



The Washington Connection



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Up Next!

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October 18, 2023, 2:00pm-3:50pm; AGA DC Sponsored - National Virtual Webinar (2 CPEs) - Topic: Internal Control.

October 26, 2023, 5:30pm-8pm; Chapter Member Happy Hour at *Clyde's at Gallery Place*, DC.

November 8, 2023, 2:00pm-3:50pm; AGA DC Sponsored - National Virtual Webinar (2 CPEs) - Topic: Ethics.

November 9, 2023 (Time TBD); Virtual Bingo hosted by the Member Services Committee.

December 13, 2023, 11:30am-1pm; Monthly Hybrid Luncheon (1 CPE). Speaker: TBD

December 13, 2023, 2:00pm-3:50pm; AGA DC Sponsored - National Virtual Webinar (2 CPEs) - Topic: Risk Management.

December 14, 2023, 6:30pm to 9:30pm; Holiday Happy Hour at the *Hard Rock Café*, Washington, DC.

January 10, 2024, 11:30am-1pm; Monthly Hybrid Luncheon (1 CPE). Speaker: TBD

January 18, 2024; Washington Capitals Game (vs. St. Louis Blues) at *Capital One Arena*.

THANK YOU!

AGA Multi-Chapter (DMV) Picnic - September 16th, at *Lacey Woods Park*. Thank you to all attendees of this event.

AGA DC Chapter Sponsorship Happy Hour - September 21st, at *Urban Roast/DC*. Thank you to all attendees of this event.

President's Message

Dear AGA Washington DC Chapter Members,

Welcome to the new program year! I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. It is my honor to serve as the President of the AGA Washington DC Chapter and lead our esteemed association into another exciting year.

As we embark on this journey together, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your continued support and dedication. Our chapter has always been driven by the passion and enthusiasm of its members, and I am confident that this year will be no exception.

We have planned an array of engaging activities and events that are designed to foster professional growth, facilitate networking opportunities, and promote knowledge sharing among our members. Some recent activities that were a great success include:

- Our annual planning brunch at the Hamilton, where 52 chapter volunteers met to kick-off the program year and discuss all the great ways we can serve you, our members,
- Our annual multi-chapter picnic with the Northern Virginia and Montgomery/Prince George's Chapters,
- Our first Sponsor Happy Hour at the Urban Roast,

We have many more activities planned, and although we always like to have good food at our events, we also want to focus on professional development and education. So here are some planned activities to cover the bases:

- 8 luncheons with Guest Speaker,
- Monthly Webinars,
- Community Service Events,
- CGFM Study Groups,
- 2 Day Spring Training Event,
- Happy Hours!,
- Sports Games (Capitals, Nationals, etc.),
- Annual Awards Gala,



- The DC Chapter Virginia Wine Tour, and
- Mentorship Events.

These are just a few highlights of what we have planned for the upcoming year. I encourage you to stay connected with us through our newsletters and event calendar on our website. Our chapter sponsors and volunteers are committed to providing you with opportunities for professional development, community engagement, and career advancement.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to the AGA Washington DC Chapter Executive Committee, our loyal sponsors who make this all possible, and our volunteers for their tireless efforts in organizing these events. Their dedication and hard work are instrumental in making our chapter thrive.

Once again, welcome to the new program year! I am excited about the journey ahead and look forward to your active participation in our chapter's activities. Together, let's make this year a resounding success!

Sincerely,

Lal Harter, *President*
AGA Washington DC Chapter

Vision

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability. AGA defines government accountability as a government's obligation to the people for its actions and use of resources.

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National Council of Chapters Meeting

September NCC Meeting Summary

By Caitlin Holmes McGurn, DC Chapter NCC Representative

On September 6, AGA’s National Council of Chapters (NCC) kicked off the program year with our first quarterly meeting. The DC Chapter was well represented on the call by individuals who take on various roles at the National level. The meeting primarily focused on three primary areas: (1) the resources and tools provided by AGA National to Chapters; (2) goals for Chapters for the upcoming program year; (3) updates from Chapters on program year planning and events.

The DC Chapter is already leveraging a number of the resources and tools provided by AGA National, but it was a helpful update and reminder. In terms of goals, AGA National requests Chapters to focus on increasing membership by 10 percent over the next six months leveraging a football theme. It’s an exciting time to be part of AGA and this is a great initiative to help to expand the reach of our Chapter.



To discuss current year planning and event updates, NCC representatives broke out into groups based on region. One trend that I observed is that Chapters are increasingly moving to in person events, while preserving virtual access. The Chapters that I met with all have great events planned for this fall, as does our DC Chapter.

I look forward to continuing to represent our Chapter in this capacity this year!

Caitlin Holmes McGurn
NCC Representative

Check out
Accountability Talks, hosted
by the DC Chapter’s very own
Paul Marshall!

The podcast focuses on the
government accountability
community and is available
everywhere you get your
podcasts.





AGA DC - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Committee

By: Salim Mawani, Director, *Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Committee*

Introducing the DC chapter's new committee, the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Committee. The DC Chapter is thrilled to embark on a transformative journey of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility with you, our AGA membership. We are committed to cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment for the DC Chapter and our members. We aim to ensure every member is valued, respected, and has equal access to opportunities that demonstrate the mosaic that is our society and membership.

