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SEATTLE AGA 2018 AWARD RECIPIENTS

President's Message

I hope many of you were able to join us on April 30-May 1 for the Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference at the Conference Center at Sea-Tac International Airport, either in person or via the webcast.

As our Chapter's Professional Development Chair, I spent much of the year working with my colleagues on the Washington Society of CPA's Governmental Accounting and Auditing Committee to plan this jointly sponsored two-day event. I was very pleased with the content of the program this year, especially the keynote presentation from AGA National President Jim Arnette.

You can read more about the GAAC in this issue of the Sounder. Better yet, I recommend that all of our chapter members consider attending the conference next year for even more high-quality continuing professional education and networking opportunities with your



Mary Ann Hardy, Chapter President

fellow government accounting and auditing professionals from across the state.

I also want to welcome our newest Seattle Chapter Board member, Katherine King, who will join the board for the 2018-2019 program year.

As I turn over the President's gavel for next year to our incoming President, Karen Murphy, I want to say thank you to all of the current year's board and

our chapter membership for your support and enthusiasm. It's been a pleasure and a privilege to work with you for the past several years.

Mary Ann Hardy

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It's Renewal Season!

It's time to renew your AGA membership. Email notifications for renewals were sent on January 15th encouraging online renewals. Please follow the instructions in the email or visit the website at www.agacgfm.org/homepage.aspx. Enter your login and password and then select the gray billing button at the right side of the screen.

Don't wait – renew today!!

SEATTLE AGA 2018 AWARD CEREMONY

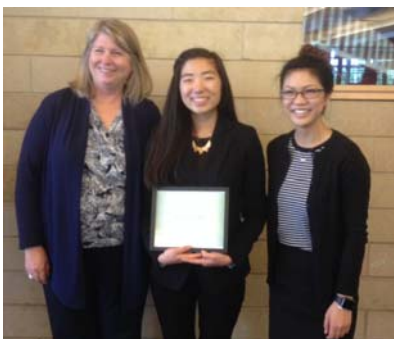
The AGA Seattle Chapter recognized five individuals during an award ceremony held in the Bertha Knight Landes Room at Seattle City Hall. Chapter President Mary Ann Hardy (seen on most of the following photos) hosted the event and made the presentations.

In addition to the annual Emerald Award that recognizes outstanding leadership in the field of government accountability and service to the public, the chapter presented two new awards. The Distinguished Mid-Career Professional Award recognizes a local individual whose significant professional and community service accomplishments demonstrate commitment to the AGA values of service, accountability, integrity, and leadership, and the Emerging Leader Award recognizes a local early career professional in government or public service for notable contributions toward excellence in government accountability. The Nominating Committee also selected a Volunteer of the Year Award for exemplary volunteer service to the Chapter. In addition, Mary Ann Hardy presented to chapter member and previous Emerald Award winner Michael Jacobson his National Excellence in Government Award from AGA National.

The recipients were (left to right, top to bottom) Tim Dobler, Emerald Award (see inset with the traditional green soda and Franz Candy accompanying the certificate); Michael Jacobson, National Excellence in Government Award (close-up of award included); Karyn Angulo, Volunteer of the Year; Taylor Masukawa, Emerging Leader Award (shown here with Kim Sawers (left) and Angela Tse (right)); and Sam Lord, Distinguished Mid-Career Professional Award,

Additionally, our out-going President Mary Ann Hardy was recognized for her excellent job of leading the chapter for the last two chapter years. President-Elect Karen Murphy presented Mary Ann with a bouquet to mark the occasion.

Restaurant P.F. Chang catered the event, providing an Asian food selection including four hot dishes, fortune cookies and soft drinks.



2018 Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference Monday April 30 and Tuesday May 1 at the Conference Center at Sea-Tac

The Seattle Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants joined with the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants to sponsor the 2018 Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference April 30-May 1, 2018. Approximately 80 participants gathered for the two days of continuing professional education and networking at The Conference Center at Sea-Tac International Airport, and about 50 additional participants viewed the conference via webcast. AGA National President Jim Arnette was the keynote speaker and delivered a presentation on “Auditor – Auditee Relations: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.” Members of the Seattle Chapter Board of Directors, including Karyn Angulo, Mary Ann Hardy, and Sam Lord, enjoyed the opportunity to eat breakfast with Jim



Pictured left to right: Seattle Chapter Secretary Karyn Angulo, Seattle Chapter President Mary Ann Hardy, AGA National President Jim Arnette, and Seattle Chapter Treasurer Sam Lord.

before his presentation and share information about chapter initiatives and Jim’s priorities for the national organization. Other notable speakers and topics at the conference included David Bean from the Government Accounting Standards Board, an update on cybersecurity from experts at the Washington State Auditor’s Office, and a hands-on Excel training from Michael Girvin of Highline Community College.

PDT  **2018**
**2018 Professional
Development Training**
July 22-25 | Orlando, Fla.



Old challenges.
New thinking.

