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## **President's Message**

We hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. In some ways it seems like it was just yesterday that I was writing the message for the start of our 2019-2020 program year, and in others it seems like it's been forever. The Seattle Chapter board has been working on our chapter plan for the 2020-2021 program year, and it looks like we'll have a largely virtual program for at least a substantial part of the program year. As with so many things this past year, there are a lot of unknowns.

We officially started our program year with a presentation in October by Colleen Rozillis and Halie Garcia, both from Moss Adams, on Enterprise Risk Assessment. It was a great presentation by both of them, and served as our inaugural use of the GoToWebinar platform for trainings. We have two training events planned over the next month. The first one is a session on "Problem Solving in a Toxic Workplace," led by our board's president-elect and CGFM Chair Gabrielle Sivage. This training is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2. The next event is an AGA National webinar on "Implementing, Controlling, and Monitoring Emergency Funding



Sam Lord, Chapter President

under the CARES Act," which is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9. More information will be emailed to chapter members soon for both of these events.

In-person participation in community service events has become more difficult with COVID-19, but we are still making plans for an active program year in this area, with a number of ways to contribute. More information is available later in this newsletter, but we are supporting two projects for Thanksgiving, with donations of food for those in need. Coming up in December, we will be sponsoring a toy drive through

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#### Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome five new members who joined the chapter since March 2020.

April: Michael Olson

July: Aimee Campbell

*September:* Pauline Simons and Sally Stopher

November: Anthony Squires

See page 2 for more information on our newest members.

## **Upcoming Training Event**

Please join us for our next training event on Wednesday, December 2: "Problem Solving in a Toxic Workplace."

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See inside for more details.

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## AGA Seattle Chapter's Monthly Meeting Schedule for Program Year 2020-2021

Save the dates for our monthly education events for program year 2020-2021! Please join us online for these virtual training events and help us make this program year a success. Each session provides one continuing professional education credit, except for the AGA National webinars, which provide 2 CPE.



## AGA Seattle Continuing Professional Education Calendar 2020-2021

Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Gabrielle Sivage, CGFM, and Tony Eayrs, *Problem Solving in a Toxic Workplace,* featuring content from a recent *Journal of Government Financial Management* article entitled *Toxic Management,* by Matt Ferguson, CPA, MBA

Wednesday, December 9, 2020. AGA Webinar, *Implementing*, *Controlling*, and *Monitoring Emergency Funding under the CARES Act* 

Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Valerie Moseley, CPA, Annual Tax Update

*We will provide information on the training events for February through May as we confirm the dates, speakers, and topics.* 

## New Member Update

The AGA Seattle Chapter welcomed one new member in April 2020, during program year 2019-2020. Please join us in welcoming to the chapter *Mr. Michael Olson*, Director of Finance and Administration, City of Kirkland.

So far in program year 2020-2021, we have had four new members join the AGA Seattle Chapter. Please also welcome these individuals who joined us between July and November 2020.

July - *Ms. Aimee Campbell,* Financial Analyst, Kitsap County September - *Ms. Pauline Simons,* Fiscal Analyst 3, Seattle Colleges District Office September - *Ms. Sally Stopher, CGFM,* Director of Grants, Contracts and Purchasing, City of Spokane November - *Mr. Anthony Squires,* Accountant, City of Kirkland

## Past Events for the 2020-2021 Program Year

Friday, October 16, 2020. Colleen Rozillis and Halie Garcia, Moss Adams, *Enterprise Risk* Assessments: Best Practices for Maximum Insights

## UPCOMING CHAPTER TRAINING EVENTS

The AGA Seattle Chapter is sponsoring two virtual training events during December and one in January. All of these events are free to members and non-members. We will announce other training in Spring 2021 as dates, topics, and speakers are confirmed.

#### Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 12:00-1:00 p.m.: Problem Solving in a Toxic Workplace

This training event will feature content from a recent AGA journal article and other training. Two of our chapter board members—Gabrielle Sivage, CGFM, President-Elect, and Tony Eayrs, Membership Chair—will provide a presentation then lead a discussion incorporating an article by Matt Ferguson, CPA, MBA entitled *Toxic Management*. This article appeared in the *Journal of Government Financial Management*, Fall 2020, Vol. 69, No. 3. The discussion will also incorporate an AGA presentation on Strategic Communications, presented in summer 2020, and the speakers' experience and education regarding successful workplaces.

