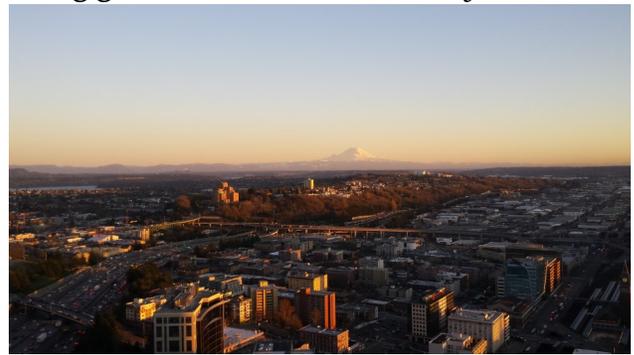


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President's Message

As incoming chapter president for our chapter, I would like to welcome you to our 2019-2020 program year! We have an exciting year planned, and we hope to have a chance to meet everyone at least once throughout the program year. This newsletter contains a list of the educational events that we have already scheduled, and we are also working on at least one community service event, and one awards event for later in the year. We opened our program year with a lunchtime event featuring Lisa DeLaVergne, Section Manager of Program Integrity at the Washington State Health Care Authority. Our next event will be Tuesday, October 8th, and will feature Lynn McKiernan Ngari of King County, speaking on Grants Management.

Our incoming chapter board met in August to plan for the new program year, and to look at what went well and where we could improve from the last year. We also welcomed our newest board member, Eddie Johnson. We have summarized our accomplishments from this year, and some of our goals and challenges for this upcoming year, in our Citizen-Centric Report (CCR), which will be sent out in the next week or so.



Sam Lord, Chapter President

Please take some time to read through the report, and let us know if you have any questions, or any suggestions for future activities.

In July, two of our board members, Karyn Angulo and Sandra Starnes, attended the AGA National Professional Development Training (PDT) conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. There, they connected with chapter leaders from all over the country to share ideas, and represented our chapter at the conference. Karyn Angulo accepted AGA National's highest level award for chapter achievement, the Platinum Award, on behalf of the chapter.

Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome two new members to the Seattle Chapter since May: Ms. Laura Atkins, Budget Analyst, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, joined us in July, and Mrs. Melissa LeGree, Student & EA, transferred from the Central Washington Chapter in September.

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AGA Seattle Chapter's Monthly Meeting Schedule for Program Year 2019-2020

Save the dates for our monthly education events for program year 2019-2020! Please join us at these brown bag events and help us make this program year a success. Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at the GAO Training Facility on the 37th floor of the Columbia Tower.

AGA Continuing Professional Education Calendar 2019-2020

Tuesday, 10/08/2019, Lynn McKiernan Ngari, CGMS, CPA, King County Washington, *Grants Management*

Tuesday, November 12, 2019, Kate Reynolds, WA State Executive Ethics Board, *Government Ethics in Washington State*

Wednesday, December 11, 2019, Elena G. Huizar, WA State Attorney General's Office, *I Didn't Know the Attorney General's Office Did That + Public Record Request*

Tuesday, January 14, 2020, Valerie Moseley, CPA, Moseley & Associates, LLC, *Tax Update 2019*

Tuesday, February 11, 2020, Gina Steiner, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (PGST), *Interactions between Tribes & Other Governments: Successes and Stumbling Blocks*

Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Mark Steranka, Moss Adams, *Internal and Performance Audit Programs: A Collaborative Approach to Success*

April 2020, *Governmental Accounting & Auditing Conference* co-sponsored with the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants, Location and CPE to be determined

May 2020, *Emerald Awards*, date TBD. Each year, the AGA Seattle Chapter recognizes leaders in government accountability. Come join us as we give our thanks to those who have done so much for our community.



September Training Event

On Tuesday, September 10, Lisa DeLaVergne, WA State Health Care Authority, gave a presentation on Medicaid program integrity and fraud prevention. For the past eighteen plus years, Lisa DeLaVergne has worked at Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA). In October 2015, Lisa became Section Manager of Program Integrity. She utilizes her expertise, knowledge and skills in healthcare coding, utilization review, quality management, and healthcare auditing to strategically plan the oversight of program integrity in the State's Medical Assistance programs.



THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS

October 8, 2019

- Speaker** *Lynn McKiernan Ngari, Grants Financial Officer,
King County*
- Topic/Time** **Grants Management**
12:00 – 12:50 pm
Please join us at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and networking prior to the presentation.
- Place** GAO Training Room
701 Fifth Ave., Floor 37
Seattle, WA 98104
- Cost** **MEMBERS - \$0 AND NON-MEMBERS - \$0**
- Lunch Options** Bring your own lunch, or purchase a lunch at one of the food court establishments on the ground floor of the building.
- RSVP Required** Please **RSVP** to attend by **Friday, October 4, 2019** to Karen Murphy, at joujie@comcast.net.
- CPE** 1 CPE awarded

November 2019 Training Opportunity from the AGA Olympia Chapter

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**TRAINING QUALIFIES FOR WASHINGTON
STATE ETHICS FOR CPA'S
APPROVED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

WHEN

November 14, 2019
8am – 12pm

WHERE

Pellegrino's Event
Center
5757 Littlerock Rd SW,
Tumwater
<http://pellegrinoseventcenter.com/directions/>

Register

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/professional-ethics-and-regulations-for-cpas-in-washington-state-tickets-67795836171?aff=utm_source%3Demail%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text

CPE

4 hours

COST

\$100 AGA/IIA members
\$150 Non-members

Proceeds go to support
local scholarships and
audio conferences

Click [here](#) for the link to register for this training.

AGA Training Webinars

AGA National provides webinars throughout the year to make earning CPE hours easy. All of the webinars, unless denoted with a members-only icon, are open to anyone. They feature experts speaking on emerging issues to help you stay informed on topics including auditing, ethics, governmental accounting, internal controls and performance. [Group registration](#) options are available to those who would like to attend together in one location. Otherwise, [individuals](#) are able to register and attend from their own device.

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year via AGA members-only webinars. Group registration is not available for members-only webinars. Learn more about [members-only webinar registration](#) and CPE credit.

Below is the webinar schedule through the end of the calendar year. For more information, contact:

- ◆ October 2, 2019, 2–3:50 PM ET (2 CPE) – Finance
- ◆ October 23, 2019, 2–3:50 PM ET (2 CPE) – Internal Control
- ◆ November 20, 2019, 2–3:50 PM ET (2 CPE) – Ethics
- ◆ December 11, 2019, 2–3:50 PM ET (2 CPE) – Internal Control

If you have questions about this training, you can send any questions to AGA at [email AGA](#).

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Some of our biggest goals this year are to increase membership in the chapter, and also to increase member participation at chapter activities, and with our chapter board. We encourage you to reach out to us to provide feedback on how we're doing, and what you would like to see this program year and beyond. We have discussed adding a webcast as an option for participating in our trainings and also introducing new venues for hosting our in-person events. If you have ideas of training topics you would like to see covered in the future or know of spaces we could hold trainings in that would be convenient for you, please let us know.

We are always looking for new people to participate on our board and with chapter outreach activities such as presentations to students at local colleges and universities. We have a great group of people on our board, but additional help is always welcome. We have an open President-Elect position, but also opportunities to serve on a committee, or as an at-large board member. If you're at all considering it, please let us know, and we would be happy to talk with you about what it involves. For our student outreach, we visit several local schools and conduct panel discussions about careers in government accounting and accountability. It is also a chance for panelists to highlight their organizations and also do some recruiting for current or future openings. You do not have to be a board member to join us in visiting the schools.

I look forward to seeing you at our monthly in-person activities, as does the rest of the board. Welcome again to our new program year!

Sam Lord

Chapter President

NCC News

By Karyn Angulo

This month's newsletter features a new section, NCC News, that will provide chapter members information on what is happening at AGA from the perspective of the AGA Seattle Chapter's National Council of Chapters Representative. As mentioned in previous newsletters, AGA National has changed its governance structure, and each chapter selects an NCC representative for a one-year term. Earlier this year, our board selected me to be the chapter's first representative, and I have attended two NCC training sessions this year—at LEAD! 2019 in Kansas City, Missouri, in April, and at the AGA National Professional Development Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, in July.

