



AGA Phoenix Chapter (www.agaphoenix.org)

PY 2016-2017

March 2017



Message From the President



In February, we held two well attended events; the February 8th GASB Update for Governmental Fund Reporting and on February 17th our annual ASRS, Deferred Compensation and Tax Updates event. It was great to see so many in attendance, as this provides us with good input on topics to cover in the future.

March is a busy month, because we again have two events. Our first event of the month is on March 8th at ASU Sky Song and is on the topic of Uniform Guidance, for two CPE. This meeting will be an audio conference. Lunch begins at 11:30 AM, followed by the audio conference at 12 PM. At this event, we will celebrate CGFM month by recognizing our chapter CGFMs and provide information about how to obtain your CGFM, to those interested. We would like to congratulate chapter member William Wilson for receiving his CGFM. It is especially exciting that this year Governor Ducey is proclaiming March 2017 as CGFM month. In addition to these activities, we will also hold our annual officer elections this day, so if you are interested in running for President Elect, Secretary or Treasurer, please e-mail ahead of this meeting at: contact@agaphoenix.org.

The second educational event of the month is our annual Professional Development Conference (PDC), which provides a full 8 hours of CPE on topics such as Data Analytics, Enterprise Risk Management, SAS and GASB Updates, Lean Principles, IT Security Awareness, Partnership Opportunities within Internal Audit and an annual update from the State Treasurer's Office. The event will be held on Friday, March 31st at Rio Salado Conference Center and is from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. We are really excited about this year's line-up of speakers and topics and hope that you are to. You can register for either of our March events, as well as other future events here:

<https://www.agaphoenix.eventbrite.com>.

March looks to be an exciting month, so we hope that you join us at these events. If you have any feedback for us on topics and otherwise, or would like to get more involved with Phoenix AGA, please do not hesitate to let us know. We do currently have many open committee positions. We can be reached at e-mail: contact@agaphoenix.org. In closing, please do not forget that AGA membership renewals close on March 31st, so do not procrastinate. Renew today at: <https://www.agacgfm.org>! Have a great month!

Gergana Kovatcheva, CPA, CGFM

President

AGA Phoenix Chapter

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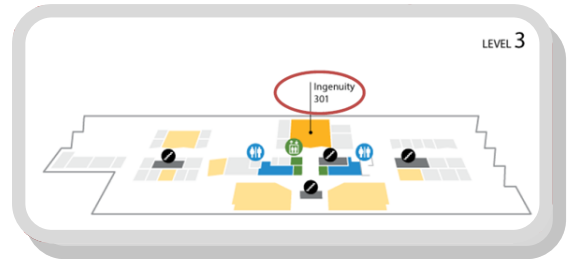


Remember to renew your AGA membership by March 31st

<https://www.agacgfm.org>

3/8/17 Meeting (2 CPE)	3/31/17 PDC (8 CPE)
Topic: Uniform Guidance	Various Topics
Lunch (11:30 AM)	Registration (7:30 AM)
Audio Conference (12:00—1:50 PM)	Conference (8:00 AM—4:30 PM)

Sky Song 1475 N Scottsdale Rd., Bldg 1, Ingenuity Room 301, Scottsdale, AZ 85257



Canned Food Drive: Please support your local, greater Phoenix area food banks by bringing in your canned food items to any meeting, for program year 2016-2017

Goals for 2016-2017 and Beyond

- Membership & Education:
 - Provide 36 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.
- Accountability:
 - Prepare chapter’s Citizen Centric Report (CCR) by September 30, 2016 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.
 - Seek State proclamation for March as CGFM month and provide recognition to CGFM members.
- Early Career & Scholarship:
 - 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.

PY 2016-2017 Budget	
Education	\$21,250
Membership	\$2,000
Travel	\$3,500
Board Expenses	\$2,000
Scholarship	\$1,500
CGFM	\$1,000
Community Service	\$600
Website	\$500
Early Career	\$100
Total	\$32,450

PY 2016-2017 Committee Members:

- Membership – Mary Adelman
- Newsletter – Michelle Huckabay
- CGFM – Gergana Kovatcheva
- Scholarship – Leslie De’Reche
- Education – Keith Orr
- Programs – Leslie De’Reche/Mary Adelman (back-up)
- Community Service – John Schutter
- Early Career – Open
- Website – Karie Tepper/Josh Consier

March 2017 - CGFM Month

March is CGFM month. Congratulations to Phoenix AGA member, William Wilson for certifying this month. During this month we will recognize all of those who attained their CGFM license and encourage all to the benefits of the CGFM license. Join us at the March 8, 2017 Chapter luncheon meeting at Skysong for the annual March as CGFM month celebration. There will be door prizes and giveaways for all CGFM members in attendance. The topic will be Uniform Guidance. Lunch will be served at 11:30am and the Web conference will start at noon through 1:50pm for 2 CPE credits. We look forward to seeing you there.

