

AGA Phoenix Chapter (www.agaphoenix.org)

PY 2016-2017

April 2017



Message From the President



Thank you all who were in attendance at our two March events, first, our audio conference on Uniform Guidance and, second, our annual Professional Development Training (PDT) event. It was great to see so many in attendance, we hope that you enjoyed these events. We also appreciate your feedback from the PDT event. This feedback is especially helpful, so that we can analyze the results of the evaluations and learn what to keep or change for next year.

This month, our meeting will be held on April 12th at ASU Sky Song on the topic of Ethics, for two CPE. Lunch begins a little earlier this month, at 10:30 AM and the audio conference will begin at 11:00 AM. To register for this event, please go here: <https://www.agaphoenix.eventbrite.com>.

Also, there was one order of business held during the March 8th meeting. The elections were held for your 2017-2018 year Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The outcome of the election was a vote for Michelle Huckabay as Vice President, Josh Neidigh as Treasurer and Kim Prendergast as Secretary. Thank you all in attendance for participating in the election process. Remember that there are other options for participating on the board, other than these elected positions. We are always looking for new people to the board! Committees include: Education, Membership, Communications (Website/Newsletter), Early Career, Scholarship, etc. Now is a great time to get involved, because a lot of the plans for next program year will begin to happen over the summer time frame.

Again, if you have any feedback for us on topics and otherwise, or would like to get more involved with Phoenix AGA, please do not hesitate to let us know. We can be reached at e-mail: contact@agaphoenix.org. Thanks again!

Gergana Kovatcheva, CPA, CGFM

President

AGA Phoenix Chapter

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**2017-2018 Election Results
from 3/8/17 Meeting:**

Vice President—Michelle Huckabay

Treasurer—Josh Neidigh

Secretary—Kim Prendergast

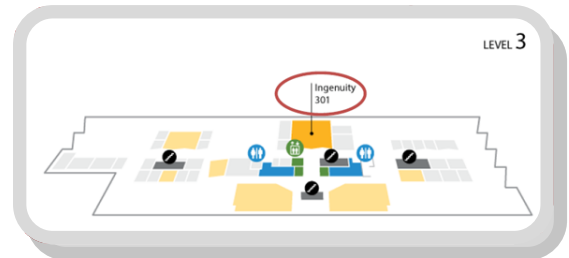
4/12/17 Meeting (2 CPE)**Topic: Ethics**

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

**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:

cgfm@agaphoenix.org

CGFM Study Group: If you are interested in joining a CGFM Study Group, please contact John Schutter at john.schutter@asu.edu

Goals for 2016-2017 and Beyond

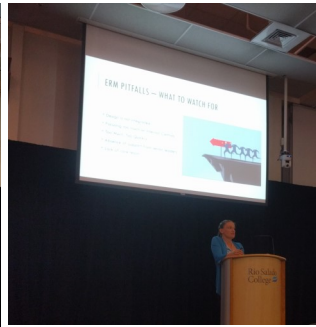
- Membership & Education:
 - Provide 36 education credits throughout the program year. Audio conferences and live speakers.
 - Reach out to new members within first month of membership.
 - Reach out to all non-renewing members in May/June.
 - Provide social/recruiting event in Spring.
- Accountability:
 - 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	
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 – Leslie De’Reche/Mary Adelman (back-up)
- Community Service – John Schutter
- Early Career – Open
- Website – Karie Tepper/Josh Consier

Phoenix AGA PDT Pictures



Pictures from Phoenix AGA PDT 3/31/17 (Top Left to Right): Anthony St. George introducing speakers Corey Arvizu and Brittany Williams, Phoenix AGA President Gergana Kovatcheva opening the event, speaker Arizona State Treasurer Jeff DeWit, speaker AGA National President Douglas Glenn, speaker AGA Southwest Regional VP Heather J.R. Prudhomme, speaker David Godfrey and HeinfeldMeech table.

2016-2017 Scholarship Awarded



Congratulations to Jazmin Lombera, the recipient of the 2016-2017 Phoenix AGA scholarship award, for \$1,000. Jazmin is a student at ASU and is working towards her Masters in Public Administration, with a concentration in Public Finance. In Jazmin’s thoughtful scholarship essay she wrote about how to get government spending under control. She said, “efficiency can be achieved if we as public sector leaders are willing to maximize budgets we are given and take new approaches.”

**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 Conference 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	TBD	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 Conference 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 - February 2017

Treasurer's Report

Book Balance 1/31/2017	\$5,041.80
Receipts	\$3,271.19
Disbursements	\$4,204.08
Book Balance 2/28/17	\$4,108.91
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
Outstanding Deposits	\$20.00
Adjusted Book Balance	\$4,088.91
<u>Account Balance</u>	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Your Savings Balance	\$450.86
Money Market Account	\$2,164.60
Checking Balance	\$1,418.45
	\$4,088.91
Difference Adjusted Book vs Bank	(\$0.00)

Balance Sheet

2/28/2017

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Your Savings Balance	\$450.86
Money Market Fund	\$2,164.60
Checking Balance	\$1,418.45
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$4,088.91
Inventory	\$22.98
Donated Gift Cards	\$0.00
Speaker Gifts	\$20.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,131.89
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
TOTAL Liabilities	\$0
Equity	\$4,131.89

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

Accounting Technician—Valley Metro RPTA. Salary \$16.55—\$24.83 / hour. The Accounting Technician is the first level in a four level Accounting series. Positions are responsible for providing routine data entry and accounting support. For the Accounting Technician position with this classification, typical duties include: processing customer requests for refunds, running fare revenue reports, collection of performance data, performing of field audits, reconciliation of cash receipts and general ledger accounts.

Ideal Candidate: High School Diploma, courses in accounting or bookkeeping and one year related accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll and timesheet experience; or an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties such as those listed above.

Apply online at: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/valleymetro/default.cfm>

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

Please email AGA Phoenix Webmaster, Karie Tepper, at webmaster@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:

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:

newsletter@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: aga@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.****