

AGA Phoenix Chapter (www.agaphoenix.org)

PY 2014-2015

May 2015



Message From the President

We had over 110 people attend the Professional Development Conference on April 17th. Thanks to all who attended and provided feedback on the conference. We will use the suggestions to make next year's event even better.

We have two events left for the fiscal year – one on May 13th and the other on June 3rd.

In May, we will host an AGA national web conference with Toby Groves, President of Groves Research and Consulting, on making ethical decisions in the real



world.

In June, the AGA national web conference will be on government financial management. More details will be provided on our website.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please e-mail me at aga@agaphoenix.org.

Thank you for supporting the Phoenix chapter.

Joshua Consier
President
AGA Phoenix Chapter

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CGFM Study Resources Available:

For AGA members interested in taking the CGFM please contact our CGFM chair Elisa Gin at cgm@agaphoenix.org for more information. Currently there is 1 complete set of materials available for check out.



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

Contact our CGFM chair for step by step instructions on the CGFM process:

cgm@agaphoenix.org



CAN FOOD DRIVE: PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL, GREATER PHOENIX AREA FOOD BANKS BY BRINGING IN YOUR CANNED FOOD ITEMS TO ANY MEETING, FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2014-2015

Goals for 2014-2015 and Beyond

- Provide high quality, low-cost continuing professional education to the membership and the government accounting community.
- Promote the value of AGA membership in order to retain and expand membership.
- Promote the value of the Certified Government Financial Management (CGFM) program.
- Promote government financial management to schools and colleges and become spokespersons for the advancement of government accountability through quality course offerings to students.
- Seek National AGA support for a consistent local web site format and the technical support necessary to provide a web base venue that the membership can use to research current information relating to the Phoenix chapter.
- Promote networking among membership at chapter events.
- Promote Executive Board membership in order to diversify our ideas and strengthen our focus.
- Expand AGA membership throughout the state.

May Meeting (5/13/15):

CPE: 2

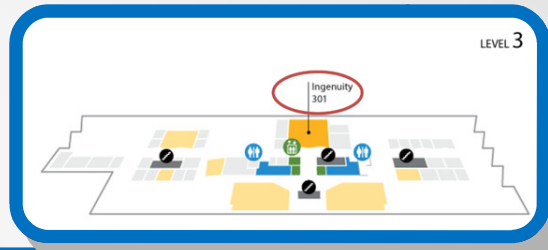
Lunch (10:30 AM—11:00 AM), Audio Conference (11:00 AM—12:50 PM)



Topic: Beyond the Code: Ethical Decision Making in the Real World

Registration Deadline: 5/8/15

Members—\$20, Non-Members \$30, Register @: www.agaphoenix.eventbrite.com

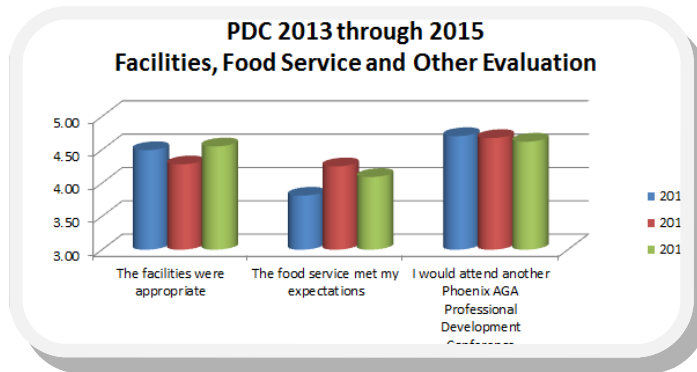
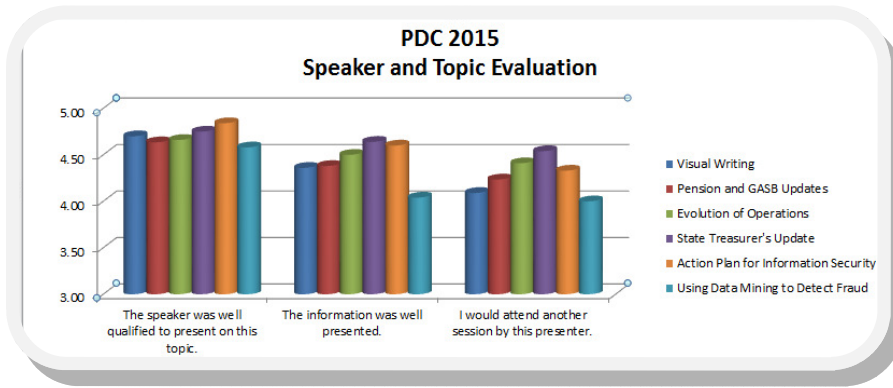


Free parking is available in the uncovered parking lot located North of SkySong Building 1.