Please register no later than **Monday**, **November 30**, **2020** at this <u>link</u>. This will be a Zoom meeting.

# <u>**Tuesday, December 9, 2020, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.:** Internal Control: Implementing, Controlling, and Monitoring Emergency Funding under the CARES Act.</u>

From the AGA National website: COVID-19 brought unprecedented change and significant emergency funding via the CARES Act. Agencies across the Federal Government have been tasked with distributing the emergency funding, resulting in internal control complexities, potential fraud challenges, and operational obstacles as the federal workforce largely migrated to telework. In this webinar we want to focus on these internal control challenges and lessons learned for future emergency funding that could be coming in the near future as COVID-19 persists. Panelists from four federal agencies will discuss how to (1) establish a control program to implement emergency funding, CARES Act, etc.; (2) monitor emergency funding to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse; (3) establish operational controls around telework and getting the workforce back in the office; and (4) understand lessons learned from current emergency funding efforts that can be applied in the future.

The chapter is purchasing a group registration for up to 30 participants, on a first come, first-served basis; however, priority will be given to AGA members. This virtual presentation will use the GoToWebinar platform. We will be sending an email the week of November 30 with more details on registering for this webinar.

#### Tuesday, January 12, 2021: Annual Tax Update

Please join us again as Valerie Moseley provides an update on what changes to expect as we prepare for the 2020 tax filing season.

If you have questions about these training events, please feel free to contact our education committee at <u>training.agaseattle@gmail.com</u>.

## **AGA Training Webinars**

AGA National provides webinars throughout the year to make earning CPE hours easy. All of the webinars, unless denoted with a members-only icon, are open to anyone. They feature experts speaking on emerging issues to help you stay informed on topics including auditing, ethics, governmental accounting, internal controls and performance. <u>Group registration</u> options are available to those who would like to attend together in one location. Otherwise, <u>individuals</u> are able to register and attend from their own device.

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year via AGA members-only webinars. Group registration is not available for members-only webinars. Learn more about <u>members-only</u> <u>webinar registration</u> and CPE credit.

Below is the webinar schedule through February 2021:

- December 9, 2020, 2–3:50 pm Eastern Time (2 CPE) *Internal Control: Implementing, Controlling, and Monitoring Emergency Funding under the CARES Act* [NOTE: The AGA Seattle Chapter will be offering this webinar as a training event at no cost to participants. See p.3.]
- January 13, 2020, 2–3:50 p.m. Eastern Time (2 CPE), Uniform Guidance: The New Uniform Guidance and Compliance Supplement Tools for the Grant Professionals and Auditors
- February 3, 2021, 2–3:50 p.m. Eastern Time (2 CPE), GASB Update

AGA National is providing one Members-only Professional Development webinar through December 2020:

• December 16, 2020, 1–2:15 p.m. Eastern Time (1.5 CPE) — *Personal Development: Increase Your Confidence, Enhance Your Career* 

If you have questions about this training, you can send any questions to AGA at email AGA.



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Toys For Tots. And beyond that we will be supporting efforts for winter weather community service, annual tax preparation volunteer services, and a project supporting kids and outdoor play. Please join us in supporting these projects.

This will likely be a challenging year in many ways, but we appreciate everyone's support in making the best of things and moving forward. Please let us know if you have ideas for things you would like to see us add to our program this year...anything from topics and speakers we could add to our training calendar, to ways we can network and connect virtually.

Stay safe and be well!

Sam Lord

AGA Seattle Chapter President

## AGA Seattle Chapter News and Updates

### Accountability

The AGA Seattle Chapter submitted its annual Citizen-Centric Report to AGA National in October 2020. AGA's Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) initiative is intended to foster innovative means of communication between governments and their citizenry. AGA believes government financial information should be provided to citizens in ways that are clear and understandable, updated regularly and often, broadly delivered, easy to locate, honest in breadth and accurate in detail. As the owners of government, citizens have a right to this information. For more information on the CCR initiative, go to AGA's <u>website</u>. Special thanks to Katherine King for producing the report, with the assistance of Sam Lord and Karyn Angulo. You can view the chapter's previous CCRs <u>here</u>.

