

# AGA Phoenix Chapter (www.agaphoenix.org)

PY 2015-2016

April 2016



## Message From the President



Registration is open for the annual Professional Development Conference on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Rio Salado Conference Center. The cost is \$95 for members and \$150 for non-members, and you can earn 8 CPEs by attending the event.

The Phoenix Chapter is also hosting two web conferences in April – DATA Act on April 13<sup>th</sup> and Fraud Prevention on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Register for the conferences at [agaphoenix.eventbrite.com](http://agaphoenix.eventbrite.com).

Thank you for supporting the Phoenix chapter.

Joshua Consier  
President  
AGA Phoenix Chapter

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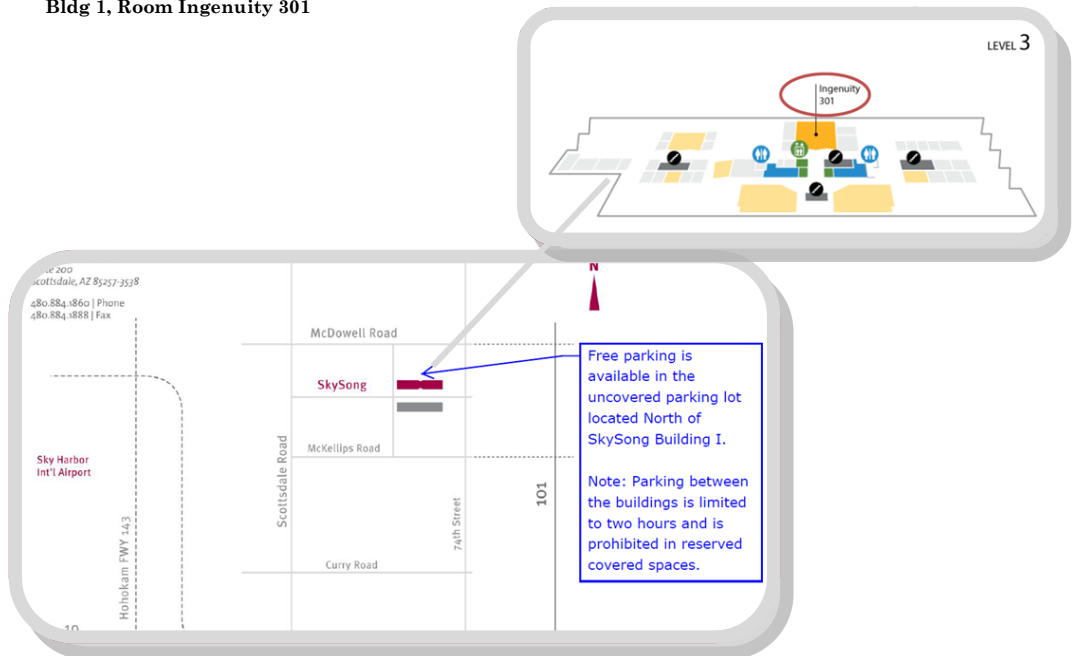
### 4/13/16 Meeting (2 CPE)

Lunch (10:30 AM)  
Data Act (11:00—12:50 PM)

### 4/27/16 Meeting (2 CPE)

Lunch (10:30 AM)  
Fraud Prevention (11:00—12:50 PM)

Bldg 1, Room Ingenuity 301



## Goals for 2015-2016 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, 2015 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 2015-2016 Budget	
Education	\$24,250
Membership	\$2,000
Travel	\$3,500
Board Expenses	\$2,000
Scholarship	\$1,500
CGFM	\$1,000
Community Service	\$600
Website	\$500
Early Career	\$100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,450</b>

## 2016 Phoenix Professional Development Conference

<b>Date:</b>	Friday – May 06, 2016 – Registration deadline Friday April 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Location:</b>	Rio Salado Conference Center 2323 W 14 <sup>th</sup> St Tempe, AZ 85281
<b>Topic:</b>	<p><b>Speakers and Topics include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Homan – AGA National President – Issues and Challenges in Government Accountability</li> <li>• Dan Anderson – AZ Board of Regents – Economy</li> <li>• Mark Swenson – AZ State Treasurer’s Office – Investments and Treasurer’s Update</li> <li>• Donna Miller and Michael Stelpstra – AZ Auditor General’s Office – GASB Updates</li> <li>• Joanne Wamsley and Brian Kearney – Arizona State University - ASU Athletic Facilities District (Rio Salado) and Other P3 (Public/Private Partnerships) Updates</li> <li>• Joanne Wamsley and Lisa Frace – Arizona State University - ASU Sparky and Thunderbird Take Flight – Including the Accounting Treatment of the Integration</li> <li>• Corey Arvizu and Brittney Williams Spross – Heinfeld, Meech &amp; Co., P.C. – TBD</li> </ul>
<b>Time:</b>	Program: 08:00 AM – 04:00 PM
<b>Recommended CPE Hours:</b>	Eight (8)
<b>Cost:</b>	\$95 members \$150 non-members

## Election Results — 2016-2017 Officers

President: Gergana Kovatcheva (15 votes)

Treasurer: Josh Neidigh (14 votes)

President Elect: Michelle Huckabay (14 votes)

Secretary: Kim Prendergast (15 votes)

