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Message From the President

Our monthly meeting in October was held on October 23rd, on the topic, “How Automation Can Take the Robot Out of the Human”. I would like to give a big thank you to our speakers, Duc Duong and Chad Kirkpatrick, from Grant Thornton, for leading this excellent discussion on Robotic Process Automation and the benefits of using this technology in our workplaces. Also, thank you, to all of you that attended this meeting.

In November our meeting will be held on November 20th on the topic, “Trends in Budgeting and Forecasting in Government”. We will be back at ASU Skysong for this meeting, and will hear from speakers Cindy Goelz and Mayra Hourigan from Maricopa County Government. The event is worth two (2) CPE. You can attend in person, or virtually. To register for any of our events, you can head over to the [events section](#) of our website.

In November, the Chapter will also present to students in the Accounting Society at Grand Canyon University, on November 6th. This is another great opportunity to tell students about the opportunities in working in Government Financial Management. We will share information about available government jobs in the local area, and information about our [scholarship opportunity](#) that must be applied for by December 31st. We are looking forward to this event.

Here are some other noteworthy items from October:

- We welcomed one new member this month, Rey from the Town of Florence.
- We held our second virtual meeting opportunity in October
- Planning is underway for our annual PDT. Please let us know if you have topic suggestions.

Thank you for your continued support of the Phoenix Chapter, and we hope to see you in November! In the meantime, let us know how we can help, by providing your questions and comments to us at contact@agaphoenix.org. We would love to hear from you!

Michelle Huckabay, CPA, CGFM

AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2019-2020

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	Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA
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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 2019-2020 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, 2018 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 Ad-

2019 & 2020 Budget and Spend through 8/31			
Budget Category	'19 Spent	'20 Budget	'20 Spent
Education	\$19,328.16	\$19,050	\$0
Membership	\$680	\$750	\$0
Travel	\$2,873.47	\$1,000	\$700.60
Board Expenses	\$100	\$100	\$87.75
Scholarship	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500
CGFM	\$125	\$1,550	\$250
Community Service	\$695	\$500	\$150
Website	\$0	\$0	\$0
Early Career	\$0	\$750	\$0
Audit	\$150	\$150	\$0
Misc.	\$180.56	\$200	\$24
Total	\$25,132.19	\$25,050	\$1,712.35

PY 2019-2020 Committee Members:

Membership – Mary Adelman, CGFM, CPA

Education – Keith Orr, CGFM, Jerry Snyder, CGFM, Anthony St. George, CPA and Robert Harwood, CPA

Programs – Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA and Daniela Kunova

Accountability—Kim Prendergast, CGFM, CPA

CGFM – Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA, Jordan Dale, CGFM

Young Professionals / Early Career – Getzamany Aragon and Marvin Mendieta, CGFM

Scholarship – Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Community Service – Cindy Ensign

Communications Committee – Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA and Jordan Dale, CGFM

Sponsorship—Anthony St. George, CPA



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.

Association of Government Accountants					
Phoenix Chapter					
Education and Meeting Plan					
2019-2020 Program Year					
Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
9/11/19	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 10:30am- 11:00am, Education Seminar 11:00am- 12:50pm	Lean Six Sigma in Government	2	9/6/19	AZ Department of Educa- tion Room 311 1535 W Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
10/23/19	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 10:30am- 11:00am, Education Seminar 11:00am- 12:50pm	How Automation Can Take the Robot Out of the Human	2	10/18/19	AZ Department of Educa- tion Room 311 1535 W Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
11/20/19	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm, Education Seminar 12:00pm- 1:50pm	Trends in Budgeting and Forecasting	2	11/15/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
12/11/19	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm, Audio Con- ference 12:00pm- 1:50pm	Internal Control	2	12/6/19	AZ Department of Educa- tion Room 311 1535 W Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
1/8/20	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm, Audio Con- ference 12:00pm- 1:50pm	Uniform Guidance	2	1/2/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/17/20*	8:00am-8:30am Conti- nental Breakfast 8:30am-12:00pm- Class	Ethics—ASCPA	4	1/10/20	MCCCD Governing Bd Rm 2411 W. 14th Street, 2nd Floor Tempe, AZ 85281
1/22/20	Chapter Meeting- Ed- ucation Seminar 2:00pm-4:00pm	TBD—Lealan Miller, CPA, CGFM	2	1/17/20	TBD
2/5/20	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm, Audio Con- ference 12:00pm- 1:50pm	GASB Update	2	1/31/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
2/28/20*	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm, Education Seminar 12:00p- 12:50pm	ASRS	1	2/23/20	ASU Skysong Bldg. 3, Synergy I #130 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		
	Total		4		

Association of Government Accountants					
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Education and Meeting Plan					
2018-2019 Program Year					
Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
3/4/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Improper Payments	2	2/28/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
3/25/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Cybersecurity	2	3/20/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/8/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Ethics	2	4/3/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/24/20*	8:00am-4:00pm PDT	TBD	1	4/17/20	Rio Salado College 2323 W. 14th St. Tempe, AZ 85281
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	Total	8			
5/12/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Fraud Data Analytics	2	5/8/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
5/27/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Education Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	Advanced Excel Functionality	2	5/25/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
6/10/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Education Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	TBD—Brittney Williams, CPA, CGFM	2	6/5/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
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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.****