## <u>Membership</u>

We welcome the new members to the AGA Seattle Chapter and welcome back our continuing members. This has been a challenging year, and we appreciate everyone who joined AGA or renewed their membership in our extended renewal period. Click <u>here</u> to see the many benefits of an AGA membership. If you have any questions about membership, please reach out to our Membership Chair, Tony Eayrs. You can also contact our other current board members. Please see the last page of this newsletter for contact information.

**Important Reminder:** The AGA Seattle Chapter uses the most recent chapter membership roster from AGA National to target communications to our members about upcoming training and community service events, nominations for awards and our annual election, and other chapter activities. Please be sure to include a valid email address in your member profile. Thank you!

## Communications (Newsletter and Website)

This is our first newsletter for the 2020-2021 program year, and we're catching up on a lot of news. For example, this issue contains the chapter financials for April through July 2020. Our next issue will feature the financials for August through November 2020. We will also have summaries of our training events and spotlight other chapter members' biographies and recognition. We are always looking for articles, member biographies, and photos for our newsletter. If you have anything to submit, please contact Karyn Angulo, Newsletter Editor, at <u>newsletter.agaseattle@gmail.com</u>.

We have also updated our website for easier navigation. Please check us out at: <u>https://www.agacgfm.org/</u> <u>Chapters/Seattle-Chapter/Home.aspx</u>. Here you'll find information about our chapter leadership, events, and activities and find links to our Citizen-Centric Reports and past newsletters. We hope you'll check us out!

## Young Professionals and Students

We have begun our outreach to local colleges and universities and hope to be able to coordinate virtual meetings and panel discussions to continue to collaborate with students. Did you know that students can get FREE electronic-memberships in AGA? This membership type is available for full-time college or university students who are not gainfully employed. Additionally, young professionals with fewer than three years of ANY work experience can join AGA for \$45 per year. For information and guidance on these membership types, please go to the AGA National <u>website</u>. You may also contact our Young Professionals and Students committee chair, Sam Lord. See the last page of this newsletter for his contact information.

## AGA Seattle Chapter News and Updates, continued

## **Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)**

The CGFM is a professional certification awarded by AGA to individuals demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels. It is a respected credential that recognizes the specialized knowledge and experience needed to be an effective government financial manager.

### Keeping your CGFM Active and Overcoming Hurdles for Mitigating Circumstances

The biennial cycle for many CGFM holders to meet the 80-CPE requirement will end on December 31, 2020, with registration payment due in March 2021. However, AGA has steps in place to assist CGFM holders who could not meet this year's deadline. On November 19, AGA National announced an optional 6-month extension for the 80-CPE cycle ending December 31, 2020. However, there is no double-dipping, which means that individuals who count credits earned in 2021 toward the closing cycle (2020) may not also count those credits toward the full 80-CPE requirement for the 2021-2022 cycle. You can find more information on maintaining CGFM certification here. Good luck to all as you sustain the valued CGFM credential that sets us apart in our field as capable and keeping up on niche information – that not just any training counts toward our 80 CPE training hours.

#### Online AGA sponsored CGFM courses are scheduled for January and February 2021

If you already hold a CGFM and you have not taken courses recently for CPE, consider refreshing your training. All subject manuals were updated in the past two years and, if it has been at least two years since you last earned CPE credits for any of the courses, these CPE will count toward your biannual 80-CPE requirement. While AGA may not sponsor the courses in this same format again in 2021, additional CGFM study training is offered through AGA's online, self-paced training for Courses 1 and 3 through AGA's <u>Online Training Portal</u>. Management Concepts also provides training for CGFM <u>course 1</u>, <u>course</u> 2 and <u>course 3</u>. Any in-person training could change to virtual learning based on direction from health and government officials.

