



November is going to be a historic month with the upcoming Presidential election. All eyes are on DC as we wait to see the election results. This is an interesting time to be part of the Federal financial community. I hope you all go out to vote!

In October, we had a fantastic dinner meeting! Jeff Steinhoff, Managing Director at KPMG, provided his insights on ERM and implementing OMB Circular A-123. We are not hosting a dinner meeting this month. We have a joint dinner meeting with the NOVAGA chapter. Please visit their website to register (<http://novaga.org/>).

Save the date for our Annual Winter Workshop will be held on December 8th at the University of Maryland Shady Grove. We have a fantastic program lined up that includes the following topics: Artificial Intelligence – The New Frontier of Technology; OMB Update: COSO New Fraud Risk Management Guide; and Ethics, which qualifies for both Maryland and Virginia's CPE requirements. Please register to attend on our website (<http://www.marylandaga.com/events/workshops.cfm>). I hope to see you there!

Keep checking the events tab on our website (www.marylandaga.com), and you can see all of the upcoming events, including dinner meetings, workshops, webinars, community service programs, and early careers events. More events are added every week, so check back often. Also, check us out on [Facebook](#) for updates as well! #AGAMoCoPG

It's important to me that this chapter meets all of your needs. If you have comments to share or would like to learn more about how to get involved, please don't hesitate to contact me at president@marylandaga.com.

I can't wait to see you at one of our many upcoming events!

Corinne Dougherty, CPA, CGFM, PMP
Chapter President

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Chapter News

Welcome to the December edition of the Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter newsletter for the 2016—2017 program year. If you are new to the Chapter or it's been a while since you've looked through the newsletter, we have added a number of new features and Chapter programs this year, including:

- A Member Benefits section, which includes a listing of the discounts, sponsored events, scholarships, and free or discounted CPE that is available to you as AGA and MPGC Chapter members.
- Expansion of the Technical Updates Corner, which includes summaries of recent FASAB, FASB, GASB, GAO, and OMB Updates.
- The Chapter Calendar and the National Events sections include listings of both the current and next month's events to give you more advance notice of upcoming events.
- Board Meeting Minutes have been added each month and Chapter Financial Statements will be added when available to make Chapter and Board activities more transparent.
- A monthly contest or trivia question (see below), in which the winners will receive a complimentary pass to a monthly Chapter dinner meeting of their choice.
- Expanded social media— please visit us on Facebook @[AGA Montgomery/Prince George's Country Chapter](#).

We welcome your feedback! If there are any features or content that you would like to see in the newsletter, please contact me at newsletter@marylandaga.com.

- Michelle Merritt, Newsletter Editor

Chapter Trivia Contest

October Trivia Question

Question: What requirements must applicants meet to earn the CGFM designation?

Answer: To earn the CGFM, individuals must apply for the CGFM program and meet the following requirements:

[Ethics](#) — read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics

[Education](#) — have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university

[Examinations](#) — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations

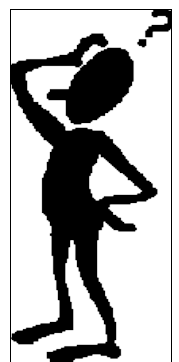
[Experience](#) — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management.

November Trivia Question:

Question: When does each new session of Congress begin?

Rules:

- Winners will receive a complimentary pass to a monthly Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter dinner meeting of their choice for the 2016—2017 program year (September 2016—May 2017).
- Please submit responses to newsletter@marylandaga.com by the first of the following month (e.g., by January 1st for the December newsletter). Please submit all responses with a subject line of "Trivia Contest" and include your name, e-mail address, and phone number with your response.
- Winners will be selected at random from all correct responses received and will be chosen on the first of each month. If no correct responses are received, the winner will be selected at random from all responses received for that month.



Upcoming Chapter Events

November 15-17| Charleston, WV CGFM Training (up to 24 CPEs)

Please join the Charleston Chapter of AGA for a three-day training opportunity.

Location: Charleston Civic Center, 200 Civic Center Drive, Charleston, WV 25301

Cost: \$600 per person, \$50 discounts available for each of the following—AGA Members, Charleston WV Chapter Members, and for any Department or Agency which registers more than 10 participants.