As your NCC representative, my role is provide input to the National Governing Board (NGB) on strategic issues and topics and be a forum for the pulse of the membership, facilitate connections and communication among chapters, and communicate AGA program and activities to chapters and promote chapter involvement, among others. In addition to participating in two in-person meetings per year, the NCC representatives will also meet via conference call twice a year and will communicate via a Facebook group and other means throughout the year.

We are preparing for our November conference call, and I'll be reaching out to the chapter board and members to get your input on questions and concerns you might have, and I'll share what I learn from those meetings in this column. This is a great opportunity to make your voice heard and exchange ideas for how to improve our chapter and our association as a whole in the coming year. As you read our 2018-2019 Citizen-Centric Report and the education events we've scheduled for the year, you'll see that we offer a variety of educational and networking opportunities. We look forward to hearing from you so that we can have an even more successful 2019-2020 program year.



Articles and Photos Wanted

We are always looking for articles to include in *THE SOUNDER*. Please submit items for inclusion and attribution. We also like to decorate the first page of The Sounder with a local photo each month.

If you have an article or picture to contribute, please send it to Karyn Angulo, Newsletter Editor, at newsletter.agaseattle@gmail.com.

When we use your photo, we will acknowledge you in our credits section.

Meet Your Board Members

We are using this column to introduce you to our board members for the 2019-2020 program year. Our first introduction is from our new Chapter President, Sam Lord.

Auditor, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, Office of Audit Services

AGA Seattle Chapter President, Webmaster, Young Professionals Committee Chair

Compared to many in our chapter, I am a relative newcomer to the government accounting field. I started as an auditor with the HHS Office of Inspector General almost nine years ago. I had previously been involved with the AGA while looking for contacts to find out more about government accounting and auditing careers. After being hired as an auditor, I became a regular AGA member, and attended lunch time training meetings at the Columbia Center. The chapter board convinced me that serving as a board member would be a rewarding experience, and I took them up on their suggestion. I haven't regretted it, and would highly recommend it to anyone who might be considering it.

I've been surprised at how many other people in government accounting have followed a somewhat non-traditional path to their current career. I previously served in the military, and worked in project management within the tech community. While getting my MBA at the University of Washington, I found accounting interesting, but ended up going along a different path. A subsequent career transition point got me to thinking more about accounting, and I went back to school at North Seattle College to obtain accounting credits I needed to sit for the CPA exam. After talking with a number of people working in the government accounting field, I ended up finding a job opening at my current Seattle field office location.

Like many of the board members, I am very interested in connecting with current college students and recent graduates to let them know more about careers in government accounting and accountability. I have been fortunate to attend the AGA National Professional Development Training for multiple times, with opportunities to meet government accounting professionals from all over the country, and from all levels of government. It is exciting to see such an amazing group of people excited about what they do, and looking for ways to bring new people into the field.

In my personal life, I enjoy spending time with my wife and two sons, and working outside in the yard. I grew up in the Puget Sound area, and while I moved away for a number of years for school and career, I was happy to move back closer to family and friends. A little known fact is that I am a devout Lego fan, and having two boys who like to play with them has been a great "excuse" to get back into collecting and building with them!

Financial Condition as of August 31, 2019

Checking - .10% interest	\$ 1,114.05
Savings -.10% interest	<u>\$ 6,684.64</u>
Total Assets	\$ 7,798.69
Liabilities	\$ 0.00
Members' Equity	<u>\$ 7,798.69</u>
Liabilities & Members' Equity	\$ 7,798.69

Cash Flow Report, Month Ending August 2019

Beginning Cash Balances	\$ 8,170.52
PDT Travel Costs for Board Members	\$ 372.11
Cash Expended	<u>\$ 372.11</u>
Interest Income	\$ 0.28
Subtotal Cash Deposits	<u>\$.28</u>
Net Cash Change	<u>\$ 371.83</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u>\$ 7,798.69</u>



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