

NEWSLETTER

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NORTHERN NEVADA CHAPTER

Advancing Government Accountability

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A NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“On the Grow!”

As an AGA organization, who are we and what is our purpose? In our bylaws our AGA mission is to serve government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

Our Chapter is willing, able and ready to take on the worthwhile task.

Our Chapter committees are energized to promote continued accountability in our government. Educational opportunities are a key factor in this important effort. We will provide events to satisfy much of your CPE requirement at a low cost. Please mark your calendars to attend the training events for the near future. A major event is our Professional Development Training (PDT) planned for January 12-13, 2017. Kathryn Reynolds, Education and Program Director, will be establishing a committee to plan it. We need your suggestions for our next PDT. We need ideas for subject matter, effective presenters and sponsors. More information will follow.

Growing membership is certainly one of our cornerstones. The early careers path is an excellent way to go. So for these recent college graduates or students, let's be sure they get our attention. So how do we approach potential members? Among some suggestions, you show your enthusiasm, send them to the AGA website, follow-up and thank them. Let's make sure they become successful within the chapter's leadership positions and activities.

Also, in order to help our local communities, we are encouraging members to donate time and money to worthy charitable causes. The next event is for the Advocates Against Domestic Violence” on July 23, 2016. Please mark your calendars and for more information contact Mark Costa, our chapter's Community Service Director at markcosta1@hotmail.com by June 6th or earlier preferably.

Watch your emails for notices of upcoming events and let's have fun.

I would like to thank all our previous and new officers for their continued devotion to our mission.

In addition, I would like to thank all of our **93** members for making this a great year. Soon you will be hearing from Kitty DeSosio, our next Chapter President.

Thank you.

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ELECTION RESULTS

At our May 17, 2016 meeting, the members of the Northern Nevada Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants, in accordance with its bylaws, unanimously elected the following officers:

President – Kitty Boice DeSocio
President-Elect – Eric Scheetz
Secretary – Michael Shafer
Treasurer – Jason Cooper
Treasurer-Elect – Kim Arnett
Director-Membership – Melanie Brooks
Director-Community Service – Mark Costa
Director-Education and Programs – Kathryn Reynolds

All officers take office effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. I would love to have four more volunteers to fill the positions of the Director of Communications/Website; the Director of Professional Development/CGFM; the Accountability Chair and the Early Careers Director.

For those still needing to renew, please remember to renew your membership today.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER & CGFM CORNER

Want to advance your career? Looking for education to enhance your knowledge or for a title for a credential on your resume and business cards? The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) offers the certification of Certified Government Financial Manager – “The mark of excellence in federal, state and local government.”

Give yourself a competitive edge with this valuable certification. Study guides are available from AGA too. Study Groups for the CGFM will be established as needed. We also seek to fill the need for more training in January during our Professional Development Training.

Read more about it and see for yourself what others are saying about this credential on AGA’s web site at: <http://www.agacgfm.org> under CGFM Certification.

This year, Melanie Brooks and Jason Cooper attended for our chapter. Melanie expressed her experience as follows: “The SLM on May 5-7, 2016 in Salt Lake City was very informative and inspiring. I especially enjoyed our regional workshop where we discussed a variety of topics such as newsletters, websites, and local meeting formats. It was a pleasure getting to know my fellow AGA members – I look forward to our next gathering!” Jason expressed his experience as follows: “I was honored to be selected to attend this year’s Sectional Leadership Training for the Northern Nevada Chapter. Being able to interact and share chapter activities and news with other AGA members, who were from as far away as Guam and Mexico City, provided me great insight that I brought back to Northern Nevada. I’m excited to work with other members of our chapter to enhance our website, increase our outreach to the colleges and universities, and develop training that benefits every member of AGA.”

8nd Annual Professional Development Training

On January 28th and 29th, 2016 our chapter sponsored the PDT. It was well attended at about 110 and covered a wide range of pertinent and fun topics. The speakers included Mark Haggen, Wells Fargo Bank; Ron Knecht, Nevada State Controller; Ann M. Ebberts, CEO AGA; Felicia O’Carroll, Dan Carter and Dan Rushin of Eide Bailly; Judy Shock, AGA Regional Vice President; Dave Schmidt and Christopher Robison, Dept. of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation; James Andrus and Martha Ford of Piercy, Bowler, Taylor & Kern; Dr. Jeanne Yamamura, CPA, CGMA, MIM, PhD; and Gerald Eick, Incline Village General Improvement District.

Our sponsors included Bank of America; Wells Fargo Bank; Eide Bailly and Gold Dust West. We are planning our next PDT 2017 and I am so excited about it. I hope it will “Wow” you too.

Audio Conferences Presented in the Recent Past

- Big Data and Data Analytics
- DATA Act
- Ethics
- Forensic Accounting

MEMBER BENEFITS

Did you know that the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) offers a vast networking opportunity at all levels of government? Have a problem and can’t find a solution? Perhaps one or more of your peers in AGA can help?

Membership includes a subscription to the Journal of Government Financial Management. The *Journal of Government Financial Management (Journal)* is the premier resource in government financial management, featuring articles and columns from practitioners and academics who provide insights based on research and experience. The quarterly publication, produced by AGA since 1950, is distributed to members and international libraries, comprising a circulation of nearly 14,000.

Also, there are no additional dues for membership in the Northern Nevada Chapter. Think about enhancing your resume by serving as a Chapter officer or committee member and earn continuing education credits at a reduced cost. Please join us!