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Thank you February Luncheon Speaker!

Ann M. Ebberts, MS, PMP, Chief Executive Officer, AGA

April Luncheon



Rear Admiral Andrew J. Tiongson Assistant Commandant for Resources & Chief Financial Officer (CFO) U.S. Coast Guard



President's Message



Colleagues,

Springtime in Washington DC is filled with anticipation - Cherry Blossoms bursting with color around the Tidal Basin, National Mall abound with festivals, and Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFM) proudly displaying their red regalia. In recognition of CGFM month, Mayor Bowser declared March 2018 CGFM month in the District of Columbia and you can see this proclamation on the following pages. The Washington DC Chapter proudly supports individuals preparing for the CGFM examination by providing study materials and practice exams.

Providing training opportunities is a DC Chapter tradition unlike any other. This tradition continues with the 17th Annual Federal Financial Management Training titled ***“Embracing Disruptions to Achieve Positive Outcomes.”*** This signature annual tradition will be conducted on April 11 and April 12, 2018 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. This year's program offers 16 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) including sessions that educate, engage, and entertain. Some of the confirmed speakers include:

- Gene Dodaro – Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office
- Wendy Payne – Executive Director, Federal Accountings Standards Advisory Board
- Dr. Brett Baker – Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Nuclear Regulatory Commission OIG
- Mark Reger – Retired Acting Comptroller, Office of Management and Budget
- Paul Wiedefeld – General Manager and CEO, WMATA

This training allows a seat at the table with industry thought leaders including sessions on critical financial management topics including Cybersecurity, Agile Risk Management, DOD Audit Readiness, Data Analytics, Blockchain, Ethics, Enterprise Risk Management, Federally Funded Research and Development, and similarities between Headphones and Financial Reporting.

The Chapter provides training opportunities throughout the year with free audio conferences and our highly-anticipated Monthly Luncheon Programs. These programs allow quick accumulation of CPE credit while remaining current with the changing landscape of financial management. Visit the [Chapter website](#) for information on our audio conferences schedule, luncheon programs, and other events.

Regardless of the time of year, our dedicated Corporate Sponsors support the Chapter's value proposition of providing quality programming to Chapter members; and the Chapter is better served due to the generous support of our sponsors. These programs and events mentioned would not be possible without their generous support.

Salim R. Mawani, CGFM, CPA
2018 AGA Washington, DC Chapter
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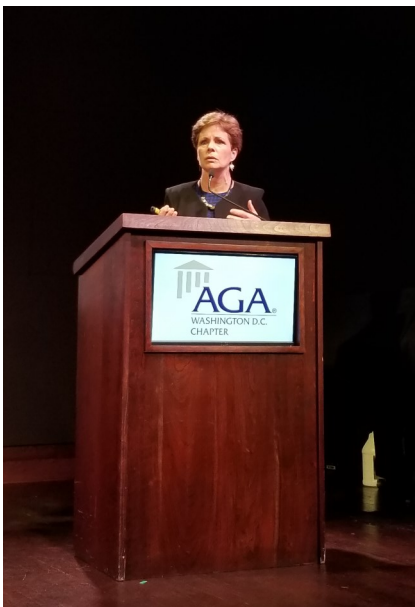
*“Life's most persistent and urgent question is,
‘What are you doing for others?’”*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

February Luncheon Highlights!

Thank you to all AGA members for attending the February Luncheon!

A special thanks to our speaker Ann M. Ebberts for her insights and remarks!



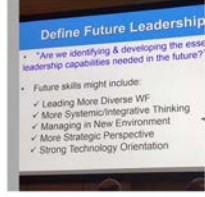
Look Ahead: Get to Know April Luncheon Speaker!



Rear Admiral Andrew J. Tiongson Assistant Commandant for Resources & Chief Financial Officer (CFO) United States Coast Guard

Rear Admiral Andrew Tiongson serves as the Assistant Commandant for Resources and Chief Financial Officer for the U.S. Coast Guard. In this capacity he is responsible for all budgetary, financial and resource management activities relating to the programs and operations of the Coast Guard. As a component of the Department of Homeland Security, the Coast Guard is comprised of a nearly 60,000 member active duty, reserve and civil servant workforce with an annual budget of \$10 billion. Rear Admiral Tiongson is a career cutterman whose time at sea spans five Coast Guard cutters and one U.S. Navy ship. Rear Admiral Tiongson has served in a variety of key staff positions, including two acquisition projects, in the office of Congressional Affairs as the Senior Policy Advisor on domestic and international drug issues and Veteran's Affairs to the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and as the Executive Assistant to the Vice Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard.

National Leadership Training Recap!



National Leadership Training 2018 Tri-Chapter —Happy Hour!



