



AGA membership renewal season is upon us! Please don't forget to renew your AGA membership for this upcoming year. To renew, visit [AGA National's website](#).

We held some wonderful events in January. At our dinner meeting in January, Robert Westbrook gave a fantastic presentation on ERM. If you weren't able to attend, I encourage you to check out his presentation on our [website](#). Our Early Careers directors hosted a bowling event at Bowlmor in Gaithersburg. We had a great turnout.

Our next dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8th at 6pm at Lebanese Taverna in Bethesda (7141 Arlington Road, Bethesda, MD 20814). We are very excited to have George Fallon, retired IT Principal at CliftonLarsonAllen, give a presentation. [Register on our website today!](#)

Have you been wanting to obtain the CGFM certification but don't know where to start? If the answer is yes, click on the CGFM link on our [website](#) for information about how the chapter can help you add this credential to your resume. You can also reach out our Certification Director, Gabrielle Chapman at certification@marylandaga.com. Don't delay in building your career. Next month is CGFM month and we are ready to help our members take that next step in their career.

Do you know someone who is studying for the CPA? If so, our chapter has partnered with Becker to offer 50% off the Becker CPA review course. Anyone who is interested will need to write a 500 word essay on the topic of "How being a CPA will help me contribute positively to my community." This is a great opportunity to get your CPA preparation started! Please submit your essay by March 15, 2017 to sponsorship@marylandaga.com.

Do you know of any students who would like to win \$2,000? Our chapter is offering a scholarship to local full-time students to prepare a citizen's centric report (CCR) for a local government. This is a great way for students to learn more about their local government with the potential to earn some money. Teams must submit their CCRs by March 31, 2017 to accountability@marylandaga.com. The winners will be invited to our awards dinner in May. For further details, email our Accountability Directors at accountability@marylandaga.com.

Keep checking the events tab on our website (www.marylandaga.com), and you can see all of the upcoming events, including dinner meetings, workshops, webinars, community service programs, and early careers events. More events are added every week, so check back often. Also, check us out on [Facebook](#) for updates as well! #AGAMoCoPG

It's important to me that this chapter meets all of your needs. If you have comments to share or would like to learn more about how to get involved, please don't hesitate to contact me at president@marylandaga.com.

Corinne Dougherty, CPA, CGFM, PMP
Chapter President

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Chapter News

Welcome to the February edition of the Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter newsletter for the 2016—2017 program year. If you are new to the Chapter or it's been a while since you've looked through the newsletter, we have added a number of new features and Chapter programs this year, including:

- A Member Benefits section, which includes a listing of the discounts, sponsored events, scholarships, and free or discounted CPE that is available to you as AGA and MPGC Chapter members.
- Expansion of the Technical Updates Corner, which includes summaries of recent FASAB, FASB, GASB, GAO, and OMB Updates.
- The Chapter Calendar and the National Events sections include listings of both the current and next month's events to give you more advance notice of upcoming events.
- Board Meeting Minutes have been added each month and Chapter Financial Statements will be added when available to make Chapter and Board activities more transparent.
- Expanded social media— please visit us on Facebook @[AGA Montgomery/Prince George's Country Chapter](#).

We welcome your feedback! If there are any features or content that you would like to see in the newsletter, please contact me at newsletter@marylandaga.com.

- Michelle Merritt, Newsletter Editor

Early Careers/Sponsorship Contest



In partnership with Becker Professional Education, the MPGC Chapter is happy to announce a scholarship opportunity to support new and existing accounting professionals who are pursuing CPA licensure:

This year we are conducting an **essay writing contest**. The winner will receive a 50% discount off the Becker CPA review course.

- **Essay Topic:** "How being a CPA will help me contribute positively to my community."
- **Length:** Minimum 250 words; Maximum 500 words
- **Due date:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017
- **Eligibility:** Open to ALL members
- This is a great opportunity to get your CPA preparation started! Please direct all applications and questions to sponsorship@marylandaga.com by March 15, 2017.