## AGA Virtual CGFM Course Schedule and Registration

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Course 1	- Governmental Envir	conment ( <u>Register here</u> )		
January 11-12, 2021, 10:30am-2:15pm ET each day				
	\$325 per person	Cancellation deadline – $1/4/21$		
Course 2	- Governmental Accou	unting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting ( <u>Register here</u> )		
	January 26-29, 2021, 1	10:30am-3:30pm ET each day		

\$725 per person Cancellation deadline -1/19/21

Course 3 - Governmental Financial Management and Control (<u>Register here</u>)

February 9-11, 2021, 10:30am-3:30pm ET each day \$525 per person Cancellation deadline – 2/2/21

For complete information on study objectives, what you receive with registration for any course, and other information access this webpage: <u>https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Candidates/Preparing-for-Exams/CGFM-Live-Virtual-Courses.aspx</u>

## AGA Seattle Chapter News and Updates, continued

#### National Council of Chapters

AGA's National Council of Chapters representatives held a conference call on Monday, November 9. NCC representatives are asked to provide suggestions for meeting discussions beforehand, and we share best practices and ask each other for advice regarding challenges our chapters are facing. At the November meeting, we discussed the roles and responsibilities of NCC representatives and challenges and successes that chapters are facing. The group discussed issues that some members face in obtaining employer support for AGA activities and some ways of conveying the value that AGA provides to employees and employers alike. AGA National staff also briefed the NCC representatives on the new ACE Awards program, which is replacing the Chapter Recognition Program that the Seattle Chapter has participated in for several years. The participants also shared chapter experiences in several areas, — including holding virtual training events, attracting and engaging members, conducting community service activities, and using multiple tools to communicate with members, — as we all adapt to working in a virtual environment.



#### Mary Ann Hardy Receives AGA Seattle Chapter Volunteer of the Year Award for 2019-2020

AGA's Volunteer of the Year Award is a national honor that is presented annually to one member from each chapter, recognizing significant service to a chapter. The recipients of the award embody the spirit of volunteerism, with eligible nominees making distinguished contributions to the development and enhancement of an AGA chapter. Each Volunteer of the Year receives national recognition: a letter from the



National President, a photo and citation on AGA's website, acknowledgement in AGA publications, and inclusion in a slideshow at the annual Professional Development Training meeting. A complete list of the 2019-2020 recipients can be found <u>here</u>.

The Seattle Chapter's 2019-2020 Volunteer of the Year is Mary Ann Hardy, CPA. Mary Ann has held many board positions, including Membership and Education/Professional Development Chairs and Chapter President. In two terms as President, she guided the chapter in achieving Platinum status. After leaving the board, Mary Ann served on nominating committees for chapter awards and elections. She is on the Washington Society of CPA's committee that plans the annual Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference and has helped bring in AGA National speakers each year. She organized

two successful awards ceremonies, one at City of Seattle and one at King County. Mary Ann is always willing to help the chapter, whether handling logistics for monthly training events, being a sounding board for current officers, submitting newsletter articles, or participating in panels at local universities, where she shares with students her experiences in government accounting and auditing at the federal level.

The AGA Seattle Chapter is proud to recognize Mary Ann Hardy as the 2019-2020 Volunteer of the Year, and we appreciate all that she continues to do to support the chapter.

## AGA Seattle Chapter's Giving Plan for the Year: The Joy of Giving Today and Next Year

by Gabrielle Sivage, Community Service Chair

One silver lining of COVID-19 physical distancing for me was the opportunity to attend the AGA National 2020 Professional Development Training (PDT) virtually this summer. The closing speaker is the founder of The Happiness Project and lives with disability. His passion project shares the infectious lesson that to give is to receive. For those of us who have much, giving makes us feel we have even more. For those of us with little, giving makes us proud. This holiday season is one of the most unconventional ones the U.S. has seen in at least 30 years. We were asked to give to others and to our own extended families by spending this Thanksgiving in our household "pods," and, for many people, this has meant that one of the most comforting times of year is rather a reminder of chaos. But this too shall pass. The modern world has medical marvels in place evidencing the historic diseases and plagues that were once catastrophic and are now mostly treatable. Thanks Giving is diversely practiced in the U.S. We can give our time, our patience, our graciousness, our resources and our nourishment and we can be thankful for health, recovery, family, safety, resources, peace, survival, and legacy. I lost my father to a now very treatable type of cancer in the 1980s when I was a child. I soon lost other family members. It took many years for Thanksgiving to evolve from the solitude of loss to the joy of being invited to so many Thanksgivings hosted among friends.

