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Message From the President

From all of us at the Phoenix Chapter of AGA, we wish you a happy New Year, and hope that you were able to enjoy all that the holidays have to offer! It was great to celebrate with many of you at our annual AGA holiday event on December 11th, at ASU Skysong.

This event was an audio conference on the topic of “Controlling Your Bots” and was worth two (2) CPEs. Also, thank you to those of you who were able to participate in the Feed My Starving Children’s Hope Filled Holiday Arizona Mobile Pack event on December 6th and 7th, and to those of you that participated in donating items to Vista Del Camino for homeless/crisis care and career closet items, and Lost Our Homes for dog and cat food and related items, at our December 11th meeting.

January will be a busy month, with three events planned. The first event of the month will be held on January 8th at ASU Skysong. This will be an audio conference on the topic of Uniform Guidance. This event is worth two (2) CPE. Then on the following Friday, on January 17th, please plan to join us for the annual Professional Ethics Update for AZ CPAs at Maricopa Community College Board Room. This event is worth four (4) CPEs and meets the bi-annual ethics requirements for CPAs. We will then round out the month, with a meeting on January 22nd at the Mission Possible Café. This event will be at a different time than our normal lunch hour meetings. It will be from 2 to 4 PM and then immediately after this meeting, we will hold a social event, at the same location from 4 to 5 PM. At the education portion of this event, we will hear from a speaker that we have been fortunate enough to have a long-standing relationship with, Lealan Miller, CPA from Eide Bailly. His topic is entitled, “Cybersecurity and Ransomware, It Could Happen to You”. I hope you will plan to attend.

Please do not forget to check out all of our upcoming events on our website, [here](#). Also, in February, AGA will hold its annual election of officers. If you are interested in running for a position, please e-mail us [here](#). Again, thank you for your continued support of the Phoenix Chapter, and we hope to see you in January!

Michelle Huckabay, CPA, CGFM
AGA Phoenix Chapter President



AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2019-2020

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	Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA
President Elect	Cindy Smith, CPA
Past President	Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA
Secretary	Paola Matson
Treasurer	Gergana Kovatcheva, 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:

contact@agaphoenix.org



Goals for 2019-2020 and Beyond

- Membership & Education:
 - Provide 42 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.
 - Send out survey to members annually.
 - ✓ • Provide student members the option to attend three meetings for free.
- Accountability:
 - ✓ • Prepare chapter's Citizen Centric Report (CCR) by September 30, 2018 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. Purchase two new sets this year.
 - Seek State proclamation for March as CGFM month and provide recognition to CGFM members.
- Young Professionals:
 - 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.

2019 & 2020 Budget and Spend through 11/30

Budget Category	'19 Spent	'20 Budget	'20 Spent
Education	\$19,328.16	\$19,050	\$1,620.50
Membership	\$680	\$750	\$0
Travel	\$2,873.47	\$1,000	\$700.60
Board Expenses	\$100	\$100	\$87.75
Scholarship	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500
CGFM	\$125	\$1,550	\$922.25
Community Service	\$695	\$500	\$150
Website	\$0	\$0	\$0
Early Career	\$0	\$750	\$510.14
Audit	\$150	\$150	\$150
Misc.	\$180.56	\$200	\$36.25
Total	\$25,132.19	\$25,050	\$4,677.49

PY 2019-2020 Committee Members:

Membership – Mary Adelman, CGFM, CPA

Education – Keith Orr, CGFM, Jerry Snyder, CGFM, Anthony St. George, CPA and Robert Harwood, CPA

Programs – Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA and Daniela Kunova

