



Message from the President



Time is flying by, as we are wrapping up our program year. Please check out our Event Calendar to see the great education events we have coming up this month. We plan to host virtual-only events for the remainder of the program year.

Our annual Professional Development Training (PDT) was held on April 28th. We have two remaining events this program year. A webinar pm Fraud/Data Analytics on May 10th and Leadership on May 24th.

We are always happy to hear from our Chapter members! We regularly check our event feedback, and we are constantly working to improve. If you are not a member of the AGA, or your renewal has lapsed, and are interested in joining, just go to the AGA website, and click join or renew.

I would like to welcome our newest member, William Arritt. Will is a Captain in the U.S. Coast Guard and is relocating from Washington, DC to Scottsdale. We are happy to have you joining our Chapter!

There are many membership benefits, such as free study materials for the CGFM exams as well as discounted CPE events. We are also always looking for interested individuals to consider joining our Chapter's Board. I can personally attest to it being an excellent professional opportunity!

The Chapter Board is also always available if you have any questions or concerns. We have listened to the feedback we have gotten on our most recent survey. We will offer both online and in-person events, when possible, to meet all preferences. I am looking forward to the great learning opportunities that the remainder of this program year brings!

Sincerely,

Charles W. Hester, President

AGA Phoenix Chapter

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AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2022-2023

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	Charles W. Hester Sr., CGFM, CPA, CFE
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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 2022-2023 and Beyond

• Membership & Education:

- Provide 40 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, 2022 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 Administration curriculum.

2022 & 2023 Spend through 1/31 (estimate)		
Budget Category	'22 Spent	'23 Spent
Education	\$8,780.32	\$3,357.16
Membership	\$1,185	\$0
Travel	\$1,075	\$0
Board Expenses	\$0	\$0
Scholarship	\$0	\$0
CGFM	\$445	\$782.57
Com. Service	\$0	\$0
Early Career	\$0	\$0
Audit	\$150	\$200
Misc.	\$257.20	\$22
Total	\$11,892.52	\$4,361.73

PY 2022-2023 Committee Members:

Accountability

- Kimberly Prendergast, CGFM

CGFM/Professional Certification

- Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA
- Jordan Dale, CGFM

Communications Committee

- Charles Hester (Webmaster)
- Jordan Dale, CGFM (Webmaster)
- Myrna Lopez, CGFM, CPA (Newsletter)

Community Service

- Paola A. Julio De Matson

Education

- Keith Orr, GFM
- Michael Baumert, CPA
- Robert Hardwood, CPA

Membership

- Vacant

NCC Representative

- Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Programs

- Daniela Kunova
- Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA

Scholarships

- Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Young Professionals

- Getzamany Aragon
- Joshua Jumper, CGFM

Events & Reminders

Upcoming Events:

- AGA National will be offering the following events/webinars:
 - **Affirm/AGA CFO-CIO Webinar on June 6, 2023, 2 CPEs**
 - Join AGA and AFFIRM virtually June 6, 2023 (9-11 a.m.) and listen to an insightful dialogue on the intersection of policies and management issues that impact Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) and Chief Information Officers (CIOs). Hear how they are working together to improve efficiency and transparency, reduce risk and strengthen their workforce. For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).
 - **Focusing on Internal Controls and Minimizing Fraud, Waste and Abuse on September 19-20, 2023, 14 CPEs in Washington, DC**
 - The Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training focuses on management's responsibility for ensuring good systems of internal control, and the role of accountability professionals to minimize the risk of fraud, waste and abuse. Leaders in government and private industry discuss the latest discovery techniques, lessons learned and how governments are cooperating to improve services to citizens. For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).
 - **PDT 2023 on July 23-26, 2023, 24 CPEs in Orlando**
 - Join us for Professional Development Training (PDT) this July and gain valuable insights from leading government financial management professionals and industry experts. For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).

Reminders:

- **AGA Mentoring Program**
 - Mentoring is important, not only because of the knowledge and skills young professionals can learn from mentors, but also because mentoring provides professional socialization and personal support. For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).



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 - 2022-2023 Program Year

Date	Event Type/Times	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
9/28/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Communications	2	9/23/2022	Virtual
10/19/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Internal Controls	2	10/14/2022	Virtual
11/2/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Live)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Ethics	2	10/28/2022	Virtual
12/14/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Risk Management	2	12/19/2022	Virtual
1/11/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Uniform Guidance and Grant Accounting	2	1/6/2023	Virtual
1/27/2023	<i>Special Event*</i> Class: 8:30am-12:00 pm	Professional Ethics for AZ CPAs	4	1/22/2023	Virtual
2/1/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	GASB Update	2	1/27/2023	Virtual
2/24/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Live)</i> Lunch: 11:30am-12:00pm Meeting: 12:00pm-3:45pm	Tax & Retirement Updates: ASRS, Nationwide Deferred Comp, IRS, AZDOR	4	2/20/2023	ASU SkySong 1 341 Exploration 1475 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257

Education & Meeting Plan - 2022-2023 Program Year					
Date	Event Type/Times	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
3/1/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	RPI/AI	2	2/24/2023	Virtual
3/22/2023	Chapter Meeting (Live) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Cybersecurity/ ERM	2	3/17/2023	Virtual
4/12/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Ethics	2	4/7/2023	Virtual
4/26/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	CARES Act/ARPA	2	4/21/2023	Virtual
4/28/2023	Special Event*/ Professional Development Training 8:00am - 4:30pm	Professional Development Training	8	4/24/2023	ASU SkySong Building 1, Room 301 (Ingenuity) 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257
5/10/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Fraud/Data Analytics	2	5/5/2023	Virtual
5/24/2023	Chapter Meeting (Live) Meeting 11:00am-12:50pm	Leadership	2	5/19/2023	Virtual
		Total Program Year CPEs	40		

* 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

(<http://www.agaphoenix.org/events/>).

Announcements - Job Postings

Finance Director -Town of Payson

Payson's next finance director is a person of character with the highest ethical standards. The successful candidate is simultaneously humble enough to embrace the role of a working manager and strong and confident enough to be a visionary leader, serving as the town's treasurer and chief fiscal officer. The ideal candidate has expert-level presentation and communications skills, and is able to communicate complex budget and finance concepts in a manner that is easily understood by anyone, regardless of the listener's experience level or sophistication. The preferred candidate is politically astute but apolitical, and also thick-skinned, with the ability to deflect criticism and maintain a calm, professional demeanor under pressure from every quarter, including from vocal citizens and others.

Refer to the following website for additional details: <https://columbialtd.com/recruitments/>

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



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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