Tight budgets. Evolving technologies. Competing priorities.

These challenges aren't new, but require new thinking. This July, AGA's 2018 Professional Development Training will bring together nearly 2,000 federal, state and local government financial professionals as well as professionals in education and the private sector to share best practices and fresh insight.

More than 50 subject matter **experts** led by three highly distinguished co-chairs are developing an engaging and thought-provoking agenda. Learn more about our co-chairs and **register** for this exciting program today!

For further details, go to <https://www.agacgfm.org/PDT.aspx>

You are invited to participate in the
Spring Accounting Fair at North Seattle College

Saturday, May 12th, 2018 9am - Noon

Sponsored by the North Seattle College Accounting Club

Hello to our Friends in the Accounting Community -

We are planning our **North Seattle College Spring Accounting Fair** for **Saturday, May 12th, 2018 from 9 am – noon** so that we can provide great networking opportunities for our students and for you. (Flyer attached.) **We have included our students, as well as students from a variety of other local colleges and universities as recipients of this invitation.** We are inviting a number of organizations to host tables, including, but not limited to the following, and we would like you to be part of this group:

4-Year Schools including UW, Seattle U, SPU, CWU, EWU, and others	Seattle Colleges' 4-Year Programs
Not-For-Profit Organizations	Government Organizations
Companies/Corporations	Accounting Firms
Fraud Accounting Professionals	Bookkeeping Firms
State CPA Board/Society	CPA/CMA Review Course Providers
Fraud Accounting Professionals	Recruiters
Professional Organizations	Diversity Organizations
WorkSource Representatives	Campus Advisors

We would like to invite you to participate and host a table, at no cost. Additionally, if you know of any other firms that would also like to participate, by all means, let us know!

About us: North Seattle College is a public community college which provides learning opportunities for a diverse group of over 14,000 students each year. **Our accounting program offers certificates and degrees in bookkeeping, accounting, and fraud, as well as our nationally acclaimed CPA preparation certificate for students who already hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing for the exam.** You can learn more about our accounting program by visiting <https://northseattle.edu/accounting>.

We'll provide interested students, coffee, and some light morning refreshments. **This is a great opportunity to give back to the community (three hours of community service!),** encourage past and present students, tell students about your organization, find some great interns and/or employees, and network with other professionals who work in the accounting industry. If you or someone in your organization is interested in securing a table, please reply to this email with a "Yes! We are interested in participating," and provide me with contact information.

Organization Name: **Contact Name(s):** **Contact Title(s):**

Email(s): **Phone Number(s):**

Information/Opportunities You'd Like to Provide to Students:

We are hoping you would be willing to come (or send an associate to come) make a difference in students' lives on Saturday, May 12th from 9am to noon.

Here's to your success, and to the success of upcoming accounting professionals! I look forward to hearing from you, and to assist in our planning, if you could reply very soon, it would be most appreciated.

Best regards,

Marla Lockhart, CPA

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Excelling in Teaching and Learning • Student Success •

Building Sustainable Community

North Seattle College Accounting Club Presents

2018



YOU ARE INVITED

NSC Spring ACCT Fair

Date: May 12th (Saturday)

Time: 9 am-12 pm

North Seattle College, HSSR Building
"Grove" (Cafeteria)

**Morning Refreshments
and Giveaways!**

Contact us!

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**Take the morning to
make important
connections.**

- ◆ Recruiters
 - ◆ 4-Year Schools
 - ◆ Accounting Firms
 - ◆ Résumé Assistance
 - ◆ Bookkeeping Firms
 - ◆ CPA Review Providers
 - ◆ Fraud Accounting Pros
 - ◆ State CPA Board/Society
 - ◆ Diversity Accounting Orgs
 - ◆ Professional Organizations
 - ◆ Government Organizations
 - ◆ Not-for-Profit Organizations
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ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS WEBINAR AND VIRTUAL TRAINING SCHEDULE

For further information, go to

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Event-Calendar/national-events.aspx>

June 13 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET Webinar 2 CPEs

Leadership

June 20-21 | Orlando, Fla., or virtual | 18 CPEs

CGFM Intensive Review Course (IRC)

July 22-25 | Orlando, Fla., or virtual | 24 CPEs

Professional Development Training

Sept. 20–21 | Washington, D.C., or virtual | 14 CPEs

Internal Control and Fraud Prevention Training

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

SOUND TRANSIT CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Description: Plan, direct, lead, and manage the operations, programs, services, and functions of the Finance Department, which includes assigned divisions of Accounting, Grants, Budget and Finance, Risk Management, and Treasury.

For further information, go to <https://www.soundtransit.org/sites/default/files/Sound%20Transit%20-%20Chief%20Financial%20Officer.pdf>

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL STUDENT TRAINEE (AUDITING)

Closing date May 29, 2018

For further information, go to

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/499283100#overview>

ARTICLES and PHOTOS WANTED

We are looking for articles to include in the SOUNDER. Please submit items for inclusion and attribution.

