paola A. Julio De Matson

Education

- Keith Orr, GFM
- Michael Baumert, CPA
- Robert Hardwood, CPA

Membership

- Vacant

NCC Representative

- Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Programs

- Daniela Kunova
- Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA

Scholarships

- Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Young Professionals

- Getzmany Aragon
- Joshua Jumper, CGFM

Events & Reminders

Upcoming Events:

- AGA National will be offering the following events/webinars:
 - **Central KY February 2023 Mini PDT on February 8, 2023**, 5 CPEs, Virtual
 - For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).
 - **National Leadership Training on February 22-23, 2023**, 14 CPEs in Washington, DC
 - For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).
 - **ERM Workshop on April 18, 2023**, 5.5 CPEs in Washington, DC
 - This event provides participants with practical insight from Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) leaders. The workshop includes presentations as well as facilitated table discussions, where we move from academic discussions to "how-to" explanations and examples. The small, facilitated groups enhance opportunities for both hands-on work and Q&A. For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).

Reminders:

- **Amazon Smile**
 - Support the AGA Phoenix Chapter on Amazon Smile. At no additional cost to you, 0.5% of the money from all of your Amazon transactions can be donated to the AGA Phoenix Chapter. Go to our [AmazonSmile page](#) and select the Association of Government Accounts, Phoenix, Arizona as your charity.
 - **AGA Membership**
 - Key membership benefits include:
 - Connect, Collaborate & Network
 - Continuous Learning
 - Stay Informed & Find Solutions
- For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).



CGFM Study Resources Available:

For AGA members interested in taking the CGFM please contact our CGFM chair at cgfm@agaphoenix.org for more information. Currently there is 3 complete set of materials available for check out.

Also, successful CGFM candidates, who are members, can apply for reimbursement of the application and examination costs.

Contact our CGFM chair for step by step instructions on the CGFM process: contact@agaphoenix.org.

Education & Meeting Plan - 2022-2023 Program Year

Date	Event Type/Times	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
9/28/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Communications	2	9/23/2022	Virtual
10/19/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Internal Controls	2	10/14/2022	Virtual
11/2/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Live)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Ethics	2	10/28/2022	Virtual
12/14/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Risk Management	2	12/19/2022	Virtual
1/11/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Uniform Guidance and Grant Accounting	2	1/6/2023	Virtual
1/27/2023	<i>Special Event*</i> Class: 8:30am-12:00 pm	Professional Ethics for AZ CPAs	4	1/22/2023	Virtual
2/1/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	GASB Update	2	1/27/2023	Virtual
2/24/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Live)</i> Lunch: 11:30am-12:00pm Meeting: 12:00pm-3:50pm	Tax & Retirement Updates: ASRS, Nationwide Deferred Comp, IRS, AZDOR	4	2/20/2023	ASU SkySong 3 130 Synergy 1 1365 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257

Education & Meeting Plan - 2022-2023 Program Year					
Date	Event Type/Times	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
3/1/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	RPI/AI	2	2/24/2023	Virtual
3/22/2023	Chapter Meeting (Live) Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Live Speaker TBD	2	3/17/2023	Virtual
4/12/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Ethics	2	4/7/2023	Virtual
4/26/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	CARES Act/ARPA	2	4/21/2023	Virtual
4/28/2023	Special Event*/ Professional Development Training 8:00am - 4:30pm	Professional Development Training	8	4/24/2023	ASU SkySong 3 130 Synergy I 1365 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
5/10/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Fraud/Data Analytics	2	5/5/2023	Virtual
5/24/2023	Chapter Meeting (Live) Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am Meeting 11:00am-12:50pm	TBD	2	5/19/2023	Virtual
		Total Program Year CPEs	40		

* These events are not monthly chapter meetings and will be at an additional cost. Details will be provided in future newsletters and/or on the Calendar of Events page on our website

(<http://www.agaphoenix.org/events/>).



Check out AGA's Free Toolkits & Guides:

- Sub-recipient vs. Contractor Checklist
- Blended and Braided Funding
- Leveraging Government Resources in Challenging Financial Times
- Risk Assessment Monitoring Toolkit
- Cooperative Audit Resolution and Oversight Initiative
- Fraud Prevention Toolkit
- Candidate Assessment Toolkit for Grant Managers
- How Federal, State and Non-Profit Collaboration Improved Efficiencies in Delinquent Debt Collection
- Citizen Centric Report: How To

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Tools-Resources/Intergov/Home.aspx>

Membership Referral Program

Did you know that you can gain \$50 if you get two individuals who are not currently members to join our chapter? All you have to do is have them put your name down on the sponsor section of the membership form.

It is always nice to have new faces become members to our growing organization!

Board Members Wanted

If you are interested in volunteering for a committee and to be on the Board, please contact AGA at the following e-mail: contact@agaphoenix.org



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We Are Always Looking for People Interested in Joining Our Organization

NOTE: Excerpts and links below are from AGA's national website at www.agacgfm.org.

What is AGA?

Briefly, AGA has been serving the government financial management profession for over 50 years. As a not-for-profit educational organization, AGA serves the professional interests of financial managers from the local, state and the federal governments, as well as public accounting firms, responsible for effectively using billions of dollars and other monetary resources everyday. Members are accountants, auditors, contract, financial and performance, budget analysts, chief financial officers, information systems managers, finance directors, inspectors

general, professors, students. Membership in AGA is like tapping into a reservoir of actual real-world knowledge and experience of government financial management experts.

Benefits of Joining

If you asked a member which of the benefits they value the most, they probably would say education and networking, which often occur at the same time and place. Here are some of our members' favorites: Continuing Professional Education and Networking Opportunities Keep Up-to-Date on Current Issues Keep Abreast of the Latest Technologies and Financial Systems Professional Guidance and Certification

How Can You Join?

Click the links below to access the Membership Application and to find out membership types and dues.



Click

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Learn-About-AGA/Join-or-Renew.aspx>

to complete the online AGA Membership Application.

****Did an AGA member inspire you to join? Don't forget to enter your AGA Sponsor's Name and Member ID on the application****