Upcoming Chapter Events

February 8| February Dinner Meeting (1 CPE)

Presentation by: George Fallon, CliftonLarsonAllen IT Principal (Retired)

Time: 6:30—8:30 PM, Reception 6:00—6:30PM

Location: Lebanese Taverna Bethesda, 7141 Arlington Rd., Bethesda, MD
 Note: Lebanese Taverna Bethesda is located in Bethesda Row, on the corner of Arlington Rd. and Elm St., a few blocks from the Bethesda Metro Station (Red Line).

Parking: A public parking garage is located next door to the restaurant on Elm St.

Cost: \$35 per person for non-government employees, \$20 for state, local, and federal government employees, and \$15 for students (credit card payment required).

Registration: <http://www.marylandaga.com/events/meetings.cfm>.

February 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	1	2	3	4

February 8| *FREE* AGA Webinar: "Financial Reporting Model Improvement—Government Funds" (2 CPEs)

Sponsored for our chapter's members by corporate partners CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Time: 2:00—3:50 PM

Location: CliftonLarsonAllen, 11710 Beltsville Drive, Ste. 300, Calverton, MD 20705

RSVP: Contact Katrina Lynch @ Katrina.Lynch@claconnect.com or 301-931-2050

March 2017						
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February 21| Manna Food Service Volunteer Event

We are calling for volunteers for a great community service day event in Gaithersburg, MD. The AGA Maryland chapter will pre-sort non-perishable food items at Manna Food Center.

Time: 6:30—8:30 PM

Location: Manna Food Service, 9311 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

RSVP: Please contact Renwei Shi at rwshi330805@gmail.com by February 10 if you would like to volunteer.

Note: This event has a maximum of 10 volunteers, on a first come, first served basis.

February 22| *FREE* AGA Webinar: "Fraud Risk" (2 CPEs)

Sponsored for our chapter's members by corporate partners CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Time: 2:00—3:50 PM

Location: CliftonLarsonAllen, 11710 Beltsville Drive, Ste. 300, Calverton, MD 20705

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Time: 2:00—3:50 PM

Location: CliftonLarsonAllen, 11710 Beltsville Drive, Ste. 300, Calverton, MD 20705

RSVP: Contact Katrina Lynch @ Katrina.Lynch@claconnect.com or 301-931-2050

March 8| March Dinner Meeting (1 CPE)

Presentation by: TBD

Time: 6:30—8:30 PM, Reception 6:00—6:30PM

Location: TBD

Registration: <http://www.marylandaga.com/events/meetings.cfm>.

March 22| Wizards v. Hawks Game—Save the Date!

Tickets will include unlimited food, beer, wine, soft drinks and a Wizards t-shirt! More details coming soon.

April 25| AGA Annual Crab Fest—Save the Date!

More details coming soon.

Community Service Committee News



Manna Food Service Volunteer Event

We are requesting volunteers for a great community service day event in Gaithersburg, MD. The AGA Maryland chapter will pre-sort non-perishable food items at Manna Food Center. Last year over 40,000 volunteers donated more than 70,000 hours of their time to help feed the hungry in Montgomery County. Come join our volunteer team and help your neighbors in need!

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Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) Contest



We invite your students to participate in the Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA)

Citizen-Centric Report Contest

Learn more about your state or local government and have the chance to be awarded a **\$2,000 cash prize!**

The Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter of the AGA is hosting its annual contest for teams of college students to create a Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) on a governmental entity in Maryland.

AGA's Citizen-Centric Government Reporting Initiative is intended to foster innovative means of communication between governments and their citizenry.

- Teams must include 2-4 students and entrants may select any governmental entity in Maryland (e.g., State of Maryland, Montgomery County, Prince George's County).
- Finalists will present their CCRs at a Montgomery/Prince George's County AGA Chapter dinner meeting. Please have at least one team member who is in the DC/Maryland area and would be able to attend. These meetings also offer a great networking opportunity with local professionals.
- See the flyer on p. 5 or go to <http://marylandaga.com/news/ccrcontest.cfm> for information about how to register and contest deadlines and requirements.

