

AGA Phoenix Chapter (www.agaphoenix.org)

PY 2018-2019

October 2018



Message From the President



It was great to see everyone back again, after the summer break. We held our first event of the year, on September, 12th at ASU Skysong. It was a webinar on the topic of Communication. Additionally, there was a member's only free webinar on September 6th, entitled "Bridging Cost, Performance and Evidence: Building the Insights from the PIO-CFO Summit". Way to start the year off right!

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AGA has modernized its governance structure.

Check out the changes [here](#).

Now that September is over, time is flying quickly, as we are already headed into fall. The weather will start cooling down and the holidays are just around the corner. Don't forget to make time to attend your professional training, as we head into this busy season. It would be easy to procrastinate. The Phoenix Chapter of AGA makes it easy for you. We do all the work and all you have to do is show up. Also, the topics are very relevant to the government environment that we work in. You can start by attending our next event, which will also be at ASU Skysong, and will be on October 10th, 2018 at 10:30 AM. The topic for this next event is, "Leveraging IT to Detect Fraud, Waste and Abuse". It will be worth 2 CPE. Don't forget, this is just the beginning. Over the course of this year, we will provide the opportunity to achieve at least 40 CPEs.

If you like the events that the Phoenix Chapter of AGA has to offer, I would suggest that you consider purchasing the package deal. It is a great offer and will save you money on your professional training. There are still 12 events remaining, covered by the deal, at a total CPE count of 26 CPEs, for a low cost of \$220. This is a cost of \$8.50 per CPE hour and always includes lunch. Also, if you buy in the package deal now, you will save \$105, over the other option of paying individually for each event. We hope that you will take advantage of this. To see a full event listing for the year, please check out our website: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Phoenix/Training-Events/Event-Calendar.aspx>.

Click on any event and this will navigate you over to our Eventbrite page, where you can pay for either just that event, or the package deal.

Thank you for your continued support of the Phoenix Chapter, and we hope to see you at the Internal Control webinar on October 10th!

Michelle Huckabay, CPA, CGFM
President
AGA Phoenix Chapter

10/10/18 Meeting (2 CPE)

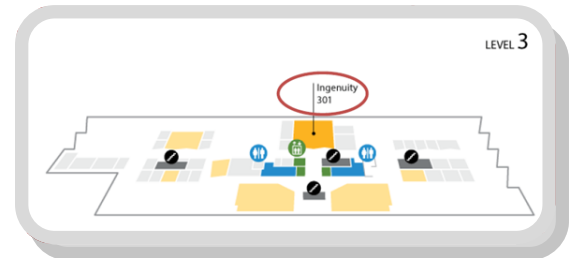
Topic: Leveraging IT to Detect Fraud, Waste and Abuse

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



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:

contact@agaphoenix.org

AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2018-2019

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
Past President	Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA
Secretary	Paola Matson
Treasurer	Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, 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 2018-2019 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.
 - Establish sponsorship program.
- Accountability:
 - ✓ • Prepare chapter’s Citizen Centric Report (CCR) by September 30, 2018 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 Ad-

2018 & 2019 Budget			
Budget Category	'18 Budget	'18 Spent	'19 Budget
Education	\$21,250	\$18,534.98	\$21,000
Membership	\$1,000	\$410	1,000
Travel	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500
Board Expenses	\$1,000	\$223.42	\$500
Scholarship	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
CGFM	\$16,350	\$15,390.08	\$1,550
Community Service	\$750	\$100	\$750
Website	\$150	\$0	\$0
Early Career	\$100	\$100	\$100
Audit	\$100	\$100	\$100
Misc.	\$100	\$12	\$200
Total	\$45,800	\$35,679.75	\$30,200

PY 2018-2019 Committee Members:

- Membership – Mary Adelman
- Education – Keith Orr, Jerry Snyder, John Schutter, Anthony St. George
- Programs – Getzamany Aragon & Michelle Huckabay
- Accountability—Kim Prendergast
- CGFM – Gergana Kovatcheva
- Young Professionals / Early Career – Getzamany Aragon
- Scholarship – Kelly Alkhoury
- Community Service – John Schutter
- Communications Committee – Anthony St. George
- Sponsorship—Anthony St. George

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Education and Meeting Plan					
2018-2019 Program Year					
Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
9/12/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Communications	2	9/7/18	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
10/10/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Leveraging IT to Detect Fraud, Waste and Abuse	2	10/5/18	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
11/14/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	Blockchain	2	11/9/18	AZ Department of Education Room 312 1535 W Jefferson St. Scottsdale, AZ 85007
12/19/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	Holiday Social	2	12/14/18	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/9/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Grants Management	2	1/4/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/18/19*	8:00am-8:30am Continental Breakfast 8:30am-12:00pm-Class	Ethics—ASCPA	4	1/11/19	MCCCD Governing Bd Rm 2411 W. 14th Street, 2nd Floor Tempe, AZ 85281
2/6/19	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	Lealan Miller	2	2/1/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
3/1/19*	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00p-12:50pm	ASRS	1	2/25/19	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		
3/6/19	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Finance	2	3/1/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257

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Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
3/27/18	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 10:30am- 11:00am, Audio Con- ference 11:00am- 12:50pm	Cybersecurity	2	3/22/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/10/19	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 10:30am- 11:00am, Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	FBI	2	4/5/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/26/19*	8:00am-4:00pm PDT	AGA National Presi- dent John Lynskey	1	4/21/19	Rio Salado College 2323 W. 14th St. Tempe, AZ 85281
		Uniform Guidance	1		
		Municipal Bond Fi- nancing—RBC Capital	1		
		TBD	1		
		Yellow Book—Auditor General	1		
		GASB Updates	1		
		Panel Discussion on Economic Develop-	2		
Total	8				
5/15/19	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 10:30am- 11:00am, Audio Con- ference 11:00am- 12:50pm	Fraud Data Analytics	2	5/10/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
5/29/19	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 10:30am- 11:00am, Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	Robotics Process Au- tomation	2	5/24/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
6/12/19	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 10:30am- 11:00am, Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	Topic— TBD	2	6/7/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
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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:

\$25 each monthly chapter meeting, or package deal—\$220 for all sessions*

Non-Members

\$40 each monthly chapter meeting

*excludes special events (Ethics and Professional Development Training—PDT)

To RSVP, please go to our online registration site: <http://agaphoenix.eventbrite.com> . Thank you for your interest!

Announcements - Job Postings

Internal Auditor Senior—Maricopa County. Salary \$59,238.40—\$64,064. The Internal Auditor Senior provides objective information on the County's system of internal controls to the Board of Supervisors so they can make informed decisions and protect the interests of County citizens.

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, Management, or a closely related field, and three (3) years' professional auditing experience.

Apply online at (Job #230IAS011918): <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/maricopa>

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

Please email AGA Phoenix Webmaster, 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/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.****