In conjunction with CGFM month, check out this proclamation from the Governor, proclaiming March CGFM month: <http://www.agaphoenix.org/march-2017-proclamation/>

Also, if you are interested in taking the CGFM certification exam, contact us at CGFM@agaphoenix.org. We have study guides available for check-out, a study group that you can participate in and reimbursement opportunities for those completing their CGFM. Also, we will be sending a survey out this month to gauge the interest in participating in a five day CGFM study course. This is great if you are thinking about sitting for the CGFM, but would like a little bit more help.

What is CGFM?

- 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.

For details on CGFM, go to the CGFM Certification section on AGA National's website. Also, if you act now to apply for the CGFM prior to March 31st, the application fee is discounted by 50%. Apply here:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/About-CGFM.aspx>



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 can apply for reimbursement of the application and examination costs.

Contact our CGFM chair for step by step instructions on the CGFM process:

cgfm@agaphoenix.org

CGFM Study Group: If you are interested in joining a CGFM Study Group, please contact John Schutter at john.schutter@asu.edu

PROGRAM

Registration and Continental Breakfast
(7:30 to 8:00)

Welcome Address
(8:00 to 8:10)

Gergana Kovatcheva, President, AGA Phoenix Chapter

Government Financial Reporting/Data Analytics and Visualization
(8:10 to 9:00)

Douglas A. Glenn, AGA National President

Break (9:00 to 9:10)

Intro to Enterprise Risk Management
(9:10 to 10:00)

Heather J.R. Prudhomme, AGA Southwest Regional VP

Break (10:00 to 10:10)

SAS and GASB Updates
(10:10 to 11:00)

Brittany Williams, Heinfield, Meech & Co, P.C.
Corey Arvizu, Heinfield, Meech & Co, P.C.

Break (11:00 to 11:10)

Arizona Management System (Lean Principles)
(11:10 to 12:00)

Ryan Allison, Office of Continuous Improvement, Arizona Department of Corrections

Lunch (12:00 to 12:30)

State Treasurer's Updates
(12:30 to 1:20)

Honorable Jeff DeWit, Arizona State Treasurer's Office

Break (1:20 to 1:30)

IT Security Awareness
(1:30 to 3:10)

Nate Robb, Arizona Auditor General's Office
Tim Hicks, Arizona Auditor General's Office

Break—Ice Cream Social
(3:10 to 3:40)

Partnership Opportunities within Internal Audit
(3:40 to 4:30)

Jody LaBenz, Maricopa County Community College District

Education Committee Members

Keith Orr, CGMA, CGFM, CPA, Chair
Gerald Snyder, CGFM-Retired, CPA-Retired
Joshua Consier
Anthony St. George, CPA

Phoenix Chapter Officers

Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA, Chapter President
Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, President-Elect
Josh Neidigh, Treasurer
Kim Prendergast, CGFM, CIA, CPA, CGAP, Secretary

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Want to Join AGA?

Go to www.agaphoenix.org, click on the membership tab to join online, or go to the Phoenix Chapter website above and click on Member Application on the left sidebar. We look forward to your membership!

Brochure prepared by Karie Tepper
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The Phoenix Chapter
of the Association of
Government
Accountants

Presents the
24th Annual
Professional
Development
Conference
(PDC)

Friday, March 31, 2017
Rio Salado College
Conference Center
2323 W. 14th Street
Tempe, AZ 85281
(Map Included)

Recommended CPE Credits
8 Hours

Member Fee \$100
Non-Member Fee \$165



Please Register by March 24th

Please register online at AGA's event registration site <http://azazaphoenix.eventzite.com/> and choose one of the two payment options below:

Option 1: Pay with a credit card (Amex, Discover, Mastercard, Visa) by clicking "Order Now"

Option 2: Pay offline by clicking "Show other payment options" under the Order Now button. Bring payment to the PDCor mail it, with a copy of your registration, to the following address:

AGA Phoenix Chapter
 PO Box 64911
 Phoenix, AZ 85082-4911
 TIN 52-1858722

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Address: _____
 Employer: _____
 Phone: _____
 Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____

AGA Member \$100
 Non-Member \$165

Questions:

Contact contact@azaphoenix.org.



Rio Salado College
 2323 W. 14th St.
 Tempe, AZ 85281

**Association of Government Accountants
Phoenix Chapter
Education and Meeting Plan
2016-2017 Program Year**

Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Dead-line	Location
9/14/16	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Avoiding Surprises and Assessing Risks: Building on Today's Internal Controls	2	9/9/2016	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
10/12/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Cyber / Big Data	2	10/7/2016	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
11/16/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Tools and Strategies for Fighting Fraud	2	11/11/16	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
12/7/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	Holiday Social / Diversity	2	12/2/16	ASU Skysong Bldg. 3, Synergy II #135 1475 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/18/2017	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Live 12:00pm-1:50pm	Municipal Bankruptcies: Lessons Learned	2	1/13/17	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/20/17*	8:00am-8:30am Continental Breakfast 8:30am-12:00pm Class	Ethics—ASCPA	4	1/13/17	Marcopa Community College 2411 W. 14th Street, 1st Floor—Employee Lounge Tempe, Arizona 85281
2/8/2017	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	GASB	2	2/3/17	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
2/17/2017	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00p-12:50pm	ASRS	1	2/10/2017	ASU Skysong Bldg. 3, Synergy II #135 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		
3/8/2017	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Uniform Guidance	2	3/3/2017	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257