Early Careers Committee Event—Wizards Game



Please save the date to join us for the **Wizards v. Hawks** game on **Wednesday, March 22, 2017**.

Tickets will include unlimited food, beer, wine, soft drinks and a Wizards t-shirt!

More details coming soon....



ATTENTION FUTURE ACCOUNTANTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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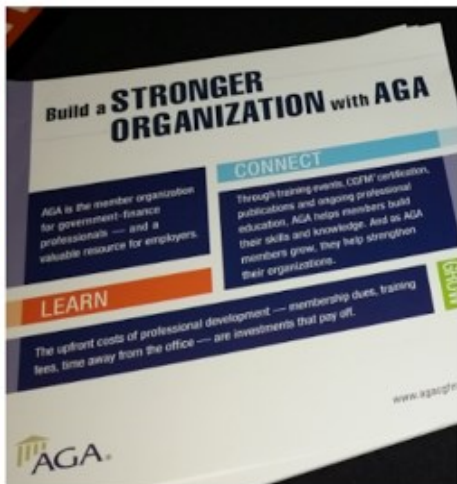
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AGA's Citizen-Centric Government Reporting Initiative is intended to foster innovative means of communication between governments and their citizenry. AGA believes that government financial information should be provided to citizens in forms that are clear and understandable, updated regularly and often, delivered to all, easy to locate, honest in breadth and technically accurate in detail. In fact, as the owners of government, citizens have a right to this information.

Contest details:

- Teams must include 2-4 students and may select any governmental entity in Maryland (e.g., State of Maryland, Montgomery County, Prince George's County).
- Teams must register by **February 22, 2017** via email to accountability@marylandaga.com, providing the name of their schools, names of team members, and the governmental entity selected.
- AGA National's website has many resources to assist with the preparation of a CCR, including a variety of templates. You can find this information at <http://www.agacgfm.org/citizen/>. The information needed to draft the CCR is expected to be available online.
- Teams must submit their CCRs by **March 31, 2017**. Early submission is encouraged!
- The winning team will be announced in **May 2017** and will be awarded a **\$2,000 cash prize** evenly divided among the team members.
- Finalists will present their CCRs at a Montgomery/Prince George's County AGA Chapter dinner meeting. Please have at least one team member who is in the DC/Maryland area and would be able to attend. These meetings also offer a great networking opportunity with local professionals.
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- Any questions about this contest can be directed to accountability@marylandaga.com.

Chapter Event Retrospective



The Montgomery/Prince Georges County Chapter Membership and Early Careers Committees hosted a Happy Hour at the Society Lounge on December 1, 2016

CGFM

WHAT IS CGFM?

Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

To earn the CGFM, individuals must apply for the CGFM program and meet the following requirements:

Ethics — read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics

Education — have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university

Examinations — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations

Experience — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management

CGFM Examination: Applicants must take and pass three comprehensive examinations to become a CGFM:

- **Course 1:** Governmental Environment
- **Course 2:** Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting
- **Course 3:** Governmental Financial Management and Control

Visit the [AGA National CGFM website](https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/About-CGFM.aspx) at <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/About-CGFM.aspx> for more details.

If you are considering taking the CGFM exams in 2017, why not sign up for **AGA's Intensive Review Course with CGFM examinations included** – it's a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete your CGFM!

The Intensive Review Course (IRC), offering up to 18 CPEs, will be held in **Alexandria, VA on April 3–4, 2017** (see p. 9). The class will run 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days. The cost of the course for qualified participants is as follows:

\$375 for AGA members,

\$425 for non-members

SPECIAL BONUS: The CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to course attendees — a \$375 savings!

Not yet a CGFM or do you know someone who wants to earn their CGFM?