By reflecting on the diversity of our community, we strive to enrich AGA, foster innovation, and achieve excellence. Embracing diversity and supporting equal opportunities, inclusion, and accessibility is the right thing to do. More importantly, diversity also improves organizational performance and results. Equity takes into consideration a person's unique circumstances, adjusting treatment accordingly so that the results are more equal. By fostering inclusivity, we cultivate a culture that connects and engages all members, encouraging collaboration, flexibility, and fairness while leveraging diversity throughout our DC chapter. Accessibility of facilities, information, communication, technology, and services so that all people, including those with disabilities, can fully engage in chapter programs and activities is an important consideration.

Small changes can make a big difference, and we would like to highlight that our luncheon programs now offer closed captioning with the goal going forward to offer this service for all programs, including our award-winning annual spring training. Organizations that embrace and support DEIA initiatives attract, acquire, and maintain top talent and are more engaged with each other and their work. Finally, DEIA fosters creativity and innovation as individuals who feel respected and valued for their individual perspectives are more likely to bring forward new ideas and approaches to problem solving.

Our committee has set initial goals such as increasing the representation of underrepresented groups in leadership roles in our chapter and ensuring equal access to professional development and advancement opportunities for all members. We would like to partner with other committees in our effort to promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility and hope to have a DEIA speaker or panel session at the DC Chapter Spring training.

Feel free to reach out to the committee with ideas and suggestions! We welcome others to join this new committee. **If interested, please contact our Director, Salim Mawani, at srmhokies@gmail.com.**

Committee Leadership:

- Director: Salim Mawani
- Assistant Director: Julia Duquette
- Assistant Director: Carl Biggs
- Assistant Director: Mbalu Tunkara

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AGA DC Training and Events

AGA DC Upcoming Events

October 18, 2023 – Monthly Hybrid Luncheon, 11:30am – 1pm. Speaker: Kate Aaby, Chief Financial Officer, Small Business Administration (SBA); held **virtually** and **in-person** at *Clyde’s at Gallery Place*, DC. [Reserve your tickets here.](#)

October 26, 2023 – Chapter Member Happy Hour. 5:30pm – 8pm, at *Clyde’s at Gallery Place*, DC.

December 13, 2023 – Monthly Hybrid Luncheon, 11:30am – 1pm. Speaker: TBD

January 10, 2024 (tentative) – Monthly Hybrid Luncheon, 11:30am – 1pm. Speaker: TBD

February 14, 2024 (tentative) – Monthly Hybrid Luncheon, 11:30am – 1pm. Speaker: Monica Valentine, Executive Director, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB).

March 20, 2024 (tentative) – Monthly Hybrid Luncheon, 11:30am – 1pm. Speaker: Deidre Harrison, Deputy Controller Performing the Delegated Duties of the Controller, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

April 17, 2024 (tentative) – Monthly Hybrid Luncheon, 11:30am – 1pm. Speaker: TBD

May 15, 2024 (tentative) – Monthly Hybrid Luncheon, 11:30am – 1pm. Speaker: Phyllis Fong, Inspector General, Department of Agriculture (USDA).

You can earn 1 CPE from each monthly luncheon.

For questions regarding AGA DC events listed here, please contact us at agadc@agadc.org.

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AGA DC Webinar Training Schedule

AGA DC sponsored National webinars will continue to be offered in a virtual format.

All webinars start at 2:00pm and end at 3:50pm ET.

You can earn 2 CPEs for each webinar!

For questions, please contact: Danielle Burrell at danielle.c.burrell@hud.gov.

The AGA DC Chapter will host the following AGA National webinar sessions throughout the 2023-2024 program year.

Cost:

There is no charge for active DC Chapter members for these events and attendees will earn two (2) CPE credit hours.

When:

October 18, 2023 — Internal Control

November 8, 2023 — Ethics

December 13, 2023 — Risk Management

January 17, 2024 — Uniform Guidance and Grant Accounting

February 7, 2024 — GASB Update

March 6, 2024 — Robotic Process Automation (RPA)/Artificial intelligence (AI)

March 27, 2024 — Cybersecurity/Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)

April 10, 2024 — Ethics

April 24, 2024 — CARES Act/ARPA

May 8, 2024 — Fraud/Data Analytics

May 22, 2024 — Leadership

For more information on this audio conference and the full schedule of AGA National's audio conferences please visit the AGA National website at: [AGA National Webinars](#)

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Unlocking Potential: *The Unexpected Benefits of Being a Mentor*

By Aubrey Harris from the Mentorship Committee

Are you an accountant, auditor, IT specialist, consultant or other professional from the Washington D.C. metro area? If yes, then becoming a mentor with the AGA DC Chapter could be a great opportunity for you!

To many, the concept of mentoring is often seen as a selfless act, a generous contribution of time and expertise to guide and nurture the next generation. But delve a little deeper, and you'll discover that mentoring is a two-way street, presenting an investment that will yield dividends, not just for the mentee, but also for the mentor.

Strengthening Leadership and Communication

One of the cornerstones of effective mentoring is **COMMUNICATION**. Mentors refine their ability to translate complex ideas into digestible nuggets of information. Alongside this, guiding a mentee necessitates patience, understanding, and the art of motivation—all pivotal leadership qualities. Thus, a mentor inadvertently polishes the leadership and communication skills, assets that are invaluable in any professional setting.

Expanding Networks and Career Opportunities

Mentoring is a door to expanded professional networks. Interactions with mentees introduce mentors to a wider array of professionals and can potentially pave the way for collaborations, partnerships, and even unforeseen career opportunities.

Personal Growth and Continuous Learning

Mentoring propels mentors towards personal and professional growth. By teaching and sharing



knowledge, mentors are indirectly encouraged to stay on top of their game, ensuring they remain updated and relevant in their respective fields.

