

# AGA Phoenix Chapter (www.agaphoenix.org)

PY 2018-2019

November 2018



## Message From the President



The year has really started off nicely. We have held two education events and welcomed a number of new members to our chapter, so far this year. Thank you, to all of you who participated in our second education event on October 10th, at ASU Skysong. The topic of the event was “Leveraging IT to Detect Fraud Waste and Abuse”. I would also like to give a warm welcome to our newest members: MaryEllen, Melissa, Jordan, Nicole, Sharon, Bradley, Catherine, Fabiola, and Delvin. They are joining us from the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, the City of Somerton and the AZ Office of the Auditor General. Welcome again.

Looking ahead to November, we will host our first live speaker for the program year, on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Joel L. Waterfield from Grant Thornton, will present on the topic of Blockchain. Joel is actually the Tax Lead of the firm’s Blockchain Technology Service Group, so we excited to hear his unique insights on this topic. Blockchain is a newer technology that provides a digital ledger in which transactions made in bitcoin or another cryptocurrency are recorded chronologically and publicly. Please note, this meeting will begin an hour later than our last two events, at 11:30 AM, and will be held in a different location than normal. It will be held at the AZ Department of Education, which is located at 1535 W Jefferson St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room #311, Phoenix, AZ 85007. The event is worth two CPE. To register for this event, check out our full event listing, or to register for any of our events, head over to our Eventbrite site, at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/aga-phoenix-chapter-2342352490> .

Also, right after the November meeting, we will hold a board meeting, from 2 PM to 3 PM. Typically after most monthly meetings, a board meeting will be held. If you are interested in serving on the board, or hearing more about how to get involved with the Phoenix Chapter of AGA, I suggest that you attend this next meeting, or any future meetings. There are many opportunities to get involved with various committees (e.g., education, community service, young professional, etc.). Additionally, if you want to reach out to the board with suggestions, or to find out more, you can also reach us by e-mail at [contact@agaphoenix.org](mailto:contact@agaphoenix.org).

In order to make sure that you know about all our events and the latest news, you can check our website at <https://www.agacgfm.org/chapters/phoenix/home.aspx>, but did you know that we also send out regular e-mails with this information? If you are not receiving this communication and would like to, please let us know at [contact@agaphoenix.org](mailto:contact@agaphoenix.org) .

Thank you for your continued support of the Phoenix Chapter! Have a great month everyone!

Michelle Huckabay, CPA, CGFM  
President  
AGA Phoenix Chapter

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AGA has modernized its governance structure.

Check out the changes [here](#).

# AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2018-2019

**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
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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](mailto:contact@agaphoenix.org)



## Goals for 2018-2019 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.
  - Establish sponsorship program.
- 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.

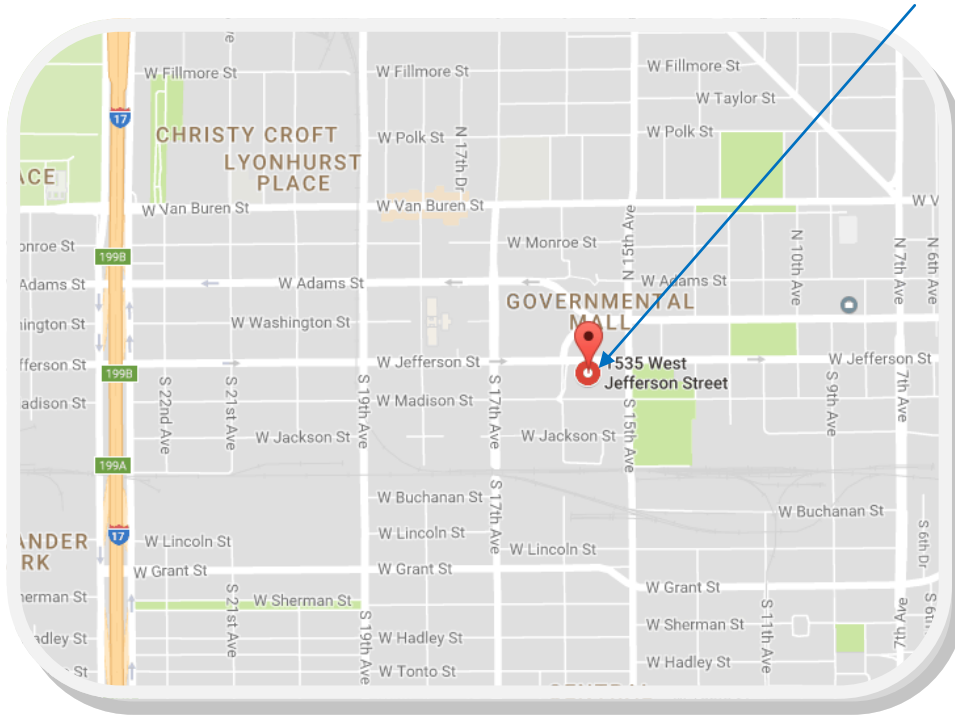
2018 & 2019 Budget			
Budget Category	‘18 Budget	‘18 Spent	‘19 Budget
Education	\$21,250	\$18,534.98	\$21,000
Membership	\$1,000	\$410	1,000
Travel	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500
Board Expenses	\$1,000	\$223.42	\$500
Scholarship	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
CGFM	\$16,350	\$15,390.08	\$1,550
Community Service	\$750	\$100	\$750
Website	\$150	\$0	\$0
Early Career	\$100	\$100	\$100
Audit	\$100	\$100	\$100
Misc.	\$100	\$12	\$200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,800</b>	<b>\$35,679.75</b>	<b>\$30,200</b>


