

AGA Phoenix Chapter (www.agaphoenix.org)

PY 2016-2017

June 2017



Message From the President



On May 17, 2017 AGA held a CPE event on the topic of “Boosting Your Cyber Health – How to be vigilant, resilient and prepared”. This was presented to us by REDW and offered several helpful tips on how to protect yourself and your employer.

June 14, 2017 marks our last CPE event for the 2016-2017 program year. We will hold an audio-conference on the topic of Fraud / Data Analytics. Lunch will begin at 10:30 AM and the audio-conference will last from 11:00 AM to 12:50 PM. We thank all of you who participated in the educational events during the past year.

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Looking ahead, AGA Phoenix will be meeting over the summer months to plan our program events for the next year, so if you have topic suggestions, or would like to participate on any of the AGA Phoenix Committees, then please contact us at: contact@agaphoenix.org. We especially are looking for members to participate in the following Committees: Education, Membership, Newsletter, Early Career and Scholarship.

Thank you again for supporting the Phoenix chapter.

Gergana Kovatcheva, CPA, CGFM

President

AGA Phoenix Chapter



CGFM Resources Available:

For AGA members interested in taking the CGFM please contact our CGFM chair at contact@agaphoenix.org for more information.

AGA Phoenix has study guides available for member check-out. Check here for availability:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Phoenix/CGFM-Certification/CGFM-Study-Materials.aspx>

Also, successful CGFM candidates can apply for reimbursement of the application and examination costs.



Visit the Phoenix AGA’s website www.agaphoenix.org. Same address, new look!

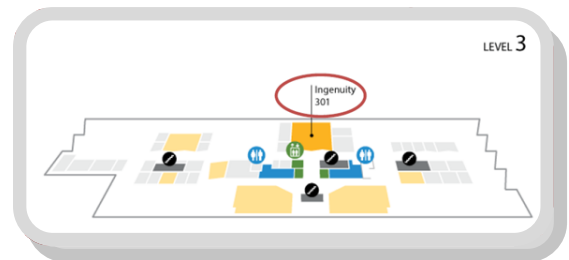
6/14/17 Meeting (2 CPE)**Topic: Fraud and Data Analytics**

Lunch (10:30 AM)

Audio Conference (11:00 AM—12:50 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

Community Service Update—Phoenix Children's Hospital

As chair for community service for the AGA Phoenix Chapter, our chapter donated \$100 to the Phoenix Children's Hospital. The Phoenix Children's Hospital is near and dear to my heart, as I know from real life experiences that this program benefits all kids using it. I have a son who used the services of this hospital for open-heart surgery at six months of age. The cost of his surgery was covered by the insurances that I had but not all kids are lucky to have parents with insurance.

Let me tell you of my story. When I was twelve years, my parents were divorced. I was living with my brother and dad, and we were just managing to get by. My dad would do all he could to provide for us. He would save money by riding his bike to work, to save on gas. His job did not provide us with insurance at the time but that never seemed to be a problem, as our family always seemed to stay healthy. However, that caught up to us, or at least to myself. When I was twelve years old, I contracted a virus that was causing me problems breathing. I did not know what was wrong, all I knew is that I could walk maybe a block or two, and then had to bend over to breath. I tried to let it pass but it just kept getting worse. Finally, I went to the doctors to see what was wrong. The doctors first thought was that I had contracted Pneumonia, but then he looked some more and said it was my lungs, and finally he concluded that it was my heart. I had contracted a virus that was attacking my heart sack. The virus caused mucus to form in the sack rather than the fluid, which was normally there to help protect and lubricate the heart. I went to one hospital to see if they could drain the fluid, which they tried but within hours, it would just come back. My family found out that I was in need of having heart surgery. My family was scared at the time because we did not have insurance and did not know how we would cover the cost of this surgery. Fortunately, a company just like the Phoenix Children's Hospital stepped in and covered all of the costs of my surgery. This surgery took place in 1986 and the cost was \$75,000. I will be forever grateful for those that were able to contribute to this cause as I am still here today because of it.

John Schutter—AGA Phoenix Chapter, Community Service Chair

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 | |
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| 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 – Michelle Huckabay
- Community Service – John Schutter
- Early Career – Open
- Website – Josh Consier

**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 PDT | Govt. Financial Reporting/ Data Analytics and Visualization | 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 | | |
| | | Evaluating and Reporting Audit Findings | 1 | | |
| | | State Treasurer Updates | 1 | | |
| | | IT Security Awareness | 2 | | |
| | | Partnership Opportunities within Internal Audit | 1 | | |
| | Total | 8 | | | |
| 4/12/2017 | Chapter Meeting- Lunch 10:30am- 11:00am, Audio Con- ference 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 | Boosting Your Cyber Health | 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 Con- ference 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 - April 2017

Treasurer's Report

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| Book Balance 3/31/2017 | \$8,599.10 |
| Receipts | \$2,563.98 |
| Disbursements | \$6,004.75 |
| Book Balance 4/30/17 | \$5,158.33 |
| Outstanding Checks | \$1,285.80 |
| Outstanding Deposits | \$35.00 |
| Adjusted Book Balance | \$6,409.13 |
| <u>Account Balance</u> | |
| Cash on Hand | \$50.00 |
| Savings Balance | \$5.00 |
| Your Savings Balance | \$461.63 |
| Money Market Account | \$2,164.78 |
| Checking Balance | \$3,727.72 |
| | \$6,409.13 |
| Difference Adjusted Book vs Bank | (\$0.00) |

Balance Sheet

4/30/2017

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash and Bank Accounts | |
| Cash on Hand | \$50.00 |
| Savings Balance | \$5.00 |
| Your Savings Balance | \$461.63 |
| Money Market Fund | \$2,164.78 |
| Checking Balance | \$3,727.72 |
| TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts | \$6,409.13 |
| Inventory | \$22.98 |
| Donated Gift Cards | \$0.00 |
| Speaker Gifts | \$45.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$6,477.11 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| TOTAL Liabilities | \$0 |
| Equity | \$6,477.11 |

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

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

Please email AGA Phoenix Webmaster, Josh Consier, at joshc@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:

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| 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!

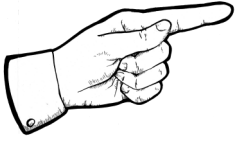
Please remember to send in any articles of interest, including any that you may have written on the subjects of management, accounting, or auditing. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

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:

contact@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: 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.****