



Message from the President



Hello everyone! It is hard to believe that we are already headed towards Spring and we can see that the Chapter’s Program Year is coming to an end! That means that your Chapter Board and Committees have to finalize their plans for next year and your participation and input is always valued! We plan to host more both live and virtual events to better meet the needs and preferences of Members.

But I hope all of you will still check out our Events Calendar to see the great educational events we have coming up for the remainder of this program year. I encourage all of you to plan to attend our Professional Development Training (PDT 2023) on April 28th at the ASU SkySong 1 at 1475 Scottsdale Road. All the details are on our website at agacgfm.org/Chapters/Phoenix-Chapter. Keith Orr (our Chapter’s Education Chair) has put together a truly outstanding agenda of meaningful and insightful speakers who (in my opinion) will provide CPE that will inform and excite you about the future in various professional areas. I hope to see all of you there but if you cannot attend live we plan on having a virtual option!

If you are not a member of the AGA, or have let your renewal lapse, and are interested in getting involved, just go the AGA and click join or renew. We are also always looking for individuals to consider joining our Chapter Board and Committees. I can attest to it being an excellent professional opportunity based on my personal experiences throughout my career!

I would like to welcome our newest Student Member, Evan Kearns to our Chapter! I hope to see Evan and each of you at one our events this year! If there is any way I can help you just let me know at charleshester@msn.com.

Thank you for your continued support of the Phoenix Chapter! Please let us know if you have any comments and suggestions by e-mailing us at: contact@agaphoenix.org. Thank you and have a great and safe Spring!!

Sincerely,

Charles W. Hester, President

AGA Phoenix Chapter

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AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2022-2023

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	Charles W. Hester Sr., CGFM, CPA, CFE
Past President	Jordan Dale, CGFM
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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 2022-2023 and Beyond

• Membership & Education:

- Provide 40 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, 2022 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.

2022 & 2023 Spend through 1/31 (estimate)		
Budget Category	'22 Spent	'23 Spent
Education	\$8,780.32	\$3,357.16
Membership	\$1,185	\$0
Travel	\$1,075	\$0
Board Expenses	\$0	\$0
Scholarship	\$0	\$0
CGFM	\$445	\$782.57
Com. Service	\$0	\$0
Early Career	\$0	\$0
Audit	\$150	\$200
Misc.	\$257.20	\$22
Total	\$11,892.52	\$4,361.73

PY 2022-2023 Committee Members:

Accountability

- Kimberly Prendergast, CGFM

CGFM/Professional Certification

- Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA
- Jordan Dale, CGFM

Communications Committee

- Charles Hester (Webmaster)
- Jordan Dale, CGFM (Webmaster)
- Myrna Lopez, CGFM, CPA (Newsletter)

Community Service

- Paola A. Julio De Matson

Education

- Keith Orr, GFM
- Michael Baumert, CPA
- Robert Hardwood, CPA

Membership

- Vacant

NCC Representative

- Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Programs

- Daniela Kunova
- Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA

Scholarships

- Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Young Professionals

- Getzamany Aragon
- Joshua Jumper, CGFM

Events & Reminders

Upcoming Events:

- AGA National will be offering the following events/webinars:
 - **2023 AGA Women's Forum – Equity Action: The Power of Women on March 16, 2023**, 4 CPEs, Virtual
 - Interactive sessions will cover these focus areas and more:
 - Unconscious bias
 - Recruiting and promotion
 - Best practices in DEI&A
 - Leadership challenges and techniques
 - Mentors, coaches and sponsors
 - Self-care
- For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).
- **ERM Workshop on April 18, 2023**, 5.5 CPEs in Washington, DC
 - This event provides participants with practical insight from Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) leaders. The workshop includes presentations as well as facilitated table discussions, where we move from academic discussions to "how-to" explanations and examples. The small, facilitated groups enhance opportunities for both hands-on work and Q&A.
- For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).

Reminders:

- **AGA Mentoring Program**
 - Mentoring is important, not only because of the knowledge and skills young professionals can learn from mentors, but also because mentoring provides professional socialization and personal support.
 - For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).
- **AGA Membership**
 - Key membership benefits include:
 - Connect, Collaborate & Network
 - Continuous Learning
 - Stay Informed & Find Solutions
 - For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).



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.

Education & Meeting Plan - 2022-2023 Program Year

Date	Event Type/Times	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
9/28/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Communications	2	9/23/2022	Virtual
10/19/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Internal Controls	2	10/14/2022	Virtual
11/2/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Live)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Ethics	2	10/28/2022	Virtual
12/14/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Risk Management	2	12/19/2022	Virtual
1/11/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Uniform Guidance and Grant Accounting	2	1/6/2023	Virtual
1/27/2023	<i>Special Event*</i> Class: 8:30am-12:00 pm	Professional Ethics for AZ CPAs	4	1/22/2023	Virtual
2/1/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	GASB Update	2	1/27/2023	Virtual
2/24/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Live)</i> Lunch: 11:30am-12:00pm Meeting: 12:00pm-3:45pm	Tax & Retirement Updates: ASRS, Nationwide Deferred Comp, IRS, AZDOR	4	2/20/2023	ASU SkySong 1 341 Exploration 1475 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257

Education & Meeting Plan - 2022-2023 Program Year					
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3/1/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	RPI/AI	2	2/24/2023	Virtual
3/22/2023	Chapter Meeting (Live) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Cybersecurity/ ERM	2	3/17/2023	Virtual
4/12/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Ethics	2	4/7/2023	Virtual
4/26/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	CARES Act/ARPA	2	4/21/2023	Virtual
4/28/2023	Special Event*/ Professional Development Training 8:00am - 4:30pm	Professional Development Training	8	4/24/2023	ASU SkySong 1 341 Exploration 1475 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
5/10/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Fraud/Data Analytics	2	5/5/2023	Virtual
5/24/2023	Chapter Meeting (Live) Meeting 11:00am-12:50pm	Leadership	2	5/19/2023	Virtual
		Total Program Year CPEs	40		

* 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

(<http://www.agaphoenix.org/events/>).

Announcements - Job Postings

Assistant Director of Finance - WIFA **(Salary: Negotiable)**

The duties of the Assistant Director for Finance requires a high degree of specialized expertise and skill in maintaining established standards of quality and accuracy. Drive, determination and a self-disciplined approach is necessary to achieving results and ensuring quality is never compromised. The focus of communication and organizational relationships is based on technical expertise in financial matters. The Assistant Director for Finance serves on the WIFA leadership team and is the lead voice on finance matters. The work requires specialized technical problem solving and ingenuity in evaluating various project financing options while demonstrating the values of integrity, quality and caution.

Selective Preferences:

- A graduate degree in a related field
- At least 10 years work experience in a related field
- Relevant professional certification (e.g. CFA, CPA, CMA, GPFO, GGFM, CAIA, etc.)

Refer to the AZ State Jobs website for additional details.

Apply online at: <https://www.azstatejobs.gov/jobs/assistant-director-for-finance-phoenix-arizona-united-states>

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



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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****