Embracing Diversity and Broadening Perspectives

In today's globalized world, mentors often find themselves interacting with individuals from diverse backgrounds. This confluence of cultures and experiences broadens a mentor's perspective, fostering an environment of inclusivity and mutual respect.

Job Satisfaction and Renewed Enthusiasm

There's something incredibly rewarding about witnessing the growth and success of another, knowing you played a role in that journey. Many mentors express heightened job satisfaction, with the mentoring process rekindling their own passion and love for their profession.

Leaving a Lasting Legacy

Every professional hopes to leave an indelible mark in their field. Mentoring provides just that avenue, enabling experienced professionals to pass down their hard-earned wisdom, ensuring their insights, experiences, and teachings continue to bear fruit long after they've moved on.

Final Thoughts

Mentoring, while undeniably beneficial to the mentee, is equally, if not more, rewarding for the mentor. It's

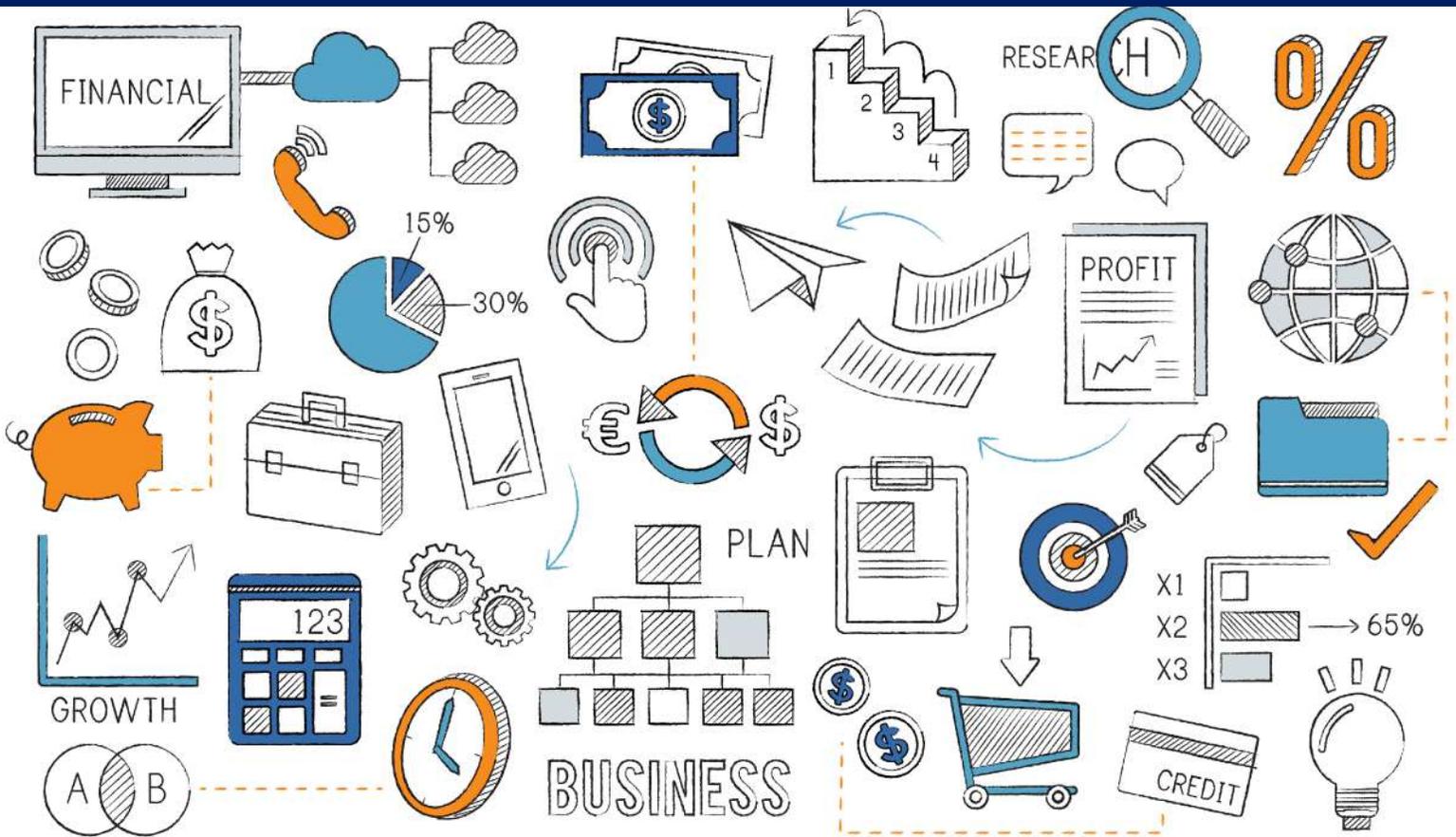
Unlocking Potential cont'd.

an investment of time, energy, and expertise that yields rich dividends in personal growth, professional advancement, and personal satisfaction. Whether you're considering becoming a mentor or are already one, know that the journey is filled with opportunities for self-discovery, learning, and immense fulfillment. Embrace the role, and watch as it enriches not just your professional journey, but your personal one as well.

If you've ever benefited from a guiding hand, a word of advice, candid feedback, or a shared insight, now is your chance to pay it forward! Join our mentoring program and make a lasting impact on the future of government financial management. The bedrock of our profession lies in knowledge, integrity, and a commitment to excellence. Now, more than ever, there's a pressing need to usher in the next wave of government financial management professionals, ensuring they're equipped with the skills, knowledge, and ethics to carry our legacy forward.