Registration: <http://www.marylandaga.com/cgfm/documents/CGFMClass2Invitationregistration.doc>

November 15| November Dinner Meeting (1 CPE)

Please join us for a joint event with the Northern Virginia Chapter

Presentation: TBD

Time: 6:30—8:30 PM, Reception 6:00—6:30PM

Location: Westin Hotel, 801 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA 22203

Cost: \$35 per person for non-government employees, \$20 for state, local, and federal government employees. and \$15 for students (credit card payment required).

Registration: <http://www.marylandaga.com/events/meetings.cfm>.

November 16| *FREE* AGA Audio Conference: “Tools and Strategies for Fighting Fraud.” (2 CPEs)

Sponsored for our chapter’s members by corporate partners CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Time: 2:00—3:50 PM

Location: CliftonLarsonAllen, 11710 Beltsville Drive, Ste. 300, Calverton, MD 20705

RSVP: Contact Katrina Lynch @ Katrina.Lynch@claconnect.com or 301-931-2050.

November 24| Happy Thanksgiving!

December 7| *FREE* AGA Audio Conference: “Ethics in the Workplace.” (2 CPEs)

Sponsored for our chapter’s members by corporate partners CliftonLarson Allen LLP

Time: 2:00—3:50 PM

Location: CliftonLarsonAllen, 11710 Beltsville Drive, Ste. 300, Calverton, MD 20705

RSVP: Contact Katrina Lynch @ Katrina.Lynch@claconnect.com or 301-931-2050.

December 8| Winter Workshop (up to 8 CPEs) - see p. 4 for additional details

Location: University of Maryland at Shady Grove, Camille Kendal Academic Center, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Bldg. 3, Rm. 4230, Rockville, MD 20850

Cost: 100 per person

Registration: <http://www.marylandaga.com/cgfm/documents/CGFMClass2Invitationregistration.doc>

January 11| January Dinner Meeting (1 CPE)

Presentation by: Robert Westbrook, Inspector General, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Time: 6:30—8:30 PM, Reception 6:00—6:30PM

Location: TBD

Cost: \$35 per person for non-government employees, \$20 for state, local, and federal government employees. and \$15 for students (credit card payment required).

Registration: <http://www.marylandaga.com/events/meetings.cfm>.

November 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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AGA/PGMC Winter Workshop

Our Winter Workshop will be held on **Thursday, December 8th** at the **University of Maryland Shady Grove campus** from **8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Description: An outstanding program is planned, with dynamic speakers from Professional Service Firms and Regulatory Entities, who will present new ideas in formation sessions, which offers you unparalleled opportunities to network. Workshop participants can earn up to **8 CPE** credits in Governmental Accounting, Information Technology, and Regulatory Ethics.

Location:

University of Maryland at Shady Grove
 Camille Kendall Academic Center
 9630 Gudelsky Drive
 Building 3, Room 4230
 Rockville, MD 20850

Topics will include the following:

Topic	Speakers
Artificial Intelligence - The New Frontier of Technology	Sunil Datt, U.S. Federal IBM Global Business Services
OMB Update	Michael Landry and Daniel Kaneshiro. OMB
COSO New Fraud Risk Management Guide	David Cotton, Cotton & Company Jeffrey Steinhoff, KPMG LLP
Ethics 2016: Your License Depends on it! (4 ethics credits)	Cheryl Hyder, Hyder Consulting Group

The pricing for the workshop is as follows:

Type	Price
AGA Members (Government Employees, Faculty, and Retirees)	\$ 90
AGA Members (Employees of Firms and Companies)	\$100
Non-AGA Members	\$130
Full Time Students	\$ 35

Register today at <http://marylandaga.com/events/workshops.cfm>! We hope to see you there!

Chapter Event Retrospective



The Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapter hosted a joint Early Careers picnic at Haines point with the DC and Northern Virginia Chapters on September 25, with catering from Famous Dave's BBQ, games, and a great turnout.



Left: MPGC President Corinne Dougherty, MPGC Secretary Mat Wenzel, and MPGC Meetings Co-Director Howie Simanoff talk with September dinner meeting guest speaker Matt Flick before his presentation on Phishing and Cybersecurity.

