

AGA Phoenix Chapter (www.agaphoenix.org)

PY 2015-2016

March 2016



Message From the President



The Phoenix Chapter's annual Professional Development Conference is on Friday May 6th at the Rio Salado Conference Center. A list of the presentations and speakers will be posted to the website by the end of the month. The cost is \$95 for members and \$150 for non-members, and you can earn 8 CPEs by attending the event. Register for the event at agaphoenix.eventbrite.com.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please email me at aga@agaphoenix.org.

Thank you for supporting the Phoenix chapter.

Joshua Consier
President
AGA Phoenix Chapter

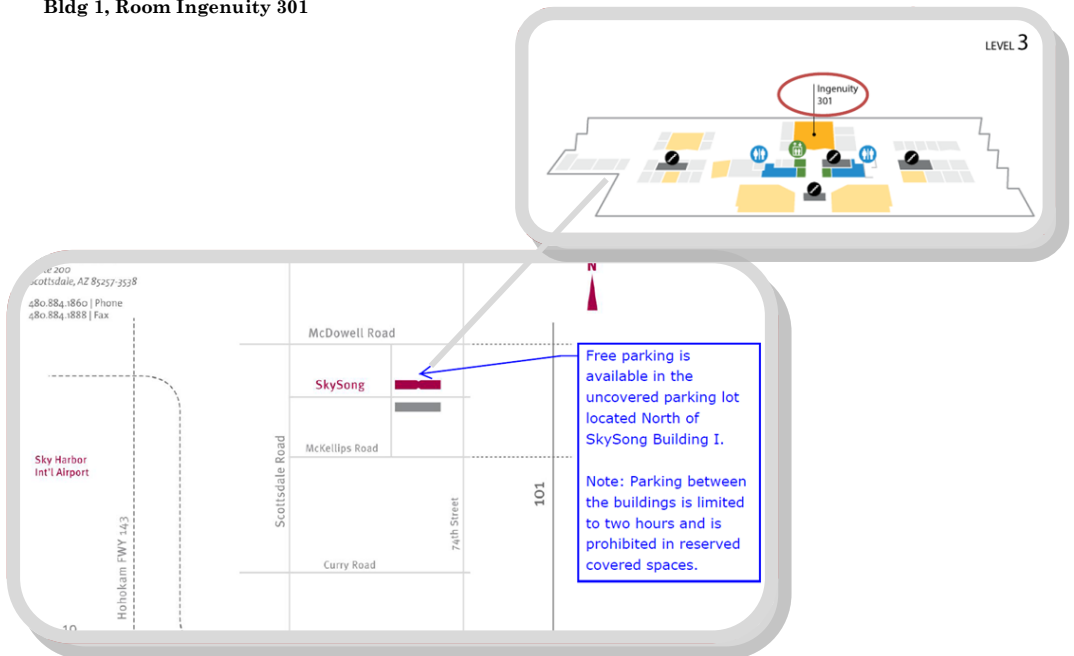
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3/9/16 Meeting (2 CPE)

Lunch (11:30 AM)

FISMA Introduction (12:00—1:50 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
Total	\$35,450

2016 Phoenix Professional Development Conference

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

March 2016 - CGFM Month

Please join us for the March 9, 2016 Chapter luncheon meeting at Skysong for the annual March as CGFM month celebration. There will be door prizes and giveaways for all CGFM members in attendance. The March session will be on the topic of FISMA (Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014). Lunch will be served at 11:30am and the Web conference will start at noon through 1:50pm for 2 CPE credits. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you are interested in taking the CGFM certification exam, study guides are still available. Send an email to CGFM@agaphoenix.org and you will be contacted with information on availability.

What is CGFM?

- CGFM is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers.
- It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

For details on CGFM, go to the CGFM Certification section on AGA National's website:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/About-CGFM.aspx>

2015 - 2016 Scholarship Recipient

The 2016 scholarship recipient is Rebeca Ann Gutierrez from Phoenix, Arizona. She is a senior at Arizona State University with major in Accounting. She has a GPA of 3.83 and expects to graduate in May of 2016. Rebeca believes that governmental accountants have a positive impact on the society by efficient management of public resources. She is interested in a career in Public Financial Management because of "the opportunity to make a difference for my generation and for those that follow". Rebeca is, also, a Mock Trial Assistant Coach in Metro Tech High School. Congratulations Rebeca!