Accountability—Kim Prendergast, CGFM, CPA

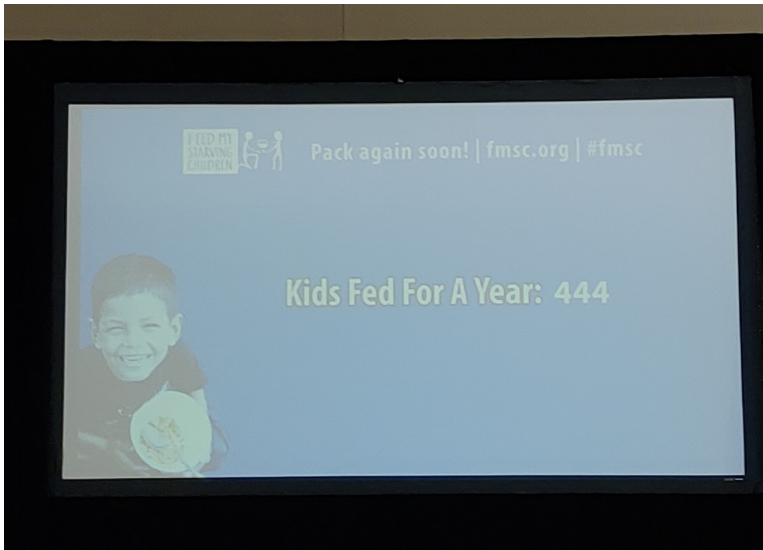
CGFM – Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA, Jordan Dale, CGFM

Young Professionals / Early Career – Getzamany Aragon and Marvin Mendieta, CGFM

Scholarship – Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Community Service – Cindy Ensign

Communications Committee – Michelle Huckabay,



Jordan Dale, AGA Webmaster, at the Feed My Starving Children’s Hope Filled Holiday Arizona Mobile Pack event—December 7th

**2019/20 Winter AGA
Pet, Crisis and Career Support Drive**

**Bring items to any AGA Chapter meeting between Nov - Feb
[11/20; 12/11; 1/8; 1/22; 2/5; 2/28]**

Dog & Cat Items
New Items:
Dog/Puppy/Cat/Kitten Food: Dry and Canned
Cat Litter – clumping and non-clumping
6 foot leashes
Dog and Cat collars
Dog and Cat toys
Dog and Cat beds
Dog and Cat treats
Other misc items
Alternate Method to donate - Shop online and Ship Direct: https://www.lostourhome.org/support/wish-list

Homeless/Crisis Items
New Items:
Socks
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Deodorant
Shampoo/Conditioner
Combs/Brushes
Other misc items
Small Blankets

Career Closet Items (Interviews/Working)
Gently Used:
Clothes
Shoes
Belts
Jewelry
Ties
Brief Cases
Portfolios
Other misc items

Items received will be disbursed to either 1) Vista Del Camino (assists families and individuals in crisis and through various job preparation programs) or 2) Lost Our Home (assists pet owners in crisis and supports/fosters dogs & cats that need a new home).

AGA Phoenix Chapter, Treasurer's Reports - November 2019

Treasurer's Report

Book Balance 10/31/2019	\$10,921.50
Receipts	\$859.1
Disbursements	\$1,029.62
Book Balance 11/30/2019	\$10,750.99
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
Outstanding Deposits	\$0.00
Adjusted Book Balance	\$10,750.99
<u>Account Balance</u>	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$0.00
Your Savings Balance	\$5.00
Checking Balance	\$0.00
Checking Balance	\$10,695.99
	\$10,750.99
Difference Adjusted Book vs. Bank	(\$0.00)

Balance Sheet

11/30/2019

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Checking Balance	\$10,695.99
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$10,750.99
Inventory	\$0.00
Speaker Gifts	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$10,750.99
Outstanding Check	\$0.00
TOTAL Liabilities	\$0.00
TOTAL Equity	\$10,750.99



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CGFM Study Resources Available:

For AGA members interested in taking the CGFM please contact our CGFM chair at cgfm@agaphoenix.org for more information. Currently there is 3 complete set of materials available for check out.

Also, successful CGFM candidates, who are members, can apply for reimbursement of the application and examination costs.

Contact our CGFM chair for step by step instructions on the CGFM process: contact@agaphoenix.org.