Consider reaching out to colleagues who are not members but may be interested in certification. This may be a good opportunity to re-engage members with a CGFM study group!

Details on the program are available here: www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/springpromo2015

Questions about CGFM? Contact: agacgfm@agacgfm.org

- Additional information related to the CGFM, including (1) Reasons to become certified, (2) How to apply, (3) Testing locations, and (4) CGFM Proclamations, can be found on the Maryland AGA website at <http://www.marylandaga.com/cgfm/index.cfm>.

For additional questions or information about the CGFM, please contact Montgomery/Prince George's County CGFM Director Gabrielle Chapman at cgfm@marylandaga.com or gabriellechapman@kpmg.com.

Membership

Membership in AGA has many **benefits**, including education and networking opportunities, awards and scholarship programs, discounts for training, exclusive CPE opportunities, and access to our **resources**, some of which are offered at no charge or at a discounted rate for members. Members join a local **chapter**, through which they gain additional networking, leadership and education experiences.

Membership Benefits—Local Chapters:

- **FREE* AGA Webinars**—up to 2 CPEs for participation in each sponsored presentation.
- **Monthly Dinner Meetings**
- **Workshops** featuring relevant and timely topics such as Cyber Security, FASAB Updates, Internal Control Requirements, and Ethics.
- **Networking Opportunities** and **Member gatherings** such as happy hours and sporting events.

Membership Benefits—AGA National:

- **Community**—Networking through 100 AGA Chapters, Member and Vendor Directories, Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities, Awards and Scholarships
- **Professional Development, Training, and Career Resources**—complimentary webinars, discounted online CPE courses, member rates for national training events, discounted CGFM renewal fees, group training courses, Online Job Bank.
- **Research and Publications**—subscription to the *Journal of Government Financial Management* and the Topics weekly newsletter, Research and Executive Reports.
- **Free Tools**, including tips to Prevent Fraud, Reduce Improper Payments, Improve Outcomes, Mitigate Risk, and Enhance Collaboration.
- **Participation in Government Initiatives**—Input to standards-setting bodies, intergovernmental partnerships, and the Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) program.



Unlimited Online CPE Courses from Becker Professional Education

Becker Professional Education, one of our chapter's esteemed corporate sponsors, and our chapter have joined forces to offer you an incredible new member benefit - discounts on online Continuing Professional Education (CPE) courses.

Becker Professional Education offers a wide variety of CPE courses, including courses that qualify for your CGFM or CPA CPE requirements. The cost is a flat rate of \$350 per year for unlimited CPE courses.

A catalog of the courses available through Becker Professional Education can be found at <http://www.becker.com/cpe/courses/course-catalog>.

To view of sample demonstration of the online courses that Becker Professional Education has to offer, please visit <http://www.becker.com/accounting/cpe/courses/preview-a-course.cfm>.

New Members

The MPGC Chapter would like to welcome the following new members to our Chapter:

Mr. Kofi B. Benefo, CGFM
Mr. Brian D. Furao
Ms. Laura Gent
Mr. Eric Pitt
Ms. Xiaojing Zhang

Dual Chapter Members:
Ms. Kimberly Dickerson (DC)
Mrs. Qing L. Francis (DC)
Miss Evelyn Minaya, CGFM (DC)
Mrs. Kisha Reaves (DC)

Awards and Recognition

Awards

AGA honors members for service both to the association and to the government financial management profession. We bestow awards based on peer nomination to those who have exemplified principles of leadership, transparency and financial stewardship.

Scholarships

AGA grants scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing finance careers in an effort to grow the government financial management community and support current and future practitioners from the beginning of their careers.

Nominations

AGA offers a variety of **leadership** positions at the chapter, regional and national levels. Learn more about our leadership structure and how you can get involved.

