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Message From the President



Gergana Kovatcheva begins her term as president for the Phoenix Chapter of AGA beginning this month. She formerly held the roles of Vice President and Scholarship Chair.

Gergana is a CPA and CGFM. She works for the Arizona Department of Corrections as their Controller. She began her career with the State at the Department of Economic Security and has also worked for the Department of Administration and Arizona First Things First.

Gergana is a native of Bulgaria and speaks Bulgarian and Russian, in addition to English. She is married and has one daughter, who is currently attending ASU as an undergraduate. She works hard during the work week, but also enjoys cooking, the outdoors and most kinds of physical activity, when she is not at work.

As we begin planning the schedule for the upcoming fiscal year in the next month, if you have any suggestions for meeting topics that you would like to hear, please do not hesitate to contact Gergana at aga@agaphoenix.org.

Thank you for supporting the Phoenix chapter.

Gergana Kovatcheva, CPA, CGFM
President
AGA Phoenix Chapter

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The Phoenix Chapter of AGA will receive special recognition, of the Gold designation for program year 2015-2016, from AGA National for its efforts in furthering the mission of AGA. AGA's Mission: fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.



Community Service Report—Ronald McDonald House

On June 28th members of the Phoenix AGA participated in feeding families at the Ronald McDonald House in downtown Phoenix. The Ronald McDonald House is an organization that provides a comfortable and affordable place, as well as resources, for families with a child battling a illness that requires them to seek hospital care.

It was a great event, as all the families we encountered were very appreciative of the hot meal and hospitality of our group. We look forward to doing this again in the future, as this has become an annual tradition.



Picture: (left to right) Kim Prendergast, Tom Huckabay, Michelle Huckabay, John Schutter and Gergana Kovatcheva

CGFM Study Resources Available:



For AGA members interested in taking the CGFM please contact our CGFM chair Elisa Gin 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

AGA Phoenix Chapter, Treasurer's Reports - May 2016

Treasurer's Report

Book Balance 4/30/2016	\$7,847.45
Receipts	\$6,582.84
Disbursements	\$4,891.42
Book Balance 5/31/16	\$9,538.87
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
Outstanding Deposits	\$0.00
Adjusted Book Balance	\$9,538.87
<u>Account Balance</u>	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Your Savings Balance	\$402.68
Money Market Account	\$3,163.47
Checking Balance	\$5,917.72
	\$9,538.87
Difference Adjusted Book vs Bank	\$0.00

Balance Sheet

5/31/2016

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Your Savings Balance	\$402.68
Money Market Fund	\$3,163.47
Checking Balance	\$5,917.72
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$9,538.87
Inventory	\$22.98
Speaker Gifts	\$20.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,581.85
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
TOTAL Liabilities	\$0
Equity	\$9,581.85

Announcements - Job Postings

Accounting Supervisor I—Industrial Commission of Arizona. Salary \$43,239.66—\$60,354.11 The Accounting Supervisor I reports directly to the CFO and supervises the payroll staff. The candidate in this position will serve as a subject matter expert on GAAP relating to accounting and reporting, and is responsible for preparing monthly budget to actual cash flow reports, and completing the required GAO Monthly Financial Review Package for the CFO's approval. This position includes, identifying, analyzing and explaining anomalies and variances in the ICA's monthly financial and budget reports, and presenting them for the CFO's review and approval. Other responsibilities include: preparing the monthly investment reports for the investment committee meeting; preparing journal entries in AFIS; reviewing and approving financial transactions to identify and resolve errors; performing analyses and evaluations of internal controls and making recommendations to strengthen internal controls; acting as lead contact with Auditor General, GAO and Department of Labor auditors; and coordinating the Accounting Division's file management and records retention process.

Ideal Candidate: A Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from an accredited college or university or equivalent. Three years of work experience as an Accountant III or equivalent. Audit experience with a public accounting firm, the Arizona Auditor General or similar experience. Licensed Certified Public Accountant with the State of Arizona, or similar professional level certification or advanced degree. Three years of experience preparing state and or local government financial and budgetary statements and note disclosures including enterprise funds.

Apply for Job #22599 online at: <https://azstatejobs.azdoa.gov/>

Assistant Controller—Arizona State Retirement System. Salary up to \$85,000 DOE. The Assistant Controller is responsible for planning, directing and coordinating the day to day accounting functions in the General Accounting unit, which includes supervising and developing five direct reports. Key functions for which the Assistant Controller is responsible includes: general ledger accounting/reconciling and external financial reporting (including CAFR, PAFR and GASB 68 Reporting). Further, the Assistant Controller has key responsibilities for external audit management. This position is also charged with reviewing internal controls and internal processes to ensure unit efficiencies.

Ideal Candidate: Bachelor's degree in accounting or closely related field from an accredited college or university is highly preferred. The ideal candidate will have a CPA certification. Seven to ten years of accounting experience, which include three to five years as a supervisor. A comprehensive knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles, governmental fund accounting, financial statement preparation, accounting systems and internal controls. Strong computer skills, with an emphasis on Excel and Access. Strong analytical problem solving skills and demonstrated ability to be flexible and able to adapt quickly to change. Proven ability to handle multiple projects simultaneously and use good judgement in decision making and in prioritizing work. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with subordinates, colleagues and managers. Support the agencies PRIDE initiative. Familiarity with MUNIS financial management system is a plus.

Apply for Job #22761 online at: <https://azstatejobs.azdoa.gov/>

Announcements - Job Postings

Internal Auditor—City of Tempe. Salary \$70,797—\$95,576 The Internal Auditor position receives direction from the City Auditor. Essential functions include: perform wide variety of duties involved in the internal audits of departments, divisions and programs, and contracts to determine legal and financial compliance with applicable ordinances, regulations and contractual agreements; perform variety of professional audits related to financial and operational efficiency and effectiveness of various functions, programs, policies and procedures throughout City divisions and departments to audit books and records of concessions working under agreement with the City; perform audits to ensure appropriate internal controls are in place; identify areas of non-compliance internal control weaknesses and other irregularities; prepare and present concise, comprehensive formal written audit reports that include observations and recommendations for the correction of internal control weaknesses, ineffective or inefficient operations and any other identified risks; responsible for the administration development and continuous improvement of various Internal Audit operations and programs; performs a wide variety of management studies and consulting projects under the direction of the City Auditor. For a complete job description go to:

<http://www.tempe.gov/home/showdocument?id=4790>

Ideal Candidate: Requires the equivalent to a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in accounting, auditing or a degree related to core functions of this position. Requires the equivalent to three years of increasingly full time responsible internal auditing or public accounting experience, including financial, IT, or performance auditing experience. For this vacancy previous IT audit experience and/or related IT audit certification is preferred. Possession of, or must pass certification testing within 12 months of hire, in one of the following professional certifications.

CIA—Certified Internal Auditor

CPA—Certified Public Accountant

CMA—Certified Management Accountant

CFE—Certified Fraud Examiner

CISA—Certified Information Systems Auditor

CGAP—Certified Government Auditing Professional

Or equivalent professional certification related to the core function of this position

Apply for Job #900595 online at:

https://apply.tempe.gov/psc/hr910prd/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_CE.GBL

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.****