AGA DC is currently seeking mentors for its mentorship program. Mentors can come from all backgrounds. Whether you're an accountant, auditor, IT specialist, consultant, or other professional in the Washington D.C. region with an interest in "developing others," your participation is invaluable. Together, we can build a more open, inclusive profession that serves all. Make a commitment to use your knowledge and experience to mentor the next generation of accounting and auditing professionals.

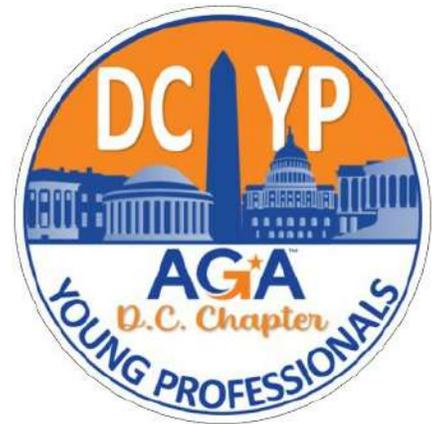
At AGA DC, we believe that everyone should have access to mentorship opportunities and be able to benefit from the experiences of others. Join us now and become part of a community that is dedicated to helping each other grow and succeed by staying tuned in for additional information and a survey. **Feel free to contact the committee at:** Mentorship@agadc.org





AGA Young Professionals

By: Alyssa Smiley, Young Professionals Committee



Whether you are considering a **career** in government financial management or have already started down the path, AGA is here to support you! Membership in AGA gives you access to practical resources to develop your skills, expand your knowledge, boost your job performance and advance your career.

If you are under 35 years of age and/or have three years or less of professional work experience, remember to check out what AGA and our DC Chapter offer! [Click here](#) to learn more about the AGA Young Professionals program and details on scholarships, awards, education, training, and more offered specifically to you.

In addition, the AGA DC Chapter's Young Professionals Committee is devoted to recruiting Young Professionals while also engaging and developing our current DC Chapter Young Professional members in building relationships, expanding skill sets, and advancing their careers! Be on the look out for a forthcoming member survey about the AGA DC Chapter's Young Professionals efforts. Your input is invaluable to help us gauge interest and desire for future events and activities! Please help us make this program a valuable resource for you and your career development.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to our Young Professionals Committee at YoungProfessionals@agadc.org.

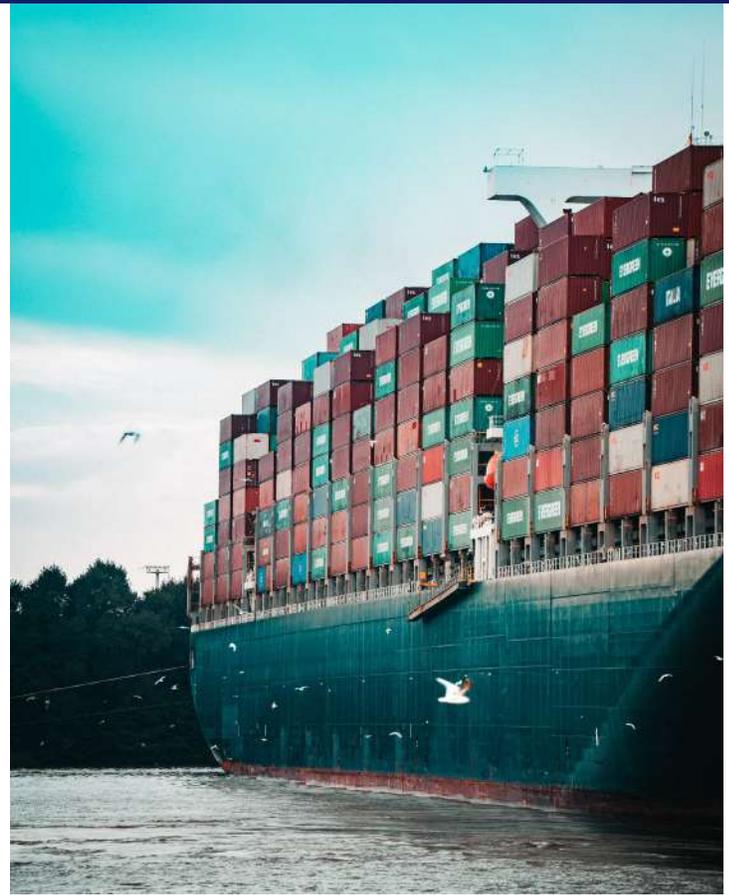
Thought Leadership

Integrate and Survive the Supply Chain Disruption Effect

Since the 1970s, the just-in-time inventory ordering process has existed to reduce waste, improve cash flow, increase flexibility, optimize human resources, and encourage team empowerment. Disruptions to supply chains present one of the biggest risks to continuity of services due to critical dependencies on suppliers to provide goods and services. There are many factors that can cause a supply chain disruption — from global pandemic, war and acts of aggression, diplomatic tensions arising from espionage and terrorism, climate change, and, above all, oligopolistic control of certain supply chains. Building a resilient supply chain has become a primary prerogative for business continuity and security.

What is supply chain resilience? Simply stated, it refers to the ability of a given supply chain to prepare for and adapt to unexpected events. A resilient supply chain adapts quickly to any sudden disruption that could negatively affect the performance of the supply chain. It also allows an organization to quickly recover to its pre-disruption state or a more desirable state. In recent years, we have seen an unprecedented demand in the increased usage of e-commerce sales that are now being stretched to its upper limits with the effects of labor shortages and inventory depletion. The combination of manufacturing lockdowns in China, geopolitical distress in many parts of the world, and logistical and operational challenges have created serious bottlenecks and breakdowns in the global supply chain.