Seattle AGA wants you to know, regardless of our ever having met, that we are thinking of you during Thanksgiving planning and we wish that you can give and receive in ways that boost your joy during this peculiar and difficult time of COVID-19 and physical distancing. The Chapter took on two special efforts to spread joy during isolation. This is Puget Sound. Thanksgiving is the cheer that shakes off the sun setting before 5p.m. and all the rain. This year we will find new ways to bring cheer inside, while we also help bring Thanksgiving meals to seniors and to a special local family the Chapter delivered all the Thanksgiving fixings.

AGA Seattle invites you to support any of the community service projects we are sponsoring from November 2020 through May 2021 . Plans can always change, but this is our line-up:

## Two Thanksgiving Projects with a Match from the AGA Seattle Chapter Board

Meals to seniors for Thanksgiving are provided through many regional community centers for seniors by Sound Generations. Seattle AGA worked with Sound Generations to launch a chapter specific giving page, and we appreciated the support from you and your friends and family to help us raise over \$200. For the second project, we used a match from the board to provide an entire Thanksgiving meal for a family of four living in Seattle's Beacon Hill Neighborhood. Jane (not her real name) supports three generations under her roof—a spirited grandchild approaching 5 years old, a 16-year-old son she still manages to fit in homework time for to ensure he succeeds in high school, and an adult daughter in her mid-twenties. Jane, an employee at a local call center, is experiencing reduced wages as COVID-19 has worsened her disability and required her to go on a part-time schedule. Jane also happens to be a single woman of color. We were thrilled Jane accepted the Chapter's invitation as we stressed our desire to lessen her load and even make the cooking less of a handful. Jane's family was able to enjoy both ready-made items and other groceries to nourish her family for Thanksgiving while ensuring she didn't spend the day in the kitchen.

## Christmas Project – Toys for Tots

Our Christmas project is Toys for Tots and our Chapter giving page is located here: <u>https://</u> <u>marinetoysfortots.salsalabs.org/2020marinetoysfortotscrowdfunding/t/agaseattlechapterseattlewa/</u> <u>index.html</u>. To learn more about the legacy of Toys for Tots, frequently asked questions, and other

## AGA Seattle Chapter 's Giving Plan, continued

interesting facts go to: <u>https://toysfortots.org/about\_toys\_for\_tots/Default.aspx</u>. Please stay tuned to our newsletter and website to view drop-off locations for in-kind toy donations; however, at this time, there are no named Seattle drop-off locations. The campaign usually closes annually around December 13 to ensure Santa, or his many helpers, get toys matched to the right children.

#### Winter/Cold-Weather Season Project

This project will focus on support and contributions for cold weather clothing and emergency services. Please stay tuned to our newsletter and website for how to help serve, donate items, or make a financial contribution.

#### Annual Tax Preparation Assistance – January - April 2021

AGA Seattle Chapter members have participated in United Way's annual tax preparation assistance program to give their time to in service to others. United Way's Free Tax Preparation Campaign provides high-quality free tax preparation services to individuals and families, leveraging powerful anti-poverty tax credits to ensure hard-working people get every dollar they deserve. This effort is powered by volunteers who are trained and IRS-certified. United Way of King County's priority is the continued safety of its volunteers, staff, and clients. The upcoming Free Tax Preparation Campaign season will largely offer virtual/remote services, with the potential of limited in-person opportunities that adhere to all public health guidelines. Please contact Board Member Katherine King if you plan, or hope, to be a tax prep volunteer. We appreciate the opportunity to record our community service contributors, and Katherine is an experienced volunteer in this area should you have any questions. More information is available at the United Way of King County's website at this page here.

#### Helping Kids Play in the Sun" Project - March - May 2021

Our special "Helping Kids Play in the Sun" project will run from March through May 2021. The project may stay open after the end of the program year, depending on logistics. We endeavor to partner with one or more local agencies to raise contributions, financial or in-kind, to entice kids outdoors. Jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, balls, paddle balls and other supplies and toys that encourage outdoor play--alone or with others—will be collected and distributed to local children. Please contact Gabrielle Sivage with any partners we should consider.