**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 Con- ference 11:00am- 12:50pm	Government Innova- tion: 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 Con- ference 11:00am- 12:50pm	Fraud Prevention		Canceled	
11/4/2015	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm-Audio Con- ference 12:00pm- 1:50pm	OMB Uniform Guid- ance: 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 Con- ference 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 Conti- nental Breakfast 8:30am-12:00pm- Class	Ethics—ASCPA	4	1/15/2016	Maricopa Community Col- lege 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 Con- ference 12:00pm-	FISMA Introduction	2	3/4/2016	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
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-	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	Topics TBD	2	4/29/2016	Rio Salado College 2323 W. 14th St. Tempe, AZ 85281
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			2		
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			1		
6/1/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am- Education Seminar 11:30am-12:50pm	TBD	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!

Albuquerque Professional Development Training

AGA Professional Development Training
March 17th and 18th 2016

What's Hot and What's Not in Government Accountability

Short List of Confirmed Speakers / Topics

(see [website](#) for complete listing)

- GAO Director James Dalkin - GAO Update
- State Auditor Tim Keller - Government Accountability in New Mexico
- Dept of the Interior Deputy CFO / AGA National President-Elect Douglas Glenn - Data Analysis
- Sarita Nair & Sanjay Bhakta of the Office of the State Auditor - OSA Hot Topics: Cash Reconciliation Issues, Activity Funds, Fund Balance Classifications, School Personnel Act, and GASB 77
- JF Nagel of Sandia National Labs - Valuing Critical Review
- Jeff Brown, Arelene Stamper & Donna Sandoval - Cost Allocation Models
- Marty Mathisen of Atkinson + Co. - GASB 74 and 75 Reporting Health Insurance and Other Retiree Benefits
- Scott Phillips of Eide Bailly - GASB 77 Tax Abatement & GASB 72 Fair Value Measurement
- Tristan Walters of Sandia National Labs - Project Management Applied in Major Financial Initiatives
- Jane Tinker of CliftonLarsonAllen - Uniform Grant Guidance
- Jamie Rumbaoa of Moss Adams - IT Audits

Don't wait, register today!

PDT - 8 hours CPE/day

AGA Members: \$250

Non Members: \$300

CGFM Day - 6 hours CPE

AGA Members: \$60

Non Members: \$85

<https://aganm.eventsmart.com>

or visit us at agaabq.org and click 2016 PDT

Buffalo Thunder Hotel & Casino

30 Buffalo Thunder Trail

Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87506

\$85/night

with code: AGANM

<http://buffalothunderresort.com>

or call 505.455.5555

Contact Donna Sandoval at donna.sandoval@state.nm.us or Marla Gorena at mgorena@rpcllp.com with questions.

AGA Phoenix Chapter, Treasurer's Reports - January 2016

Treasurer's Report

Book Balance 12/31/2015	\$8,858.81
Receipts	\$2,570.35
Disbursements	\$1,845.50
Book Balance 1/31/16	\$9,583.66
Outstanding Checks	\$80.00
Outstanding Deposits	\$0.00
Adjusted Book Balance	\$9,663.66
<u>Account Balance</u>	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Your Savings Balance	\$381.39
Money Market Account	\$3,162.95
Checking Balance	\$6,064.32
	\$9,663.66
Difference Adjusted Book vs Bank	\$0.00

Balance Sheet

1/31/2016

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Your Savings Balance	\$381.39
Money Market Fund	\$3,162.95
Checking Balance	\$6,064.32
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$9,663.66
Inventory	\$22.98
Speaker Gifts	\$120.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,806.64
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
TOTAL Liabilities	\$0
Equity	\$9,806.64

Announcements - Job Postings

No jobs currently posted. Please check back later.

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

Please email AGA Phoenix Webmaster, Karie Tepper, at 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



CGFM Study Resources Available:

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

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





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

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/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.****