Given these interruptions that have led to the current fragile global supply chain, the question is how do both government and commercial organizations prepare to survive and thrive in this time of multiple supply chain disruptions? A key factor to supply chain resiliency is understanding the suppliers that are in an organization's supply chain. Suppliers may provide key components or products to a suppliers' supplier and, thereby, still be vitally important to the organization, because it depends on those goods to manufacture, build, develop, create, sell, or operate effectively. This is called "illuminating the supply chain," and shines a light on who is an essential part of the supply chain that the organization depends on. Another important element is understanding the provenance of supplies – where they originate from and their "chain of custody" as they make their way to the organization. Next, it is crucial to identify which



suppliers in an organization's supply chain are critical suppliers to operations. Once those critical suppliers have been identified in an organization's supply chain, the next steps include using Supply Chain and Enterprise Risk Management principles of risk identification, risk impact assessment, risk prioritization, and risk mitigation strategies to address where the vulnerabilities exist in the supply chain. This visibility into the supply chain will allow an organization to pivot and allocate the necessary resources and capabilities to better mitigate these supplier risks.

Creating a communication channel, or integrating to some extent, between the Supplier Risk Management program and the Enterprise Risk Management program is critical for sharing supplier risk information and determining vulnerabilities to an organization's supply chain. Supplier risk information needs to be collected and monitored in an organization's Supply Chain Risk Management program, and then shared with an organization's Enterprise Risk Management program so that the senior leadership team can evaluate how a supply chain disruption can impact the enterprise risks tied to the organization's strategic plans and business objectives. Potential supply chain disruption information needs to be clearly defined and monitored, using both key performance indicators and key risk indicators in a risk register or supplier risk dashboard. As illustrated in the following chart below, supply chain disruptions can impact the following eight enterprise risk categories:

Thought Leadership cont'd.

Table 1: Impact of Supply Chain Disruptions

Impact Category	Description
Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial losses from errors and omissions by suppliers • Bidding wars for scarce resources • Unfavorable foreign exchange rates leading to increased supply costs • Disruptions due to supplier financial instability • Extended length of contracting and pricing
Human Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff turnover due to outsourcing
Customer and Employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer and employee privacy risks
Technology Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of security, integrity, and availability of IT and OT systems • Software tampering • Unreliable components procured from unauthorized sources • Frequent breakdowns
Operations and Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent breakdowns
Legal and Regulatory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsafe operating conditions • Accidents and personal injuries • Safety protocols and regulations being flouted
Strategic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geopolitical impacts (tariffs, currency, trade agreements)
Reputational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negative brand impact • Social activism threats

Achieving resilience through Supply Chain Risk Management (SCRM)

SCRM lies at the intersection of the organization's supply chain and enterprise risk management (ERM) programs. For SCRM to be holistic, it should be completely integrated with ERM. While ERM looks at risk management strategically from the perspective of the entire firm or organization, the scope of SCRM stretches beyond organizational boundaries extending to risks that sometimes originate outside the organizational boundary but having significant impacts to the operations mission and operations. SCRM supports ERM by identifying, assessing, and managing against supply chain events that could lead to potential losses, dangers, hazards, and other harm.

Building a resilient supply chain requires careful strategic planning and execution of key activities within the end-to-end supply chain. This is usually accomplished through a formal SCRM program that enables organizations to identify, assess, manage, and monitor supply chain risks. Supply chain risks can manifest from both internal and external sources.

Taking an enterprise approach to SCRM

Supply chain resiliency is best achieved when supplier risk management aligns with an organization's Enterprise Risk Management program. The supply chain is a critical lifeline to the organization's performance and the accomplishment of its mission and objectives. Individual supply chains are not only interconnected to other supply chains but also impact multiple organizational activities and processes, and, therefore, cannot be viewed and managed in isolation.

This article was co-authored by Kristina Narvaez (Managing Consultant, Guidehouse) and Soumya Chakraverty (Risk Pro Solutions).

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Inside the Black Box

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM CPA

Proposed Right-to-Use Lease Lessee Postings and Tie Points-UPDATED



Background

Treasury has released guidance on how to calculate amounts and which accounts to post for the new right-to-use leases created by Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards 54, which is due to take effect this year. Treasury developed five lease scenarios, three of which recognize a right-to-use asset for leases with the public, which is the focus of this article: an operating lease where the lease has a cancellation clause that can (and does) take effect before its full term expires, an operating lease where the lease runs the full term, and a capitalized lease. Prior to the cancellation, the entries are nearly the same, though the dollar amounts vary. One glaring detail, though, is that the relationship between the proprietary postings and the budgetary postings (also known as tie points) is not fully maintained with some of the posting models proposed for these scenarios. This column suggests adjustments to the guidance to keep proprietary and budgetary general ledger account balances synchronized.

Right-to-Use Lease Life Cycle

Ignoring the cancellation entries, the life cycle in all three scenarios with assets can be summarized as follows: appropriation, apportionment, allotment, lease signed (obligation), lessee takes control (asset recognition), lease amortization, accrue or schedule lease payment divided into principal and interest as well as variable expenses, disburse principal and interest and variable expenses, and closing entries for the year. These are not in quite the same order as presented in the Treasury guidance, but it groups the entries by posting impact. Treasury shows the variable payments at year end, except that the capitalized scenario has none. For the two scenarios without assets, intragovernmental and short term, the budgetary entries up through obligation are the same, and the lease payments use the same posting model as the variable payments.