## **Chapter Officer Announcement**

The AGA Seattle Chapter is please to announce the approval of Gabrielle Sivage, our current Community Service and CGFM Chair, to be the President-Elect for program year 2020-2021. She will take over the role of President for program year 2021-2022 next summer. We appreciate Gabrielle's service to the chapter and look forward to her contributions as our new President-Elect. Congratulations, Gabrielle!

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## Board Member Spotlight—Alec Chandler by Gabrielle Sivage



Alec Chandler joined the board this year while jointly undertaking the CGFM credentialing process, attending three virtual training sessions co-sponsored by the Northern Utah and Seattle AGA Chapters in 2020. Alec is approaching his two-year anniversary as an Accounts Receivable Specialist at King County International Airport. Alec began his work there as an accounting intern for King County while attending college. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and Financial Management Services from the University of Washington, gaining work experience in roles at SpeechExpress and Lynden Incorporated before joining King County. Eager for the end of telecommuting, Alec misses the hubbub of his office, including major events with the Blue Angels and random days when F-15s might land to refuel, causing the building to quake. His first foray into government management activity was reporting King County's Unclaimed Property to the Washington State Department of Revenue. He says that now he always makes sure to cash his checks right away and periodically check for unclaimed cash at https://ucp.dor.wa.gov/.

King County Airport is actually a profit-making center for the public good, providing revenues through costs like landing fees and land development. Alec shares unique provisions with us, for example, land leases include development clauses requiring third-party tenants to make improvements that are returned to the County airport when the lease expires. Then, upon releasing the same plot of land, the airport can charge leasing costs equitable to the new value of the improved property. Airport land is so unique that comparing land values is not run of the mill like a train station in the heart of an urban center.

After a flight to Hong Kong in 2016, Alec had an especially unique experience there, teaching English to youth while also living in an international financial hub. The experiences of studying finance in Southeast Asia's financial capital and teaching English give Alec special insight into political economy, which is basically the commingling and flow of government financial policy, government public or social policy, and trade in a special analytical biosphere. It's unsurprising that Alec would love to revisit Hong Kong some day.

Alec is actively planning his future in government financial management. Along with serving on the AGA Seattle Board while working and completing his CGFM, he is eying a finance manager role, noting that "These things require a few years of experience. I am just finishing my third year in government." Even before mandatory telecommuting under pandemic restrictions, Alec already worked on business solutions like SharePoint that help professionals collaborate, and he reports observing that beyond that obvious increase in virtual collaboration, "collaborating is a skill on its own that can be difficult. Also, asking employees to learn new systems to collaborate adds another layer of difficulty. I want to make sure that I have a strong understanding of programs and platforms. Then incorporating LEAN or Six Sigma ideology into those collaborative moments can be more seamless." Alec does not take lightly the risks of cloud computing and moving everything onto networks, and one thing he is worried about in the coming years is cyber-security. He notes that there seems to be an inevitable digitalization of processes, which is great from an efficiency standpoint but, observing the fallout of governments' battle with ransomware, he said he would make sure any new digital business process is evaluated with a cyber-security lens."

Please join us in welcoming Alec to the board. And, feel free to contact him about your interest in AGA, activities the chapter can engage in, or even interests you share.

## Financial Condition as of April 30, 2020

Checking - .00% interest Savings -.05% interest **Total Assets** 

Liabilities Members' Equity Liabilities & Members' Equity

Cash Flow Report, Month Ending April 2020

\$ 3,445.67 <u>\$ 6,694.90</u> **\$ 10,140.57** \$ 0.00 <u>\$ 10,140.57</u> **\$ 10,140.57** 

Beginning Cash Balances		\$ 9,998.29
Lunch Meals, Speaker Costs (incl. parking), & Name Tags	\$ 0.00	
Cash Expended		\$ 0.00
AGA Dues Received Interest Income	\$ 142.00 \$ 0.28	
Subtotal Cash Deposits		\$ 142.28
Net Cash Change		\$ 142.28
Ending Cash Balance	_	\$ 10,140.57