Recognition

AGA celebrates the commitment and determination shown by members reaching several **membership milestones**. Lifetime Membership is conferred to individuals who have remained paid members for at least 40 consecutive years. The commitment and determination shown by these individuals has made AGA the strong, vital organization it is today. As a token of their achievement, each of these individuals was presented with a Lifetime Member certificate. As Lifetime Members, these individuals no longer pay AGA membership or chapter dues.

Go to <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Connect/Awards-Recognition.aspx> to learn more about the individual programs.

Submit an Article to the AGA Journal

The *Journal* team seeks original content to add to and create conversation about important topics in government financial management. To submit, email journal@agacgfm.org.

Process: AGA's Journal Editorial Board chooses themes for issues that it believes the government financial management community will find compelling, relevant and timely. However, we solicit and accept high-quality, thoughtful articles on a wide range of government financial management topics and may publish articles that do not relate directly to the themes. The Journal will accept material that provides practical insights into any aspect of government financial management. Authors are encouraged to submit articles for review. The Journal Editorial Board is particularly interested in articles from practitioners.

- **Summer:** March 1
- **Fall:** June 1
- **Winter:** September 1
- **Spring:** December 1

To be eligible for consideration, submitted material must be:

- no more than 2,500 words;
- original work that has not been previously published; submitted to the editor at journal@agacgfm.org;
- using endnote rather than footnote format;
- accompanied by a 50-word (or fewer) abstract and concise author biographies;
- accompanied (when applicable) by no more than four charts or graphs, which should be submitted as raw data; and
- accompanied (when applicable) by concise sidebars.

If you have any questions about the *Journal*, please contact journal@agacgfm.org.

AGA National Events and Updates

National Leadership Training (up to 14 CPEs)



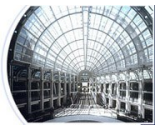
February 15—16, 2017

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC

NLT provides cutting edge information from highly respected and distinguished industry leaders as well as an unparalleled program in two formats: in-person and virtually. Both formats offer the opportunity to earn 14 CPEs. The agenda is the same for both in-person and virtual attendees.

For more information, go to <https://www.agacgfm.org/NLT-2017/Program-Schedule.aspx>

Advancing Federal Financial Management - United in Excellence Training



March 29—30, 2017

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC

Don't miss this opportunity to hear firsthand from government leaders about the issues impacting Federal financial management and related functions. Key topics will include updates from OMB, FASAB and GAO, as well as ethics training that meets Virginia CPA requirements and can be applied to DC and Maryland requirements. Excellent networking opportunities are offered at the sponsor booths and happy hour reception.

- Breakfast, lunch, break refreshments and happy hour reception are included in your registration.

- For pricing, discounts, and registration, go to: <http://marylandaga.com/events/workshops.cfm>

CGFM Intensive Review Course (up to 18 CPEs)



April 3—4, 2017

Alexandria, VA

Sign up for **AGA's Intensive Review Course** with CGFM Examinations *included* – it's a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete your CGFM.

The cost of the course is \$375 for AGA Members and \$425 For additional details, go to <https://www.agacgfm.org/Certification/Candidates/Preparing-for-Exams.aspx>.

You can register at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Event-Registration.aspx?ID=237>

The registration deadline is March 22, 2017, unless the class has been filled prior to this date.

2017 CFO/CIO Summit (up to 4 CPEs)



May 4, 2017

Washington, DC

Join AGA and AFFIRM in Washington for this free* educational event and listen to an insightful dialogue on the intersection of policies and management issues that impact CFOs and CIOs and how they are working together to improve efficiency and transparency, reduce risk and strengthen their workforce.

*Complimentary for individuals who work for government. Private-sector participation is available via sponsorship. Are you a small business? Contact AGA for special sponsorship pricing.

Technical Updates Corner—FASAB and GASB

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB)

January 18, 2017—FASAB Issues Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards 51, *Insurance Programs*

“The Board is seeking to improve federal financial reporting and to better inform readers about the operating performance of insurance programs and the extent of the risk of loss to the federal government from adverse events,” according to Chairman Showalter.