Lease Funding, Capitalization and Amortization

These entries do not cause any problems for tie points. I won't bother to list the budgeting entries and obligating undelivered orders because those are the same for all acquisitions, and no changes have been proposed. The amounts are very different, however. When the lease is signed and obligated, an operating lease with no cancellation clause has to be funded in full for all payments, while a capitalized lease only needs funding for the net present value (NPV) of the lease payments plus the first year's implicit interest. An operating lease with a cancellation clause only requires funding for the payments up to the point in time when the lease can be canceled plus any cancellation cost. As mentioned above, neither intragovernmental nor short-term leases post these entries. I am presenting the capitalization and amortization postings here because these introduce new U.S. Standard General Ledger (USSGL) accounts (bolded below).

1. Record right-to-use lease asset and liability (similar to B438). For capitalized leases, it is just:

Debit	480100	Undelivered Orders – Obligations, Unpaid
	195000	Lessee Right-To-Use Lease Asset
	310700	Unexpended Appropriations - Used – Accrued
Credit	490100	Delivered Orders – Obligations, Unpaid
	293000	Lessee Lease Liability
	570000	Expended Appropriations - Accrued

Inside the Black Box Cont'd.

While for operating leases, it is the following entry, with budget impact to follow later:

Debit	195000	Lessee Right-To-Use Lease Asset
Credit	293000	Lessee Lease Liability
	293010	Unfunded Lease Liability (after cancellation period only)

2. Record depreciation, amortization, and depletion expense on assets other than investments (similar to E120).

Debit	671300	Lessee Lease Amortization
Credit	195900	Accumulated Amortization on Lessee Lease Assets

It is important to note that Treasury proposes splitting the lease liability into two accounts, one that is unfunded (293010, used only by operating leases with a cancellation clause) and one that is supported by undelivered orders (293000 supported by 480100). This mirrors the funded and unfunded split in other liability accounts, such as 219000 Other Liabilities with Related Budgetary/ Obligations and 299000 Other Liabilities without Related Budgetary Obligations.

Accruals

Here is where things get interesting. First, it is not clear if accruals are recorded in the general ledger only, if they are triggered by a property manager verifying the asset is still in use, or if this represents scheduling the payment to the lessor. The accounting for all three should be the same, and for our purposes, I am going to assume the accrual for operating leases is actually scheduling the Treasury payment (though the accrual is recorded for capital leases in entry 1 above when the lease is signed). Second, there are three accrual entries described for two payments, the variable expense and the regular lease payment, and the latter is divided between interest and principal based on an amortization table. Third, even though these payments should be handled similarly, the Treasury varies the recommended accounts to post. Fourth, principal accrual (entry 4) is not included for capital leases since 490100 was posted initially for the principal. Fifth, regular lease payments (including operating costs) to another federal agency use the same entry 5 as the variable expense payments to non federal entities, as do lease payments for short-term leases (up to and including 24 months), and this uses a new SGL account 693000 bolded below.

3. Accrual of Interest Expense (operating leases, similar to Treasury Transaction Codes B418 and B134)

Debit	480100	Undelivered Orders – Obligations, Unpaid
	633000	Other Interest Expense
	310700	Unexpended Appropriations - Used – Accrued
Credit	490100	Delivered Orders – Obligations, Unpaid
	214000	Accrued Interest Payable – Not Otherwise Classified
	570000	Expended Appropriations - Accrued

4. Accrual of Principal Payment (operating leases only)

Debit	480100	Undelivered Orders – Obligations, Unpaid
	310700	Unexpended Appropriations - Used - Accrued
Credit	490100	Delivered Orders – Obligations, Unpaid
	570000	Expended Appropriations - Accrued

5. Accrual of Principal Payment (in the guidance for leases without cancelation)

Debit	480100	Undelivered Orders – Obligations, Unpaid
	693000	Lessee Lease Expense
	310700	Unexpended Appropriations - Used - Accrued

Inside the Black Box cont'd.

Credit	490100	Delivered Orders – Obligations, Unpaid
	211000	Accounts Payable
	570000	Expended Appropriations - Accrued

These should all look like entries 3 and 5 (or 1 up above), which include both budgetary, and proprietary GLs which are included that maintain the budgetary to proprietary relationship. I see no problems with entry 5: 693000 is a funded expense whose balance is reflected in the 4900 expenditure series of accounts (tie point 4), 211000 is supported by 490100 (tie point 3), and expenditures 490100 supports 570000 expended appropriations (tie point 7). Entry 4 violates tie points 3 and 4 since the expenditure payable is not matched to an expense or the entire balance of a proprietary liability account. The interest accrual (entry 3) is actually split between two entries in Treasury guidance, though they should be posted simultaneously.

Above I pointed out that Treasury split 2930 into funded and unfunded SGL accounts. I think it is necessary to further divide the funded into undelivered (obligated) and delivered (accrued). I would recommend Treasury change 293000 to Accrued Lessee Lease Liability, and add 293020 Obligated Lessee Lease Liability. This would change the operating lease entry above to (changes are in bold).

1. Record right-to-use lease asset and liability (similar to B438). For operating leases, it is

Debit	195000	Lessee Right-To-Use Lease Asset
Credit	293020	Obligated Lessee Lease Liability (uncancellable portion)
	293010	Unfunded Lease Liability (after cancelation period only)

And entry 4 to:

4.	Debit	480100	Undelivered Orders – Obligations, Unpaid
		293020	Obligated Lessee Lease Liability
		310700	Unexpended Appropriations - Used – Accrued
		880200	Purchases of Property, Plant, and Equipment
	Credit	490100	Delivered Orders – Obligations, Unpaid)
		293000	Accrued Lessee Lease Liability
		570000	Expended Appropriations - Accrued
		880100	Offset for Purchases of Assets

This starts with the budgetary GL accounts from entry 4, plus the usage of appropriations to support tie point 7. Because we credit 490100, tie point 3 requires a proprietary liability, which is the revised account 293000 (note that neither 293010 nor 293020 would be used for this purpose). Also, crediting 490100 invokes tie point 4 which requires either a debit to either expense or one of the 8800 series of purchase memorandum accounts. Because we are relieving a liability, we need an 8800 account, and because this mirrors B438 purchase of a capital lease, in that we are belatedly expending authority to purchase an asset, I chose 880200 (from G120) which Treasury says is linked to B438.