Note: Parking between the buildings is limited to two hours and is prohibited in reserved covered spaces.

Location: ASU Skysong Global Room 301
 1475 N Scottsdale Rd.
 Scottsdale, AZ 85257

2014-2015 PDC



Top Left to Bottom Right: Gergana Kovatcheva with Robert Mills, the 2015 AGA Phoenix Scholarship winner. William D. Miller, AGA National President. Michael Stelpstra and Donna Miller, of the AZ Auditor General's Office.



2014-2015 PDC Continued...

Top Left to Bottom right: Tamara Deuser, ASU. Honorable Jeff DeWit, Arizona State Treasurer's Office. Dr. Paul John Steinbart,, ASU. Karin Smith, Heinfeld, Meech & Co, P.C.



AGA Phoenix Chapter, Treasurer's Reports - March 2015

Treasurer's Report

Book Balance 2/28/2015	\$7,219.44
Receipts	\$702.69
Disbursements	\$3,107.04
Book Balance 3/31/15	\$4,815.09
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
Outstanding Deposits	\$0.00
Adjusted Book Balance	\$4,815.09
<u>Account Balance</u>	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Your Savings Balance	\$328.41
Money Market Account	\$3,161.65
Checking Balance	\$1,270.03
	\$4,815.09
Difference Adjusted Book vs Bank	\$0.00

Balance Sheet

3/31/2015

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Your Savings Balance	\$328.41
Money Market Fund	\$3,161.65
Checking Balance	\$1,270.03
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$4,815.09
Inventory	\$22.98
Speaker Gifts	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,838.07
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
TOTAL Liabilities	\$0
Equity	\$4,838.07

**Association of Government Accountants
Phoenix Chapter
Education and Meeting Plan
2014-2015 Program Year**

Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
9/24/2014	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am-Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Using a Stat System to Manage State and Local Government Programs	2	9/19/2014	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
10/8/2014	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am-Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Wow! She stole that much?	2	10/3/2014	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
10/22/2014	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am-Education Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	Arizona & Higher Education—2014 & Beyond	2	10/17/2014	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
11/19/2014	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm-Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Fraud Risk Management	2	11/14/2014	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
12/10/2014	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm-Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	How do you spell success? E-T-H-I-C-S Holiday Social	2	12/5/2014	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/14/2015	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm-Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Auditing / Internal Controls	2	1/5/2015	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/23/15*	8:00am-8:30am Continental Breakfast 8:30am-12:00pm-class	Ethics - ASCPA	4	1/16/2015	Maricopa Community College 2411 W. 14th Street Tempe, Arizona 85281
1/28/2015	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm-Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Strengthening Grants Management	2	1/23/2015	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
2/20/2015	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00p-12:50pm	ASRS	1	2/13/2015	ASU Skysong 3, Room 135 Synergy II 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
	1:00pm-1:50pm	Deferred Comp	1		
	1:50pm-2:40pm	Federal Tax Update	1		
	2:40pm-3:30pm	State Tax Update	1		

**Association of Government Accountants
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2014-2015 Program Year**

Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
3/4/2015	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm-Audio Con- ference 12:00pm- 1:50pm	Internal Controls Challenges over Grants and Benefits Programs	2	2/27/2014	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/17/2015*	8:00am-4:00pm PDC	Keynote - AGA Pres Miller	2	4/10/2015	Rio Salado College 2323 W. 14th St. Tempe, AZ 85281
		Grants Management	1		
		State Treasurer	1		
		GASB Updates (Keith Dommer AG)	2		
		IT Security	1		
		Fraud Detection / Data Mining	1		
5/13/2015	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 10:30am- 11:00am- Audio Con- ference 11:00am- 12:50pm	Beyond the Code: Ethical Decision Mak- ing in the Real World	2	5/8/2015	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
6/3/2015	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 10:30am- 11:00am- Audio Con- ference 11:00am- 12:50pm	Government Finan- cial Management	2	5/29/2015	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
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*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.

Prospective members are welcome to learn more about us by attending a monthly chapter meeting. Registration per monthly chapter meeting date, which includes lunch, is as follows:

Members:

\$20 each monthly chapter meeting, or package deal—\$180 for all sessions

*excludes special events (Ethics and Professional Development Conference—PDC)

Non-Members

\$30 each monthly chapter meeting

To RSVP, please go to our online registration site: <http://agaphoenix.eventbrite.com>

Thank you for your interest!

Announcements - Job Postings

- No job postings at this time. Please check back later.-

AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2014-2015

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	Josh Consier
President Elect	Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA
Past President & Secretary	Kim Prendergast, CGFM, CIA, CPA, CGAP
Treasurer	Leslie De'Reche

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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:

newsletter@agaphoenix.org





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:

aga@agaphoenix.org

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/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.****