To provide concise, meaningful, and transparent information regarding insurance program costs and liabilities, SFFAS 51 establishes three categories of insurance and related guidance: exchange transaction insurance programs other than life insurance, nonexchange transaction insurance programs, and life insurance programs. SFFAS 51 rescinds existing standards for insurance and guarantee programs in SFFAS 5, *Accounting for Liabilities of The Federal Government*, paragraphs 97-121.

SFFAS 51 is available at <http://www.fasab.gov/document-by-chapter/>.

Exposure Draft Comments are due for the following:

- **Budget and Accrual Reconciliation—3/14/2017**

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)

Norwalk, CT, January 31, 2017—GASB ISSUES STATEMENT NO. 84, *FIDUCIARY ACTIVITIES*

The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported.

Statement No. 84 establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities.

This Statement describes four fiduciary funds that should be reported, if applicable: (1) pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, (2) investment trust funds, (3) private-purpose trust funds, and (4) custodial funds. Custodial funds generally should report fiduciary activities that are not held in a trust or equivalent arrangement that meets specific criteria.

This Statement also provides for recognition of a liability to the beneficiaries in a fiduciary fund when an event has occurred that compels the government to disburse fiduciary resources. Events that compel a government to disburse fiduciary resources occur when a demand for the resources has been made or when no further action, approval, or condition is required to be taken or met by the beneficiary to release the assets.

Effective Date

The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Earlier application is encouraged.

For more information, see the GASB announcement at:

http://gasb.org/jsp/GASB/Document_C/GASBDocumentPage?cid=1176168786182&acceptedDisclaimer=true

MPGC Chapter Minutes

The AGA MPG Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 12:00pm via Conference Call. The Meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM by Corinne Dougherty.

I. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

- Corinne welcomed everyone to the meeting and turned the discussion over to Mat Wenzel, Secretary, to perform the roll call.

II. REVIEW/VOTE ON MINUTES

- Corinne asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 30, 2016 board meeting. Yehuda Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes and Isaiah Okyere seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by the Board members.

III. PRESENTATION OF BUDGET/WORK PLANS:

A. MEMBERSHIP: Natalie Samuels, Michael Smith, Helena Clemons—Corinne Dougherty informed the board that there were no updates.

B. EARLY CAREERS: Erica Williams and Dhiren Patel

- Erica informed the board regarding the upcoming bowling event on Thursday, January 26, 2017 in Gaithersburg, MD. She will send an RSVP through email.
- Erica mentioned two options for the upcoming Washington Wizards event on March 22nd. One would be for an all-inclusive food and drink package on the upper level and the other would be for a lower level ticket without the all-inclusive food and drink package. Based on feedback, the board decided to go with the upper level tickets.
- For the January happy hour, Erica informed the board that there were approximately 20-25 attendees and a few people joined the chapter as a result. Feedback suggested that it was a good location and convenient for work.
- Erica informed the board of an email she received inquiring about the CPA scholarship. The scholarship is for 50% off the Becker CPA review course. Eric Rasmussen suggested that we either have a raffle or have an essay competition to award the scholarship. The Board decided to have an essay competition with the due date of March 15th. Based on feedback from the board, Membership or Early Careers would come up with a paragraph describing the requirements.
- Eric informed the board of the membership and CGFM renewal webinar next week, January 11, 2017 at 2:00 PM.

C. PROGRAMS: Jimmy Hauer and Scott Binder

- Jimmy Hauer informed the board that the next meeting will be on January 8th and Bob Westbrooks, OIG of PBGC, is presenting. They are looking for speakers for February, March and April.

- Corinne informed the board that she had a few suggestions and would send them to Jimmy.