### PY 2018-2019 Committee Members:

- Membership – Mary Adelman
- Education – Keith Orr, Jerry Snyder, John Schutter, Anthony St. George
- Programs – Getzamany Aragon & Michelle Huckabay
- Accountability—Kim Prendergast
- CGFM – Gergana Kovatcheva
- Young Professionals / Early Career – Getzamany Aragon
- Scholarship – Kelly Alkhoury
- Community Service – John Schutter
- Communications Committee – Anthony St. George
- Sponsorship—Anthony St. George

**11/14/18 Meeting (2 CPE)**  
**Topic: Blockchain**  
 Lunch (11:30 AM)  
 Education Seminar (12:00 PM—1:50 PM)

**Arizona Department of Education**  
**1535 W Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85007**  
**Room 312**





**CGFM Study Resources Available:**

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

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

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Education and Meeting Plan					
2018-2019 Program Year					
Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
9/12/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Communications	2	9/7/18	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
10/10/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Leveraging IT to Detect Fraud, Waste and Abuse	2	10/5/18	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
11/14/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	Blockchain	2	11/9/18	AZ Department of Education Room 312 1535 W Jefferson St. Scottsdale, AZ 85007
12/19/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	Holiday Social	2	12/14/18	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/9/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Grants Management	2	1/4/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/18/19*	8:00am-8:30am Continental Breakfast 8:30am-12:00pm-Class	Ethics—ASCPA	4	1/11/19	MCCCD Governing Bd Rm 2411 W. 14th Street, 2nd Floor Tempe, AZ 85281
2/6/19	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	Lealan Miller	2	2/1/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
3/1/19*	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00p-12:50pm	ASRS	1	2/25/19	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		
3/6/19	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Finance	2	3/1/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257

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Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
3/27/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Cybersecurity	2	3/22/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/10/19	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	FBI	2	4/5/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/26/19*	8:00am-4:00pm PDT	AGA National President John Lynskey	1	4/21/19	Rio Salado College 2323 W. 14th St. Tempe, AZ 85281
		Uniform Guidance	1		
		Municipal Bond Financing—RBC Capital	1		
		TBD	1		
		Yellow Book—Auditor General	1		
		GASB Updates	1		
		Panel Discussion on Economic Development	2		
Total	8				
5/15/19	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Fraud Data Analytics	2	5/10/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
5/29/19	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	Robotics Process Automation	2	5/24/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
6/12/19	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	Topic— TBD	2	6/7/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
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**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:**

\$25 each monthly chapter meeting, or package deal—\$220 for all sessions\*

**Non-Members**

\$40 each monthly chapter meeting

\*excludes special events (Ethics and Professional Development Training—PDT)

To RSVP, please go to our online registration site: <http://agaphoenix.eventbrite.com> . Thank you for your interest!

# Announcements - Job Postings

No Postings Currently—Check Back Soon

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

Please email AGA Phoenix Webmaster, [contact@agaphoenix.org](mailto:contact@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/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](mailto: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](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/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.\*\***