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Newsletter

May 2019

President's Message



The May 16th Professional Development Training was a successful training event that featured fantastic speakers who taught the more than 50 attendees about cyber security; internal controls; fraud on all levels, including payment fraud; being a builder or breaker with our audit reports, and managing invoices using robotics.

Thank you to Jed Johnson with the City of Garland, Bob Scott with the City of Carrollton, Mamatha Sparks with the City of Dallas, John Rich and Michael Griese with GSA, and An Yu and Paul Forthman with J.P. Morgan Chase in Houston and Dallas.

I'd also like to thank the Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) members for helping to ensure this event went smoothly and was a success: Immediate Past President and Dallas National Chapter Committee member Melinda DeCorte; Past Secretary Laura Velez; Webmaster and Logistics Director Lee Chiang; Treasurer Eric Mutai; Event Director Joetta Obot; President-Elect John Rich; and Advisory Board Member Danny Martinez, who worked the registration desk on his day off for two hours to help. Please thank all of these great volunteers. This event would not have occurred without their help, planning, endless time printing out forms, name tags, hauling AV equipment, contacting speakers, and manning our Event Brite site.

The day after the event, AGA National Representative Bobby Derrick and I met with accounting faculty at the University of Texas at Dallas and Southern Methodist University on May 17th to promote AGA and government finance jobs. Mr. Derrick is a past AGA National President who is extremely passionate and upbeat about AGA and its mission. Faculty members we met with received our message well and were interested in offering their fellow faculty members information about the free, one-year online AGA membership offered to college students. If you have any questions about that free college online membership, please contact me at brandireneprice@gmail.com.

In addition to hosting the Professional Development Training, Dallas CEC members John Rich (Chapter President-Elect), Melinda DeCorte (Immediate Past President), and I attended the AGA National LEAD internal training for Chapter Executive Committee members in late April held for the Midwest and West Coast, Hawaii, and Guam AGA chapters. Dallas CEC members learned how to grow our membership, what your AGA membership means to you, how to market the chapter to universities and businesses to build sponsorships, and to also forge relationships with other chapter leaders. The annual training is a great opportunity to train AGA Chapter leaders in helping to ensure your AGA membership has value.

So what do you get with your annual AGA membership besides two annual, full-day training events in Dallas? Your AGA membership includes the quarterly Journal of Government Financial Management published by AGA National, which includes articles written by fellow AGA members and business professionals. Your membership also gives you access to free

Upcoming Events

AGA National Webinars

Journey to The Frontline (2 CPEs)

June 12, 2019 | 2-3:50pm ET

Professional Resilience (1 CPE)

June 27, 2019 | 1-2:00pm ET

Free to AGA Members

Register online for AGA National Webinars at: <https://www.agacgfm.org/webinars>.



Professional Development Training (24 CPEs)

Date: July 21-24, 2019

Location: New Orleans, LA or virtual

Register online at:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/PDT>

Check out the PDT program at:

https://s15.a2zinc.net/clients/aga/pdt2019/Public/Sessions.aspx?ID=1224&View=Sessions_summary

Member Spotlight

Welcome to our newest members!

- Tonyan L. Geans
- KaJuana L. Edwards
- Lisa Marie Lara
- Reed Rubey

Join or renew today at

<https://www.agacgfm.org/join>.

Webinars, including topics such as the revised version of the Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS, also known as the Yellow Book), leadership, and professional development. Your membership also gets you access to Webinars on fraud, GASB updates, leadership, internal controls, grant management, and other vital Webinars for approximately \$50, and discount prices on the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) fees. For more, visit the AGA National Web site's membership page: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership.aspx>

Ensuring we provide the best value to our members is what keeps the volunteers of the CEC spending time serving on the board. If you would like to help make the Dallas AGA Chapter provide better value to its members, or just to give back, please contact me at brandireneprice@gmail.com. My term ends on June 30, 2019, but I will still assist the CEC with events and other opportunities, such as hopefully establishing a scholarship on behalf of the Dallas AGA in the future.

Thank you again for being an AGA member and for attending the May PDT!

Sincerely,

Brandi Price
AGA Dallas Chapter President

Recap of Past Events

AGA Dallas May Professional Development Training a Success

AGA Dallas hosted its Spring Professional Development Training on May 16th. Topics included payment fraud prevention and detection, best practices for internal controls, updates on AGA organization structure and AGA regional, robotic process automation, cybersecurity, and more. Over 50 attendees took advantage of this great training event. Speaker gifts totaling \$125 were donated to the North Texas Food Bank on behalf of our speakers.



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Are you interested in serving in the AGA Dallas Chapter Executive Committee in the 2019-2020 program year? Please email AGA Dallas President Brandi Price at brandireneprice@gmail.com.

AGA National Updates

Renew your AGA Membership Today!

AGA membership and CGFM renewals were due on March 31, 2019. If you have not yet renewed your membership, you still have time! Renew your membership today at: <https://www.agacgfm.org/renew>.

Volunteer for AGA

Interested in shaping the future of the Journal, certification, federal management standards, ethics, governance or bylaws? Volunteers are needed for AGA national boards and committees! Learn more at <https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Leadership/National-Boards-and-Committees.aspx>.

Annual CFO Survey | Beyond Disruption: Maximizing CFO Tools in the New Reality

AGA is proud to announce that results of this year's CFO Survey are now available. Learn how the government financial management community are adjusting to changes in procedures, trends and technology at <http://aga.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT04NTc2ODk3JnA9MSZ1PTEwNjYxNTkzNzImbGk9NjYONjIjMjI/index.html>.