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Message From the President

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Due to the COVID-19 Virus concerns, and recent recommendations from the State of Arizona and the Federal Government, we have moved a number of our planned in-person meetings to virtual. We will update you as we have new information, through our website and our weekly e-mails. Please check these sources regularly, because as new information becomes available changes may occur. I would also like to say, with all that is going on around us, we at Phoenix AGA hope that you are staying safe and finding ways to creatively work remotely or safely in the office. The work that you do is extremely important to maintaining the financial resources to keep the government operating and working for its citizens. Please keep up the good work.

Here is what we have been up to in March. We welcomed one new transfer member to the Phoenix AGA, Heston with Eastern Arizona College. Welcome, Heston, we are glad to have you here! We also held one in-person meeting earlier in the month on March 4th. At this event we recognized our CGFMs, during the CGFM month celebrations. This year we were fortunate to receive proclamations from the State of Arizona and the City of Phoenix. Both of these proclamations can be viewed on our website, [here](#). Our second event on March 25th, on the topic of Cybersecurity – Mitigating Threats and Hacks, will be moved to a virtual event, and the registration is now closed. This event is worth two (2) CPEs. Thank you, AGA National for making this happen!

We will also change the April 8th meeting on Ethics and April 24th annual Professional Development Training to virtual events. You can now register on our website. As the events near, you will be provided with additional instructions for confirming your information for virtual attendance.

Just a reminder that you can keep informed about all of our upcoming events and the status on our website, [here](#). Again, thank you for your support of the Phoenix Chapter, and your patience as we work towards continuing to find ways to deliver quality CPE opportunities to you during this time!

Michelle Huckabay, CPA, CGFM, President of the AGA Phoenix Chapter

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
President Elect Cindy Smith, 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, 2019 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

2019 & 2020 Budget and Spend through 12/31			
Budget Category	'19 Spent	'20 Budget	'20 Spent
Education	\$19,328.16	\$19,050	\$4,088.62
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	\$922.25
Com. Service	\$695	\$500	\$150
Early Career	\$0	\$750	\$510.14
Audit	\$150	\$150	\$150
Misc.	\$180.56	\$200	\$36.25
Total	\$25,132.19	\$25,050	\$7,145.61

PY 2019-2020 Committee Members:

Membership – Mary Adelman, CGFM, CPA

Education – Keith Orr, CGFM, Jerry Snyder, CGFM, 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 – Getzamani Aragon and Marvin Mendieta, CGFM

Scholarship – Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Community Service – Cindy Ensign

Communications Committee – Myrna Lopez, CGFM, CPA and Jordan Dale, CGFM

Sponsorship—Anthony St. George, CPA

NCC Representative—Mary Adelman, CGFM, CPA

AGA Benefits

If you did not have the opportunity to renew or are thinking about joining the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) below are a few of the key benefits:

- Networking through AGA chapters.
- Leadership and volunteer opportunities at the chapter and national levels
- Complimentary members-only webinars.
- Discounts on CGFM renewal fees, CGFM application fees and CGFM Intensive Review Course fees.
- Online job bank — find your next position.
- Subscription to the quarterly *Journal of Government Financial Management*.
- Free Tools – Prevent fraud, reduce improper payments, improve outcomes, mitigate risk, and enhance collaboration.

In order to renew or join, use this link to login to the [AGA Website](#), and then proceed to checkout. It is as easy as that.



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.

Education & 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 Education 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 Education 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 Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Internal Control: Controlling Your Bots	2	12/6/19	AZ Department of Education Room 311 1535 W Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
1/8/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 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 Continental 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—Education Seminar 2:00pm-4:00pm	Cybersecurity and Ransomware—Lealan Miller, CPA, CGFM	2	1/17/20	Mission Possible Café—1516 W. Van Buren St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
2/5/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 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 12:00pm-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		

Education & 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	Virtual Only
4/8/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Ethics	2	4/3/20	Virtual Only
4/24/20*	8:00am-4:00pm PDT	Preparing for the Future of Accountability Controls Audit New Financial Reporting Model for Governments Cybersecurity 2020 State Treasurer's Updates GAS/SAS Updates Panel Discussion on Challenges and Opportunities in Government Finance Total	1 1 1 1 1 1.5 1.5 8	4/17/20	Virtual Only
5/13/20	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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Announcements - Job Postings

Payroll Supervisor—Valley Metro, Salary Range (\$61,014-\$91,521). The Payroll Supervisor is responsible for performing a variety of supervisor duties and to perform advanced accounting duties involved in the processing of the Agency's payroll, and testing and implementing the payroll systems. This position is expected to display considerable initiative in identifying ways to improve and/or streamline processes and internal controls within their areas of responsibility, as well as meeting deadlines. The Payroll Supervisor shall contribute to team efforts and represents Agency core values in the performance of duties.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, or a closely related field; AND five (5) years of responsible experience performing the payroll functions including two years of supervisory experience; OR, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties.

An ideal candidate will have three or more years of supervisory experience, experience in a governmental entity, processing payroll using an enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems, and with computer (PC) software applications (example: Excel, Power Point, Adobe Acrobat). Refer to the Valley Metro website for additional details.

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.****