D. MEETINGS: Howie Simanoff and Wilson Kayo

- Howie informed the board about dinner at Lebanese Taverna in Bethesda. Only 8 people had signed up thus far and need to provide a head count by January 5, 2017.
- Howie informed the board that he is looking ahead to PG County, specifically Mulligans and the Marriott in Greenbelt, although both are expensive.
- Corinne suggested looking at February and April since March is a joint meeting with NOVA and that the meeting should be in Montgomery County.
- Wilson asked the board to get the topic updated for the January meeting and Marlon suggested it should be "ERM, A Year Later."

E. EDUCATION: Carol Boothe and Yehuda Schmidt

- Yehuda informed the board that the December 8, 2016 workshop went very well based on comments received.
- Yehuda informed the board that the attendance was not as high as expected, but Corinne mentioned that the final count was in the upper 40's.
- Corinne informed the group that there was only availability in late May for a full day to host the spring workshop at the KPMG Washington, DC office. She asked the board for any other suggestions and mentioned that she would prefer it be in DC to get a higher turnout.
- Marlon mentioned that CLA may have space in Ballston and could fit up to 100 people.

F. CERTIFICATION: Gabrielle Chapman

- No updates provided

G. ACCOUNTABILITY: Holly Donley and Brett Parris

- Holly will set up a call to discuss scholarship for accountability.

H. NEWSLETTER: Michelle Merritt

- Corinne informed the board that the January newsletter has been completed and to provide any photos to Michelle.

I. WEBSITE: Denise Reyes

- Denise will send out an email on January 4, 2017 and will wait for the CPA contest language and community service event information for February.

J. SOCIAL MEDIA: Ozo Nnamadim

- Ozo informed the board that he will post the link for the registrations and save the dates for meetings for the rest of the year.
- Ozo informed the board that he is creating an event link for the bowling and basketball game events.

K. COMMUNITY SERVICE: Jared Zaideman and Renwei Shi

- Renwei informed the board that 56 cans of food were donated to the Manna Food Center. Renwei is currently looking at dates for an event to prepare foods at the Manna Food Center in February.

L. AWARDS: Jonathan Deboer and Anu Sharma

- Jonathan has no updates.
- Corinne mentioned that if Lebanese Taverna worked out well, we could consider having the awards dinner there.

M. CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS: Eric Rasmussen, Omar Marquez, and Kathleen Sobieralski

- Eric informed the board that we have 6 continuing sponsors and received payment from Cotton and Allmond. Eric has followed up with KPMG and the payment is in the payables process. Additionally, Becker is continuing their sponsorship.
- Omar followed up with Kearney and they intend to continue to sponsor and Eric is following up with CLA to get a status update.
- Omar informed the board that he has reached out to Ernst and Young and TFC, but has not heard anything back yet.

N. RECOGNITION: Jillian Manning

- Jillian thanked the board for all of their recognition points that were submitted in December. We are just over 50% of our goal thus far.

O . HISTORIAN: Jeff Cole

- Jeff requested to coordinate with Ozo to help get some more photos and reminded people to send them to the Google account.
- Corinne added that Carol took pictures at the winter workshop.

P. SPECIAL PROJECTS: Dawn Beatty

- Dawn had no updates.

Q. BUDGET/FINANCIALS: Alex Dickey and Alex Williams

- Alex Williams informed the board that the November expenses were sent out and were currently working on December.
- Corinne asked the board for suggestions on cutting costs and mentioned cutting some costs. Additionally, she mentioned cutting the CGFM costs and the contest from the newsletter for an overall savings of approximately \$3,800.
- Corinne asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Jonathon Deboer made a motion to approve the budget with the current reductions and Ozo Nnamadim seconded the motion. The budget was unanimously approved by the Board members.
- Corinne discussed an event that is held at Grant Thornton which we were asked to sponsor and the board determined that it would not sponsor at this time.
- Alex Williams informed the board that we went over budget by about \$500 from the winter workshop and Corinne mentioned that we tend to make money up in the Spring Workshop.

IV. COMMENTS FROM REGIONAL OFFICERS—NONE

V. CLOSING COMMENTS—NONE

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