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Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Dead-line	Location
3/31/2017*	7:30am-4:30pm PDC	Govt. Financial Reporting/ Data Analytics	1	3/24/2017	Rio Salado College 2323 W. 14th St. Tempe, AZ 85281
		Intro. To Enterprise Risk Management	1		
		SAS and GASB Updates	1		
		Arizona Management System (Lean Principles)	1		
		State Treasurer Updates	1		
		IT Security Awareness	2		
		Partnership Opportunities within Internal	1		
		Total	8		
4/12/2017	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Ethics	2	4/7/2017	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
5/17/2017	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	TBD	2	5/12/2017	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
6/14/2017	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Fraud / Data Analytics	2	6/9/2017	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
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*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.

Prospective members are welcome to learn more about us by attending a monthly chapter meeting. Registration per monthly chapter meeting date, which includes lunch, is as follows:

Members:

\$20 each monthly chapter meeting, or package deal—\$180 for all sessions*

Non-Members

\$35 each monthly chapter meeting

*excludes special events (Ethics and Professional Development Conference—PDC)

To RSVP, please go to our online registration site: <http://agaphoenix.eventbrite.com>

Thank you for your interest!

AGA Phoenix Chapter, Treasurer's Reports - January 2017

Treasurer's Report

Book Balance 12/31/2016	\$5,907.50
Receipts	\$4,404.14
Disbursements	<u>\$5,304.84</u>
Book Balance 1/31/17	<u>\$5,006.80</u>
Outstanding Checks	\$85.00
Outstanding Deposits	\$50.00
Adjusted Book Balance	<u>\$5,041.80</u>
 <u>Account Balance</u>	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Your Savings Balance	\$445.52
Money Market Account	\$3,164.51
Checking Balance	<u>\$1,376.77</u>
	\$5,041.80
Difference Adjusted Book vs Bank	(\$0.00)

Balance Sheet

1/31/2017

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Your Savings Balance	\$445.52
Money Market Fund	\$3,164.51
Checking Balance	<u>\$1,376.77</u>
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	<u>\$5,041.80</u>
Inventory	<u>\$22.98</u>
Donated Gift Cards	<u>\$0.00</u>
Speaker Gifts	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$5,064.78</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
TOTAL Liabilities	<u>\$0</u>
Equity	<u>\$5,064.78</u>

Announcements - Job Postings

Payroll Manager—Arizona Department of Corrections. Some of the job duties include:

- Manages the operations of the Payroll Unit to ensure timely and accurate payment of wages, other payroll system payments, and management of employee leave balances
- Establishes, maintains, and monitors Unit work assignments, provide direction and feedback, monitor results, and implement improvements
- Resolves problems and questions presented by staff regarding work processes, policies, and procedures
- Conducts regular meetings with staff to establish expectations, provide feedback, and manage performance
- Plans, organizes, set goals, manages results, resolve problems, and complete performance evaluations

Ideal Candidate: Selective preference for Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance, Business, or related field with minimum of 24 semester hours in accounting. As well as Certified Public Accountant license and a minimum of two (2) years of payroll supervisory experience.

Apply contact information: ADC Employment Unit, (602) 255-2430

Financial Audit Director—Office of the New Mexico State Auditor. Salary \$58,136—\$101,150.40. This position is directly responsible for managing the performance of complex financial statement audits of government agencies, special audits, agreed upon procedures and other attestation engagements for accuracy. The candidate in this position must be able to apply the appropriate American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statements on Auditing Standards, U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) generally accepted Government Auditing Standards (YellowBook Standards) and U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 (Single Audits) standards. The position will be responsible for managing the review of all audit reports submitted by independent public accountants (IPA's) to the of OSA for approval and public release, managing the workpaper reviews done by IPA's including case management. This position will also be responsible for managing and conducting evaluations of audit staff within the Financial Audit Division. This position reports to the Deputy State Auditor.

Ideal Candidate: Must possess and maintain an active New Mexico license as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or apply for a reciprocal New Mexico CPA license if the CPA license is from another state or territory (other than Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands, which do not qualify) and six (6) years of experience conducting financial audits and attestation engagements, including four (4) years of supervisory experience.

Apply online at: http://www.spo.state.nm.us/State_Employment.aspx

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

Please email AGA Phoenix Webmaster, Karie Tepper, at webmaster@agaphoenix.org.

AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2016-2017

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	Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA
President Elect	Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA
Past President	Josh Consier
Secretary	Kim Prendergast, CGFM, CIA, CPA, CFE
Treasurer	Josh Neidigh

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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:

newsletter@agaphoenix.org





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/Resources/Tools-To.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: aga@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.****