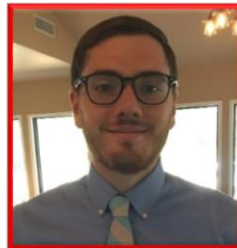




Message from the President



Hello everyone! This program year has been flying by and the holidays are already nearly upon us. Please check out our [Event Calendar](#) to see the great educational events we have coming up. We will only be hosting virtual events for the remainder of calendar year 2020. We are looking into CDC guidelines for our 2021 events. Accordingly, we plan to host virtual-only events at least through March of 2021. It is possible this will continue for the remainder of the program year.

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On November 4th, Lealan Miller of Eide Bailly presented on the topic of COVID-19 and the CARES Act, and how it has impacted governments. Coming up next, we have the [Fraud - Report to the Nations Update](#) event on December 9th. The speaker will be Brian Hemmerle from Henry & Horne. Following that, we have [Audio Uniform Guidance](#) on January 13th, 2021. This event will be presented by AGA National, but you will be able to purchase your ticket through the AGA Phoenix Chapter.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has required our chapter to look for ways to deliver high quality CPE trainings online. We plan to continue to use Zoom as our primary platform for virtual events. We regularly check our event feedback, and we are constantly working to improve. If you are not already signed up, we encourage you to register for our Chapter's [Amazon Smile account](#). At no cost to you, 0.5% of every purchase you make on Amazon can go towards supporting the Phoenix Chapter!

If you are not a member of the AGA, or let your renewal lapse, and are interested in joining, just go to the [AGA website](#), and click join, or renew. I would like to welcome our newest member, Dorothy Williams from Maricopa County. We are happy to have you join, Dorothy! There are many membership benefits, such as free study materials for the CGFM exams as well as discounted CPE events. 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!

As we look to continue with virtual-only events going into 2021, I want to ensure you all that we are as dedicated as ever to providing quality educational events. The Chapter Board is also always available if you have any questions or concerns. While we have not been able to meet in person, I am so happy to see the high levels of turnout we have had for our educational events. Please be safe and enjoy the holiday season!

Sincerely,

Jordan Dale, CGFM
 President of the AGA Phoenix Chapter

AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2020-2021

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 Jordan Dale, 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 2020-2021 and Beyond

- Membership & Education:
 - Provide 42 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, 2020 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.

2020 & 2021 Budget and Spend through 10/31			
Budget Category	'20 Spent	'21 Budget	'21 Spent
Education	\$12,436.12	\$15,109	\$2,359.00
Membership	\$680	\$750	\$0.00
Travel	\$700.60	\$1,000	\$0.00
Board Expenses	\$87.75	\$100	\$0.00
Scholarship	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0.00
CGFM	\$1,332.25	\$1,000	\$0.00
Com. Service	\$250	\$500	\$250.00
Early Career	\$510.14	\$250	\$0.00
Audit	\$150	\$150	\$150.00
Misc.	\$184.25	\$200	\$0.00
Total	\$17,831.11	\$20,559.00	\$2,759.00

PY 2020-2021 Committee Members:

Accountability

- Kim Prendergast, CGFM, CPA

CGFM/Professional Certification

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

Communications Committee

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

Community Service

- Cindy Ensign

Education

- Jerry Snyder, CGFM, CPA
- Keith Orr, CGFM
- Michael Baumert, CPA
- Robert Hardwood, CPA

Membership

- Mary Adelman, CGFM, CPA

NCC Representative

- Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Programs

- Daniela Kunova
- Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA

Scholarship

- Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Young Professionals

- Getzamani Aragon
- Joshua Jumper, CGFM

Upcoming Events & Scholarships

Upcoming Events:

- AGA National will be offering the following webinar: **Internal Control- Implementing, Controlling, and Monitoring Emergency Funding under the CARES Act on December 9, 2020.**

Description: COVID-19 brought unprecedented change and significant emergency funding via the CARES Act. Agencies across the Federal Government have been tasked with distributing the emergency funding, resulting in internal control complexities, potential fraud challenges, and operational obstacles as the federal workforce largely migrated to telework. In this webinar we want to focus on these internal control challenges and lessons learned for future emergency funding that could be coming in the near future as COVID-19 persists.

To find out more about this event, click [here](#).

Scholarship Opportunities:

- Do you know a junior or senior college student who could benefit from listening and learning from government leaders? Currently enrolled junior and senior college students are invited to participate in [AGA's 2021 National Collegiate Leadership Program](#), February 24-25, 2021.

AGA will select up to 20 students to attend AGA's virtual NLT 2021. Recipients will receive a scholarship to cover all registration fees. More details on special opportunities unique to National Collegiate Leadership Program awardees will be released as we pivot to our virtual event! The application deadline is **December 11, 2020**, by noon Eastern Time.