Association of Government Accountants					
Phoenix Chapter					
Education and Meeting Plan					
2019-2020 Program Year					
Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
9/11/19	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 10:30am- 11:00am, Education Seminar 11:00am- 12:50pm	Lean Six Sigma in Government	2	9/6/19	AZ Department of Educa- tion Room 311 1535 W Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
10/23/19	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 10:30am- 11:00am, Education Seminar 11:00am- 12:50pm	How Automation Can Take the Robot Out of the Human	2	10/18/19	AZ Department of Educa- tion Room 311 1535 W Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
11/20/19	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm, Education Seminar 12:00pm- 1:50pm	Trends in Budgeting and Forecasting	2	11/15/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
12/11/19	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm, Audio Con- ference 12:00pm- 1:50pm	Internal Control: Con- trolling Your Bots	2	12/6/19	AZ Department of Educa- tion Room 311 1535 W Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
1/8/20	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm, Audio Con- ference 12:00pm- 1:50pm	Uniform Guidance	2	1/2/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/17/20*	8:00am-8:30am Conti- nental Breakfast 8:30am-12:00pm- Class	Ethics—ASCPA	4	1/10/20	MCCCD Governing Bd Rm 2411 W. 14th Street, 2nd Floor Tempe, AZ 85281
1/22/20	Chapter Meeting- Ed- ucation Seminar 2:00pm-4:00pm	TBD—Lealan Miller, CPA, CGFM	2	1/17/20	TBD
2/5/20	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm, Audio Con- ference 12:00pm- 1:50pm	GASB Update	2	1/31/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
2/28/20*	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm, Education Seminar 12:00p- 12:50pm	ASRS	1	2/23/20	ASU Skysong Bldg. 3, Synergy I #130 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		
	Total		4		

Association of Government Accountants					
Phoenix Chapter					
Education and Meeting Plan					
2018-2019 Program Year					
Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
3/4/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Improper Payments	2	2/28/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
3/25/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Cybersecurity	2	3/20/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/8/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Ethics	2	4/3/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/24/20*	8:00am-4:00pm PDT	TBD	1	4/17/20	Rio Salado College 2323 W. 14th St. Tempe, AZ 85281
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		Total	8		
5/12/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Fraud Data Analytics	2	5/8/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
5/27/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Education Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	Advanced Excel Functionality	2	5/25/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
6/10/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Education Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	TBD—Brittney Williams, CPA, CGFM	2	6/5/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
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Announcements - Job Postings

Fiscal Specialist (57689BR)—ASU, Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions. Performs a broad scope of professional accounting activities requiring experienced, professional knowledge and application of accounting principles and practices. Performs a wide range of detailed/complex accounting and advisory functions pertaining to assigned fund area, accounts or department and assures day-to-day operations are carried out in accordance with established accounting principles, policies and objectives. Assigned function is relatively stable and well established. Monitors and controls the daily business and financial operations and functions of a university work unit to ensure ongoing adherence with established policies and standards as designated by unit administrator.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Accounting, or closely related field AND two (2) years of prior business operations experience; OR, Six (6) years of directly related administrative experience; OR, Any equivalent combination of experience, and/or education from which comparable knowledge, skills and abilities have been achieved.

Apply online at:

https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/Home/Home?partnerid=25620&siteid=5494#jobDetails=3959653_5494

HR Specialist (57754BR)—ASU, Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions. The Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions is seeking a confident HR professional. Under direction of the Business Operations Manager, this position will coordinate human resources activities such as recruiting, onboarding, payroll, processing personnel transactions, and maintaining personnel files for college level units and will serve as backup to school business staff. This position will be the main point of contact for new hires and current employees with general HR questions and will be responsible for processing a large volume of transactions on a regular basis. The position is newly created and interested candidates should be flexible to a change in the scope of duties as business needs are defined.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in a field appropriate to the area of assignment AND two (2) years of related experience; OR, Any equivalent combination of experience, and/or education from which comparable knowledge, skills and abilities have been achieved.

Apply online at:

https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/Home/Home?partnerid=25620&siteid=5494#jobDetails=3961433_5494

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

Please email AGA Phoenix Webmaster, contact@agaphoenix.org



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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/Intergov/Home.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: contact@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.****