Disbursements

The Treasury guidance gives a variety of disbursement entries based on what liability accounts were credited by the accrual. I won't go over all of those. Instead, I will show what is consistent with my recommendations above so that it matches the ending values shown in Treasury's guidance.

Disbursement of Payable (B112 and B235)

Debit	490100	Delivered Orders – Obligations, Unpaid
	XXXXXX	Payable
	310710	Unexpended Appropriations - Used – Disbursed
	570000	Expended Appropriations - Accrued

Inside the Black Box cont'd.

Credit 490200	Delivered Orders – Obligations, Paid
101000	Fund Balance with Treasury
310700	Unexpended Appropriations - Used - Accrued
570010	Expended Appropriations - Disbursed

The XXXXXX is a stand-in for the three liability accounts: 214000 for interest, 293000 for principal, and 211000 for the variable expense. These entries consistently relieve the liability accounts so tie point 3's relationship is maintained, and they are a wash for expenditures and expended appropriations (both debit and credit), so there is no impact on tie points 4 and 7. The only change is that we need to also check tie point 2, since cash is posted, but since we credit both 101000 and 490200 in all three, that relationship is maintained.

Conclusion

Despite adding new SGL accounts, there's nothing really new in the posting logic for right-to-use, intragovernmental, or short-term leases. Just like capital leases, parts of the lease may be unfunded, and no budget authority is used for amortizing the lease. Interest, principal and expense payments are all obligated in advance, go through an expenditure payable phase, and end up as a disbursed expenditure. It would be most helpful if the new Treasury guidance was consistent with prior guidance and maintained all the tie points.

Comments and critiques, as well as specific questions or suggestions for future topics, are always welcome. Please send them to Simcha.Kuritzky@CGI.com, and not to the AGA.



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AGA DC Chapter Monthly Luncheon

September 2023 Hybrid Luncheon

A Discussion on trust in government, financial management, and improper payments.

On September 13, 2023, the DC Chapter welcomed our September hybrid luncheon speaker **Mr. Timothy "Tim" Gribben, Commissioner of the Department of the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service**. We are grateful for 112 virtual and (a record) in-person attendees who joined us at Clyde's of Gallery Place in downtown Washington, DC. **Eva Robinson, J.P. Morgan, a proud AGA-DC Chapter corporate sponsor**, introduced our speaker at the luncheon.

Mr. Gribben was appointed the Commissioner of the Department of the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service (Fiscal Service) on May 13, 2019. Mr. Gribben provides leadership, policy direction, and guidance for Fiscal Service's efforts to transform financial management and the delivery of shared services in the federal government and overseas bureau operations (payments, collections, security auctions, accounting, reporting, and shared services). Prior to his current position, Mr. Gribben served as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and associate administrator for performance management at the Small Business Administration (SBA). Prior to joining SBA, Mr. Gribben

was a manager at the U.S. Postal Service. In the private sector, Mr. Gribben spent over five years at a privately held technology firm as director of a business unit and two years with J.P. Morgan. Mr. Gribben graduated from the College of William & Mary with a bachelor's degree in accounting and earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Duke University. In 2019 he was elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and in 2021 he received a Presidential Rank Award of Distinguished Executive. In his presentation, Mr. Gribben discussed trust in government, financial management in general, and improper payments. The presentation ended with a robust Q&A session as Mr. Gribben answered questions from both virtual and in-person attendees. We sincerely appreciate the time Mr. Gribben spent with us to share his knowledge and experience.



**Tim Gribben, Commissioner,
Treasury, Bureau of the
Fiscal Service**



Eva Robinson, JP Morgan

September Luncheon cont'd.



Lal Harter, Chapter President, welcomed luncheon speaker and attendees



Luncheon speaker Mr. Tim Gribben



DC Chapter Board members in attendance at the luncheon

September Luncheon cont'd.



From left to right: Tim Gribben, Eva Robinson, Lal Harter



Tim Gribben and Bo Shevchik (right - DC Luncheon Program)



Our September hybrid luncheon was made possible by our hard working volunteers from the Monthly Luncheon Team who took care of the programming, in-person, and virtual operations.

THANK YOU to our Monthly Luncheon Team!

CGFM Updates

AGADC Chapter in collaboration with NOVAGA Chapter held a hybrid **CGFM Exam 2, Part 1 Study Group on Thursday, September 21st from 4pm to 7pm**. We are expecting to hold another Study Group in December 2023, more information to come.

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The following members obtained their CGFM from April 2023 to June 2023!

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- **Capital Causes** - Other local causes

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The Community Service Committee will be collecting donations for the “Unity Health Care.” As with our previous sponsorships, we want to make the biggest impact possible and have requested the AGA National to help match our donations.

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You can participate in giving by going directly to the organization using this link ([Unity Health Care Donations](#)). Once you give, please provide a screenshot evidencing your proof of donation to Maurice Preston (mpreston@guidedhousefederal.com), LaVerne Mason (lmason@bdo.us) or Niko Lojanica (nlojanica@bdo.us), so we are able track and take advantage of AGA’s matching!