Thank you for Attending 4th Annual Speed Networking Event!

Thank you to everyone that made our 4th annual speed mentoring event another successful event! We decided to change the format this year and allowed all mentors to speak in a panel setting to discuss their mentoring experiences!

This was a very successful format and we received great feedback. Mentoring is an excellent way to pave the path forward for our chapters' future Financial Management leaders. This is an excellent way to give back and pay homage to those that helped mentor our current leaders to allow them to be where they are today!



Pictured Above: (From Left to Right) Caroline Berk, Maureen Wylie, Thomas Chin, and Rafael Roman



Junior Achievement Community Service Event Recap!

At the end of February, 14 AGA DC Chapter members participated in a community service event at Junior Achievement Finance Park in Prince Georges County, Maryland. Volunteers provided a real-world perspective of finance to 8th grade students through a stimulation where each student was given a life scenario: an avatar with a career, salary, credit score, debt, a family, and financial obligations.



Save the Date!

Annual Awards Gala!

The DC Chapter looks forward to celebrating another year of great accomplishments with you at our 59th Annual DC Chapter Awards Gala!

When: Saturday, May 19th, 5:30-8:30PM
Where: Clyde's of Gallery Place
707 7th Street, NW
Washington DC 20001

Mark your calendars to join us for a networking reception from 5:30-6:30PM, followed by dinner and drinks, live entertainment, and recognition from 6:30-8:30PM.

Dress is cocktail attire. New this year, the cost to attend the Gala is \$20 per person or \$35 for you and your guest. - there is no complimentary registration this year. Registration will open early April!



2017-2018 AGA DC Audio Training Schedule

The AGA DC Chapter will host the following National audio trainings throughout this program year at the Ford House Office Building, 441 2nd Street SW, 3rd Floor, Room #H2-396, Washington, DC 20515, across from the Federal Center, SW Metro Station. Registration links will be distributed to members the week before each training.

Cost:

There is no charge for AGA members in good standing for these events and attendees will earn two (2) CPE credit hours.

When:

- April 25: DATA Act
- May 16: Fraud/Data Analytics
- June 13: Leadership

2018 Year Luncheon Speaker Schedule

Date	Speaker	Title	Organization
4/24/18	Admiral Andrew J. Tiongson	Assistant Commandant for Resources & Chief Financial Officer (CFO)	U.S. Coast Guard
5/16/18	Wendy Payne	Executive Director	Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

Miriam's Kitchen Community Service Event!

The AGA DC Community Service Committee is organizing a community service event at **Miriam's Kitchen** in May.

Miriam's Kitchen is a non-profit organization that works towards fighting homelessness. In the beginning, they started with only serving breakfast. Then, they added case management, a therapeutic art program and started serving dinner too. Their base of support grew from the original three organizations to hundreds of corporations and faith communities and thousands of individuals.

We are calling for volunteers for a great community service day event at the Miriam's Kitchen in Washington, DC where the AGA DC chapter will help serve a meal or do prep work for a future meal.

When: Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Time: Breakfast Shift - 6:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Location: 2401 Virginia Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20037

Please contact Wendy Cheung at wecheung@deloitte.com directly if you can volunteer by **April 27**.



Washington Women Speak—Event Rescheduled!



When: Fri, April 20, 2018, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ET

Location: National Press Club 529 14th Street Northwest Washington, DC 20045

Register: <https://gt-us.co/GTWWS2018>

The previous date was sold out, please make sure you re-register today!!

Join Grant Thornton for the rescheduled 12th annual Washington Women Speak! - an inspiring and enriching event that brings women's real-world experiences to light.

A breakfast and panel discussion, Washington Women Speak! is designed to bring together professional women and men to discuss how our values and cultural experiences impact our work, our personal lives, and our communities.

Speakers include:

Kim Drumgo, Director, Diversity and Inclusion, AICPA

Brianne Nadeau, Member of the Council of the District of Columbia

Rosie Allen-Herring, President and CEO, United Way National Capital Area

We hope you will join together with hundreds from across the Washington, DC area for this year's event!

Register now for the 17th Annual AGA DC Chapter Training Embracing Disruptions to Achieve Positive Outcomes

Registration is now open! - Please register click [here](#) to go the registration page!

Register now to earn up to **16 valuable CPE credits** at the 17th Annual AGA DC Chapter Training at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. **Don't miss this opportunity to hear firsthand from government leaders** about the issues impacting Federal financial management and related functions. As is our tradition, we offer **ethics training** that meets Virginia CPA requirements and can be applied to DC and Maryland requirements. Excellent networking opportunities are offered at the **sponsor booths** and **happy hour** reception.

Breakfast, lunch, break refreshments and happy hour reception are included in your registration.