Also, we like to decorate the first page of The Sounder with a local photo each month.

If you have an article or picture to contribute, please send it to Tim Dobler at DOBLER5@MSN.COM. When we use your photo, we will acknowledge you in our credits section.

CGFM NEWS

FREE EXAM

The Seattle Chapter of AGA is giving away to a lucky recipient one voucher to cover the cost of registering for Exam I (Government Environment) of the CGFM exam. Applicants for the voucher should meet the following criteria:

- (1) Have applied to become a CGFM; and
- (2) Received an eligibility letter.

If you are interested in applying for the voucher, please contact our Chapter CGFM Chair, Gabrielle Sivage, at Gabrielle.Sivage@seattle.gov, or Chapter President Mary Ann Hardy, at hardym@gao.gov.

The voucher expires on June 30, 2018, so hurry to take advantage of this great opportunity to achieve your certification goal.

CGFM PREPARATION OPPORTUNITY

CGFM study participants interested in participating in presentations to train toward the study guides or in joining a study group, please email info.agaseattle@gmail.com with your contact details and your preferred method of being reached. Share any additional details you think are helpful for us to know about you. Seattle Chapter AGA intends to host daytime and evening presentations and/or study groups. The goal is to have practitioners in the field teach to topics in the CGFM study guides. We are excited to offer this opportunity, which will be set up to provide CPE, too.

RESULTS OF OUR ANNUAL ELECTION FOR CHAPTER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

I am pleased to announce the results of our annual election for chapter leadership positions. Your new board of directors and committee chairs for the 2018-2019 program year are:

President: Karen Murphy

President-Elect: Sam Lord

Treasurer: vacant*

Secretary: Karyn Angulo

Community Service Committee Co-Chairs: Gabrielle Sivage, Katherine King

Early Careers Committee Chair: Sam Lord

Education Committee Chair: vacant

Membership Committee Chair: Tony Eayrs

CGFM Committee Chair: Gabrielle Sivage

Web Master: Sam Lord

Historian: Karyn Angulo

Newsletter Editor: vacant

Board Members at Large: John Kurpierz, Ken Smith, Sandra Starnes

* The winning candidate for Treasurer declined election to the office. As a result, the current Treasurer will continue as an interim Acting Treasurer until a new Treasurer is elected.

Congratulations to our new chapter leaders!

Regards,

Mary Ann Hardy

2017-2018 President

Association of Government Accountants, Seattle Chapter

Financial Condition as of March 2018

Checking		\$ 1,433.00
Savings		\$ 7,779.72
12-Month CD (Matured CD moved to Savings)		\$ -0-
Total Assets		\$ 9,212.72
Liabilities		\$ 0.00
Members' Equity		\$ 9,212.72
Liabilities & Members' Equity		\$ 9,212.72

Cash Flow Report, Month Ending March, 2018

Beginning Cash Balances		\$ 9,341.68
Annual Non-profit reporting to WA Sec. of State	\$ 10.00	
Other Events & Early Career Membership	\$ 26.39	
Lunch meals, speaker costs (incl. parking), & name tags	\$ 100.70	
Cash Expended		\$ 137.09
AGA Dues Received		
Interest Income	\$ 0.33	
Board Dinner Reimbursements	\$ 7.80	
Subtotal Cash Deposits		\$ 8.13
Net Cash Change		\$ 128.96
Ending Cash Balance		\$ 9,212.72

3rd Quarter AGA Seattle Chapter Recognition Program Points

Chapter Goal: 25,000

Chapter Recognition Categories	Points to March 2018	Points Available	Percent Earned
Section I – Chapter Leadership, Planning, & Participation	3,470	5,000	69%
Section II – Education & Professional Development	2,825	4,000	71%
Section III – Certification	1,975	4,000	49%
Section IV – Communications	3,000 ^{1/}	3,000	100%
Section V – Membership with a Focus on Early Career and Student Members	3,925	4,000	98%
Section VI – Accountability	100	2,000	5%
Section VII – Community Service	800	2,000	40%
Section VIII – Awards	0	1,000	0%
Total as of December 2017	16,095	25,000	64%

^{1/} Points limited to points available ceiling. Actual points higher.

Recognition Levels:

A **Bronze Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 12,000 and 14,500 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Bronze status.

A **Silver Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 14,501 and 17,000 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Silver status.

A **Gold Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 17,001 and 19,500 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Gold status.

The **Platinum Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 19,501 and 25,000 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Platinum status.



The Sounder

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AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

The purpose of the Association and the Chapter is to be an international, professional organization dedicated to the advancement of government financial management. The Association shall serve its members by providing or sponsoring appropriate educational programs, encouraging professional development, influencing governmental financial management policies and practices, and serving as an advocate for the profession. The Association shall serve government officials and the public by sponsoring efforts to ensure full and fair accountability for all public monies, and by providing a variety of pro bono services throughout the United States and its territories that support that end.

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