- The Phoenix Chapter Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is pleased to offer an annual scholarship opportunity for eligible undergraduate/graduate students to apply for a college scholarship. There is one scholarship awarded for \$1,000, which can be used for student educational expenses. The Scholarship recipient is also awarded a one year Special Student Membership in the Phoenix Chapter AGA.

The next available scholarship opportunity will be for the 2020-2021 program year and is due **December 31, 2020**. To find out more information, click [here](#).



CGFM Study Resources Available:

For AGA members interested in taking the CGFM please contact our CGFM chair at cgm@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 - 2020-2021 Program Year					
Date	Event Type/Times	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
9/9/2020	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio) & Lunch/</i> Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Audio Communications	2	9/4/2020	Virtual Meeting
10/7/2020	<i>Chapter Meeting (Live) & Lunch/</i> Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Grant Thornton - GASB 87 Leases	2	10/2/2020	Virtual Meeting
11/4/2020	<i>Chapter Meeting (Live) & Lunch/</i> Lunch: 11:30am-12:00pm Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Lealan Miller, Eide Bailly - Topic TBD	2	10/30/2020	Virtual Meeting
12/9/2020	<i>Chapter Meeting (Live) & Lunch/</i> Lunch: 11:30am-12:00pm Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Brian Hemmerle, Henry + Horne - Fraud - Report to the Nations Update	2	12/4/2020	Virtual Meeting
1/13/2021	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio) & Lunch/</i> Lunch: 11:30am-12:00pm Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Audio Uniform Guidance	2	1/8/2021	Virtual Meeting
1/22/2021	<i>Special Event/</i> Continental Breakfast: 8:00am-8:30am Class: 8:30am-12:00 pm	Professional Ethics for AZ CPAs	4	1/15/2021	Virtual Meeting
2/3/2021	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio) & Lunch/</i> Lunch: 11:30am-12:00pm Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Audio GASB Update	2	1/29/2021	Virtual Meeting
2/26/2021	<i>Chapter Meeting (Live) & Lunch/</i> Lunch: 11:30am-12:00pm Meeting: 12:00pm-3:30pm	Tax & Retirement Updates: ASRS, Nationwide Deferred Comp, IRS, AZDOR	4	2/19/2021	Virtual Meeting
3/3/2021	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio) & Lunch/</i> Lunch: 11:30am-12:00pm Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Audio Improper Payments	2	2/26/2021	Virtual Meeting

Education & Meeting Plan - 2020-2021 Program Year					
Date	Event Type/Times	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
3/24/2021	Chapter Meeting (Audio) & Lunch/ Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Audio Cybersecurity	2	3/19/2021	Virtual Meeting
4/7/2021	Chapter Meeting (Live) & Lunch/ Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Live Speaker TBD	2	4/2/2021	Virtual Meeting
4/21/2021	Chapter Meeting (Audio) & Lunch/ Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Audio Data Act	2	4/16/2021	Virtual Meeting
4/30/2021	Special Event/ Professional Development Training 8:00am - 4:30pm	PDT Topics TBD Auditor General - SAS and GASB Updates	8	4/23/2021	Virtual Meeting
5/12/2021	Chapter Meeting (Audio) & Lunch/ Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Audio Fraud Data Analytics	2	5/7/2021	Virtual Meeting
6/9/2021	Chapter Meeting (Live) & Lunch/ Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Heinfeld Meech - Topic TBD	2	6/4/21	Virtual Meeting
		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/>).*

Announcements - Job Postings

Chief Auditor—Valley Metro, Salary Range (\$93,182- \$139,773)

The Chief Auditor is responsible for developing, planning and managing Valley Metro's Internal Audit function and ensuring Internal Audit is closely aligned with industry best practices in executing the duties across the agency's business and financial operations. This position works collaboratively with Valley Metro senior management to assist in ensuring there are effective and efficient policies and procedures utilized, and that all staff are complying with Valley Metro policies, procedures, and applicable laws and regulations.

The Chief Auditor reports functionally to the Audit and Finance Subcommittee and administratively to the Chief Executive Officer.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance, Business or Public Administration, or a related field and five (5) years of government or public financial and operational internal auditing experience, including three (3) years of supervisory experience; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties such as those listed below. Candidates with Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) or Certified Public Accountant (CPA) designations desirable.

Positions may require the following:

- Valid Arizona Driver's License
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

For additional information refer to the Valley Metro Jobs website.

Apply online at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/valleymetro>

Would you like to post your organization's job postings on our website?

Please email AGA Phoenix Webmaster, contact@agaphoenix.org



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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

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.****