Come learn from key leaders in the federal financial management sphere with insight to the current financial environment and playbook for managing in uncertain times to achieve successful outcomes and much more! Key topics will also include updates from OMB, FASAB and GAO.

Registration prices are as follows:

AGA Members: \$525

Non-AGA Members: \$645

When & Where:

Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC

Wed, April 11th, 7:00 AM—Thurs, April 12th, 5:00 PM

Group Discounts:

Register 5 or more individuals and receive a 7% group discount from the AGA Member and Non-AGA Member price! Please process group registrations using the Eventbrite registration page. To receive the 7% discount for registering 5 or more attendees, please select from only the "7% Group" ticket options. For example, if you were registering 4 chapter members and 1 non-chapter member, then you would purchase 4 of the \$488.25 tickets and 1 of the \$599.85 tickets in a single sales transaction. To qualify for the discount, all members of your group must be registered in a single transaction.

Please contact Drew Pottle at dpottle@deloitte.com if you have questions. Please note AGA DC will process SF 182 requests, but if payment is not received then the attendee is obligated to pay the registration fee.

Registration fees are NON-REFUNDABLE. Attendees should plan to attend the networking reception, immediately following the conclusion of day 1 sessions.

CGFM Committee Update - by Wendy Allen

CGFM Month

In recognition of the great work that the AGA and the DC Chapter's CGFM Program has done to promote local financial management professionalism and competence, the honorable Muriel Bowser, Mayor of the District of Columbia, proclaimed March, 2018 as CGFM Month. Click [here](#) to see the proclamation!

Attention CGFM Candidates!

Be sure to take advantage of all these benefits we are offering our members!

◆ **Exam Rebate Initiative:** Take the exam and pass it from now through **April 2018** and we will reimburse you the cost of your exams!

The cost of each exam is \$125. We only have a limited amount of rebates available so first come, first served. Join those members who have recently passed exams and taken advantage of our rebate program! You must submit the following to qualify:

- Copy of passing certification
- Proof of payment
- Mailing address
- AGA member number

◆ **Loaner Study Guides/Practice Exams** – Studying for the exam? Need the materials? AGA DC has purchased electronic versions of the study guides as well as practice exams which are available to AGA DC members on a short-term loaner basis. Contact Shawn Syed at shawn.syed@syedandassociates.com if you are interested (available on a first come first served basis).

◆ **AGA National CGFM Intensive Review Course and Examinations**

AGA's Intensive Review Course (IRC) with CGFM examinations *included* is a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete your CGFM! The next IRC, offering up to 18 CPEs, will be held in Arlington, Virginia, **April 26–27, 2018**. The cost of the course for qualified participants is \$375 for AGA members/ \$425 for nonmembers. For additional information click [here](#).

Congratulations to our new CGFM's!

The following members obtained their CGFM in December 2017 and January 2018! Way to go!

Chau Tran Lim, CGFM

Zelaleme Y. Tamre, CGFM

Mila R. Fruto Vega, CGFM

James C. Gregg, CGFM

Questions? Contact Wendy Allen at wjallen@kpmg.com

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Andy Barr Award



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Inside The Black Box

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM, CPA

Reconciling the Posting Model with the Statement of Financing

Background

One of the most confusing external reports is the Statement of Financing (SoF or Note 42). Accounts are frequently assigned to multiple lines, and it is not clear if these are mutually exclusive or if their balances are to appear on each line. This column focuses on how to test an agency's posting model against the SoF.

Statement of Financing Purpose

The SoF starts with total obligations, nets out non-expenditure activity, offsets collections, and adds in non-budgetary expenses to derive Net Cost. It thus forms a bridge between the Statement of Budgetary Resources (SBR) and the Statement of Net Cost (SNC).

Evaluating the Posting Model

An agency can proactively determine what general ledger (GL) accounts they need to map to the SoF by lining up each entry in their posting model against their SoF. One way to do this quickly would be to start with a spreadsheet that assigns a row to each GL account and a column to each SoF line. If that account is not mapped to that line, the intersection cell would be 0, if a debit increases the value of the line, the cell value should be 1, and if a credit increases the line, a -1. A simple example would be:

Line #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Line text	Total Obligations	Offset Collection	Offset Receipt	Acquire Asset	Ordered not Provided	Pre-payment	Net Cost
218000						1	
232000						1	
425200		-1					
426100		-1					
426600		-1					
480100	-1				1		
490100	-1						
490200	-1						
520000							-1
560000			-1				
610000							-1
880200				-1			

Because the sum of lines 1-6 are supposed to equal line 7, the values in line 7 have to be subtracted in order for the sum of lines 1-7 to net to zero. Evaluating an expenditure/expense transaction such as B107 would show that: debit 610000 Expense increases line 7 Net Cost (-1), credit 101000 Fund Balance does nothing (0), debit 461000 Allotments also nothing (0), credit 490200 Delivered Orders increases line 1 Total Obligations (1), for a net value of zero. Similarly, the posting for a reimbursable collection in A708 does the following: debit 425200 Reimbursements Earned (-1 line 2), 101000 Fund Balance (0); credit 421000 Anticipated (0), 520000 Revenue (1 line 7), net of zero. Here the budget expenditure equals the proprietary expense and budgetary resources equals the proprietary revenue, so no reconciliation is necessary.