For questions about Unity Health Care, please contact the **Community Service Committee**: Maurice Preston (mpreston@guidedhousefederal.com), LaVerne Mason (lmason@bdo.us), or Niko Lojanica (nlojanica@bdo.us).



We hope you will join us in participating in all or some future community service opportunities. We invite you to share photos on the impacts you are making, and thoughts on how we can support your cause by connecting with the **Community Service Committee**.

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Special Events

DC Chapter Recognized for Outstanding Operation at 2023 PDT

Our DC Chapter once again received the **Platinum Achievements in Chapter Excellence (ACE) Award!** The Platinum level of ACE Award recognizes our Chapter's highest level of performance for maintaining a well-rounded operation for the professional growth of its members. Our Chapter is proud to continue to provide outstanding services for our members.

Our immediate past Chapter President, Caitlin Holmes McGurn, was on the stage at this year's Professional Development Training (PDT) to receive this highest honor. Our current Chapter President, Lal Harter, accepted the Volunteer of the Year Award on behalf of Brittany Hopwood.

Thank you to all our Chapter's volunteers for their hard work and dedication! Congratulations!



Caitlin Holmes McGurn accepted ACE Award for DC Chapter



Lal Harter accepted the Volunteer of the Year Award on behalf of Brittany Hopwood



DC Board members at AGA PDT 2023

Special Events cont'd.

Program Year 2023-24 Chapter Planning Brunch

We held our annual Chapter Planning Brunch on August 27, 2023 at The Hamilton in Washington, DC. Our Chapter President, Lal Harter, kicked off the Planning Brunch to thank our volunteers and recognized all Past Chapter Presidents in presence. Evelyn Brown (Past National and Chapter President and current Senior Advisor), Paul Marshall (Chapter President-Elect), and Caitlin Homes McGurn (Immediate Past Chapter President) took turns to make remarks before the new program year planned activity discussion.

Lal Harter led the discussion on the new program year's chapter strategic objectives, operational plan, and expectations. Shawn Syed (Treasurer) and Wendy Morris (Secretary) reported the chapter's financial and administrative updates, respectively. Each Committee representative then provided their Committee overview and planned activities for the new program year.



Paul Marshall, Chapter President-Elect



Lal Harter, Chapter President



All attendees at the Chapter Planning Brunch

Our Chapter Officers and all volunteers in attendance were able to catch up with each other. It was an enjoyable kick-off to the new program year!

Special Events cont'd.

Multi-Chapter Picnic

On September 16 our Washington, DC Chapter joined two other Chapters (Northern Virginia and Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapters) for this year's Multi-Chapter Picnic. Our members, with their family and friends, gathered at the Lacey Woods Park in Arlington, VA to enjoy food, games, and company. The event was a success and huge shout out to the volunteers from the three AGA Chapters in the DMV. Special thanks to our volunteer Cherry Ung (DC - sponsorship/gala) who helped organize this great event!



From left to right: Shawn Shawn, Mona Amatie, Paul Marshall, Lal Harter



AGA-DC Member Service Event/Activity Plan (Program Year 2023-24)

Details regarding the following events will be released about a month before the event, so please keep a lookout for DC Chapter emails!

- **Chapter Member Happy Hour** at *Clyde's at Gallery Place*, DC; October 26, 2023 5:30pm-8pm
- **Virtual Bingo**; November 9, 2023, Time TBD
- **Holiday Happy Hour** at the *Hard Rock Café*, Washington, DC; December 14, 2023, 6:30pm-9:30pm
- **Washington Capitals Game** (vs. St. Louis Blues) at *Capital One Arena*; January 18, 2024

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With your help and dedication, we can achieve our Chapter's 10% growth goal of new members this year! **Don't miss out on the great chance to win a CASH PRIZE, and help our Chapter! Make sure your name and AGA ID are included in the membership form of new recruited members!!**

Please note the membership referral/sponsoring application is a three-step process:

1. New members should create a "My AGA Account" on the AGA National website
2. New account login details will be sent to the email provided during registration (Step 1)
3. Within your "My AGA Account," new members must complete their AGA membership application and include the "Recruited by Member ID" and/or "Recruiter's Name" within the Demographics data page of the application.

Recruitment/Sponsoring winners will be contacted via email and announced in the following quarter's newsletter. The Membership Committee looks forward to continuing to grow our membership!

(NOTE: Previous quarters' winners are ineligible for future prizes in the same program year.)

Welcome New Members!

By: Emily Law and Giovanni Leon, Membership Committee

The AGA DC Chapter and the Membership Committee extends a warm welcome to our newest members! Thanks to you, the AGA continues to grow. Stay up-to-date on fantastic programs, membership benefits, and recruiting incentives starting now. Remember if you have not yet renewed, you may do so at the [AGA Washington DC Chapter](#) website to take advantage of member benefits throughout the next program year.

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It’s been more than 32 years since our chapter adopted the official name of our newsletter, *The Washington Connection*. As this publication releases the 33rd edition, the current newsletter team would like to acknowledge and pay tribute to all past leaders and volunteers who contributed contents, or assisted in producing the chapter newsletter since day one of the DC Chapter. YOU make this chapter newsletter possible, but more importantly YOU, along with the rest of the chapter volunteers, past and present, are all part of the success story of the AGA DC Chapter!

We sincerely THANK YOU!

AGA DC Chapter Newsletter Team

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PS: Our newsletter team invites you to provide quick feedback about this newsletter via a two-question survey. [Please click here to visit the survey site](#) today!

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