**Association of Government Accountants  
Phoenix Chapter  
Education and Meeting Plan  
2015-2016 Program Year**

Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Dead-line	Location
9/23/15	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am-Education Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	Citizen Centric Report	2	9/18/2015	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257
10/7/2015	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am-Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Government Innovation: An Imperative, Not an Oxymoron	2	10/2/2015	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257
10/21/2015	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am-Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Fraud Prevention		Canceled	
11/4/2015	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm-Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	OMB Uniform Guidance: Impact on the Grant Community	2	10/30/2015	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257
12/16/2015	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm-Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	e-Invoicing Holiday Social	2	12/11/2015	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/13/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm-Education Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	COSO and Internal Controls—A Deeper Dive	2	1/8/2016	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/22/16*	8:00am-8:30am Continental Breakfast 8:30am-12:00pm Class	Ethics—ASCPA	4	1/15/2016	Marcopa Community College 2411 W. 14th Street Tempe, Arizona 85281
1/27/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm-Education Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	Leadership	2	1/22/2016	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257
2/19/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm Seminar 12:00p-12:50pm	ASRS	1	2/12/2016	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		
3/9/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm-Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	FISMA Introduction	2	3/4/2016	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257

**Association of Government Accountants  
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Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Dead-line	Location
4/13/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am- Audio Conference 11:30am-12:50pm	DATA Act	2	4/8/2016	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/27/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am- Audio Conference 11:30am-12:50pm	Fraud Prevention	2	4/22/2016	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
5/6/2016*	8:00am-4:00pm PDC	Issues & Challenges in Gov't Accountability		4/29/2016	Rio Salado College 2323 W. 14th St. Tempe, AZ 85281
		Economy			
		Investments & Treasurer's Update			
		GASB Updates			
		Public Private Partnerships			
		Accounting Treatment of Thunderbird / ASU Integration			
		TBD			
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>				
6/1/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am- Education Seminar 11:30am-12:50pm	Introduction to Lean Principles & Thinking	2	5/27/2016	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**

\$30 each monthly chapter meeting, or package —\$330 for all sessions\*

\*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 2016

## Treasurer's Report

Book Balance 1/31/2016	\$9,583.66
Receipts	\$813.55
Disbursements	\$4,637.57
Book Balance 2/29/16	\$5,759.64
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
Outstanding Deposits	\$0.00
Adjusted Book Balance	\$5,759.64
<u>Account Balance</u>	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Your Savings Balance	\$386.69
Money Market Account	\$3,163.08
Checking Balance	\$2,154.87
	\$5,759.64
Difference Adjusted Book vs Bank	\$0.00

## Balance Sheet

2/29/2016

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Your Savings Balance	\$386.69
Money Market Fund	\$3,163.08
Checking Balance	\$2,154.87
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	\$5,759.64
Inventory	\$22.98
Speaker Gifts	\$120.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$5,902.62
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
<b>TOTAL Liabilities</b>	\$0
<b>Equity</b>	\$5,902.62

# Announcements - Job Postings

**Finance Director—Finance Department, Bisbee, Arizona. Salary \$80,818—\$100,780.** Serves as Chief Financial Officer for the County; provides administrative direction for Payroll, Accounting, and Budgeting; implements general accounting and fund accounting policies and procedures; responsible for cash, inventories of supplies and land, buildings, machinery, and equipment, revenues, and Federal and State grants; supervises staff; prepares periodic statements and reports; responsible for preparation of annual financial statements; directs the audit; advises on fiscal transactions, encumbrances, and projections of cash disbursements and requirements; coordinates fiscal activities between the Board, County Treasurer, and County Assessor; implements adopted budget and assists in preparation of tentative budgets; establishes and maintains an automated accounting system in accordance with uniform accounting practices, calculates and certifies budgetary expenditure limits as required by law; negotiates County contracts with third parties or other governmental agencies; performs other duties as assigned or required by law or rule.

**Minimum Qualifications:** A Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Financial Management, or related major; seven (7) years of increasingly responsible administrative experience in government, five (5) years must be in a supervisory accounting or business manager capacity in the public sector; OR, an equivalent combination of experience, education, and training which provides the desired knowledge, skills, and abilities of this classification; must possess and maintain a valid Arizona driver's license if position duties require.

**Apply online at:** <https://www.cochise.az.gov/jobs/finance-director-090115-reopened-previous-applicants-need-not-reapply>

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

Please email AGA Phoenix Webmaster, Karie Tepper, at [webmaster@agaphoenix.org](mailto:webmaster@agaphoenix.org).

**CGFM Study Group:** If you are interested in joining a CGFM Study Group, please contact John Schutter at [john.schutter@asu.edu](mailto:john.schutter@asu.edu)



## CGFM Study Resources Available:

For AGA members interested in taking the CGFM please contact our CGFM chair Elisa Gin at [cgm@agaphoenix.org](mailto:cgm@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:

[cgm@agaphoenix.org](mailto:cgm@agaphoenix.org)

## AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2015-2016

**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	Josh Consier
President Elect	Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA
Past President & Secretary	Kim Prendergast, CGFM, CIA, CPA, CFE
Treasurer	Leslie De'Reche, CGFM, CPA

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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](mailto: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/Tools-Resources/Overview.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](mailto: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](http://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/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.\*\***