Inside The Black Box (continued)

However, there are many postings where the obligations don't line up with the net cost. Suppose our expenditure is an accrual of an asset purchase (B402 + G120). Now the impact is debit 175000 Equipment (0), 480100 Undelivered Orders (-1 on line 1 +1 line 5, net 0), 880200 Purchases (-1 on line 4); credit 211000 Accounts Payable (0), 490100 Delivered Orders (1 on line 1), 880100 Purchase Offset (0) for a net of zero. Similarly, the collection of a cash donation (C158) would have the impact: debit 426600 Collections (-1 on line 2), 101000 Fund Balance (0); credit 445000 Unapportioned (0), 560000 Donations (1 on line 3) for a net of zero. A caveat with this analysis is that each Standard General Ledger (USSGL) transaction definition has multiple possible account postings. While the above example uses only one posting per entry, an agency would need to uniquely identify each set of debit/credit postings, and there can be several for each USSGL transaction. Given that caveat, the results can be displayed in a table as follows:

Transaction	Line 1	Line 2	Line 3	Line 4	Line 5	Line 6	Line 7	Sum
A708		-1					1	0
B107	1						-1	0
B402	0				1			1
G120				-1				-1
C158		-1	1					0
C141							1	1

When the Net is Not Zero

The USSGL often requires an agency to combine several transaction definitions into a single posting. In the previous section, a purchase of equipment not only needed to post entry B402 (which impacts the SoF with a 1) but also G120 (which offsets with its own impact of -1), shown on rows 4 and 5 in the second table. So this is another reason the posting used in the analysis should be based on the agency's model and not the USSGL transaction list.

When examining a posting such as C141 collection of revenue for another (row 7 above) that impacts net cost but not budgets, first check to see in what funds the posting would occur. If the posting is only valid for deposit or clearing funds that do not appear on the agency's financial statements, then the impact can be ignored, though it is an indication that some process needs to be in place that would prevent this posting from occurring in an appropriated or reimbursable fund. On the other hand, an entry in a fund that is reported on the financial statements which has a non-zero impact would necessitate a change to the agency's SoF definition. Usually the issue can be resolved by adding a GL account to a line on the SoF (though check for changes this would cause to other posting's SoF impacts). If including a new account fixes the imbalance for some transactions but creates an imbalance for others, it may be necessary to create a new GL account that is only used by some of those transactions, either by splitting a USSGL account into two accounts that are treated differently on the SoF, or adding a memorandum account that captures certain activity that can be added to the SoF to reconcile Total Obligations with Net Cost.

Conclusion

The Statement of Financing is complex, but proactively analyzing the impact of standard postings on the statement can prevent the need to fix balances at the end of the year when personnel are busy with annual close.



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Whether you're looking for more information, or you'd like to give us your suggestions or comments, you'll find easy ways to contact us right here.

The most direct way to get your question answered is to send an email to the AGA DC Board Member via agadc.org. Check out the Officers and Directors for their contact information. For example, if you have a question about the AGA DC monthly luncheon, contact Eric Schaefer at eschaefer05@yahoo.com.

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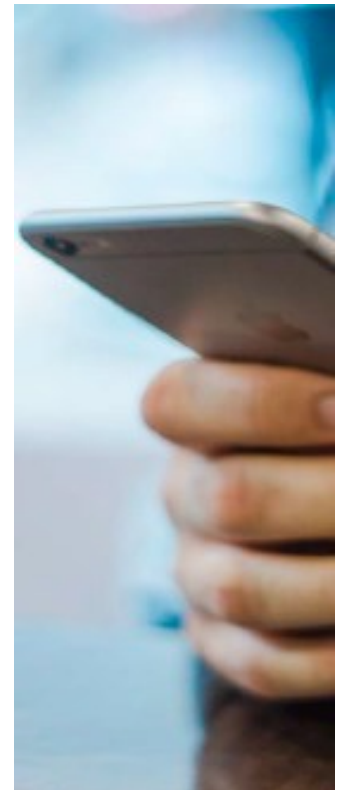
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