## Financial Condition as of May 31, 2020

Checking - .00% interest Savings -.05% interest **Total Assets** 

Liabilities Members' Equity Liabilities & Members' Equity \$ 3,445.67 <u>\$ 6,695.18</u> **\$ 10,140.85** \$ 0.00 <u>\$ 10,140.85</u> **\$ 10,140.85** 

Cash Flow Report, Month Ending May 2020				
Beginning Cash Balances			\$ 10,1	40.57
Lunch Meals, Speaker Costs (incl. parking), & Name Tags	\$	0.00		
Cash Expended			\$	0.00
AGA Dues Received Interest Income	\$ \$	0.00 0.28		
Subtotal Cash Deposits			\$	0.28
Net Cash Change		_	\$	0.28
Ending Cash Balance			\$ 10,1	40.85

## Financial Condition as of June 30, 2020

Checking - .00% interest Savings -.05% interest **Total Assets** 

Liabilities Members' Equity Liabilities & Members' Equity \$ 3,445.67 <u>\$ 6,695.46</u> **\$ 10,141.13** \$ 0.00 <u>\$ 10,141.13</u> **\$ 10,141.13** 

Cash Flow Report, Month Ending June 2020				
Beginning Cash Balances			\$ 10,1	40.85
Lunch Meals, Speaker Costs (incl. parking), & Name Tags	\$	0.00		
Cash Expended			\$	0.00
AGA Dues Received Interest Income	\$ \$	0.00 0.28		
Subtotal Cash Deposits			\$	0.28
Net Cash Change			\$	0.28
Ending Cash Balance			\$ 10,1	41.13

## Financial Condition as of July 31, 2020

Checking - .00% interest Savings -.05% interest **Total Assets** 

Liabilities Members' Equity Liabilities & Members' Equity \$ 3,520.67 <u>\$ 9,878.81</u> **\$ 13,399.48** \$ 0.00 <u>\$ 13,399.48</u> **\$ 13,399.48** 

Cash Flow Report, Month Ending July 2020		
Beginning Cash Balances		\$ 10,141.13
Lunch Meals, Speaker Costs (incl. parking), & Name Tags	\$ 0.00	
Cash Expended		\$ 0.00
AGA Dues Received	\$ 75.00	
WCPA Partnership Conference Income	\$ 3,183.00	
Interest Income	\$ 0.35	
Subtotal Cash Deposits		\$ 3,258.35
Net Cash Change	-	\$ 3,258.35
Ending Cash Balance	-	\$ 13,399.48

## 4nd Quarter AGA Seattle Chapter Recognition Program Points <u>Chapter Goal: 19,501; Maximum Points: 25,000</u>

Chapter Recognition Categories	June 2019-May 2020 Points	Maximum Points Available	Percent Earned
Section I – Chapter Leadership, Planning, & Participation	4,250	5,000	85%
Section II – Education & Professional Development	4,425	4,000	100%
Section III – Certification	2,025	4,000	51%
Section IV – Communications	3,000	3,000	100%
Section V – Membership with a Focus on Young Professionals and Student Members	3,800	4,000	95%
Section VI – Accountability	1,000	2,000	50%
Section VII – Community Service	1,100	2,000	55%
Section VIII – Awards	1,350	1,000	100%
Total as of May 2019*	20,950	25,000	<b>83.4%</b>

For the 2019-2020 program year, the Seattle Chapter once again achieved the **Platinum Chapter Designation**, which is presented to any chapter that attains between 19,501 and 25,000 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque includes recognition that the chapter has achieved Platinum status. At the virtual Professional Development Training held in July 2020, AGA National recognized those chapters that achieved the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze designations or met their chapter goal.

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WE'RE ON THE WEB: https://www.agacgfm.org/ Chapters/Seattle/Home.aspx AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

The purpose of the Association and the Chapter is to be an international, professional organization dedicated to the advancement of government financial management. The Association shall serve its members by providing or sponsoring appropriate educational programs, encouraging professional development, influencing governmental financial management policies and practices, and serving as an advocate for the profession. The Association shall serve government officials and the public by sponsoring efforts to ensure full and fair accountability for all public monies, and by providing a variety of pro bono services throughout the United States and its territories that support that end.

#### AGA Seattle Chapter Board Members Program Year 2020-2021

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