Right: MPGC AGA members attended the September dinner meeting at the Matchbox restaurant in Rockville, MD on September 14th.

CGFM

WHAT IS CGFM?

Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

To earn the CGFM, individuals must apply for the CGFM program and meet the following requirements:

Ethics — read and agree to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics

Education — have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university

Examinations — pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations

Experience — have at least two years of professional-level experience in government financial management

CGFM Examination: Applicants must take and pass three comprehensive examinations to become a CGFM:

- **Course 1:** Governmental Environment
- **Course 2:** Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting
- **Course 3:** Governmental Financial Management and Control

Visit the [AGA National CGFM website](https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/About-CGFM.aspx) at <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/About-CGFM.aspx> for more details.

If you are considering taking the CGFM exams in 2016, why not sign up for AGA's Intensive Review Course with CGFM examinations included – it's a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete your CGFM!

The Intensive Review Course (IRC), offering up to 18 CPEs, will be held in Alexandria, VA on April 3 –4, 2017 (see p. 9). The class will run 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days. The cost of the course for qualified participants is as follows:

\$375 for AGA members,

\$425 for non-members

SPECIAL BONUS: The CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to course attendees — a \$375 savings!

Not yet a CGFM or do you know someone who wants to earn their CGFM?

Consider reaching out to colleagues who are not members but may be interested in certification. This may be a good opportunity to re-engage members with a CGFM study group!

Details on the program are available here: www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/springpromo2015

Questions about CGFM? Contact: agacgfm@agacgfm.org

- Additional information related to the CGFM, including (1) Reasons to become certified, (2) How to apply, (3) Testing locations, and (4) CGFM Proclamations, can be found on the Maryland AGA website at <http://www.marylandaga.com/cgfm/index.cfm>.

For additional questions or information about the CGFM, please contact Montgomery/Prince George's County CGFM Director Gabrielle Chapman at cgfm@marylandaga.com or gabriellechapman@kpmg.com.

Membership

Membership in AGA has many **benefits**, including education and networking opportunities, awards and scholarship programs, discounts for training, exclusive CPE opportunities, and access to our **resources**, some of which are offered at no charge or at a discounted rate for members. Members join a local **chapter**, through which they gain additional networking, leadership and education experiences.

Membership Benefits—Local Chapters:

- **FREE* AGA Audio Conferences and Webinars**—2 CPEs for participation in each sponsored audio conference
- **Monthly Dinner Meetings**
- **Workshops** featuring relevant and timely topics such as Cyber Security, FASAB Updates, Internal Control Requirements, and Ethics.
- **Networking Opportunities** and **Member gatherings** such as happy hours and sporting events.

Membership Benefits—AGA National:

- **Community**—Networking through 100 AGA Chapters, Member and Vendor Directories, Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities, Awards and Scholarships
- **Professional Development, Training, and Career Resources**—complimentary webinars, discounted online CPE courses, member rates for national training events, discounted CGFM renewal fees, group training courses, Online Job Bank.
- **Research and Publications**—subscription to the *Journal of Government Financial Management* and the Topics weekly newsletter, Research and Executive Reports.
- **Free Tools**, including tips to Prevent Fraud, Reduce Improper Payments, Improve Outcomes, Mitigate Risk, and Enhance Collaboration.
- **Participation in Government Initiatives**—Input to standards-setting bodies, intergovernmental partnerships, and the Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) program.



Unlimited Online CPE Courses from Becker Professional Education

Becker Professional Education, one of our chapter's esteemed corporate sponsors, and our chapter have joined forces to offer you an incredible new member benefit - discounts on online Continuing Professional Education (CPE) courses.

Becker Professional Education offers a wide variety of CPE courses, including courses that qualify for your CGFM or CPA CPE requirements. The cost is a flat rate of \$350 per year for unlimited CPE courses.

A catalog of the courses available through Becker Professional Education can be found at <http://www.becker.com/cpe/courses/course-catalog>.

To view of sample demonstration of the online courses that Becker Professional Education has to offer, please visit <http://www.becker.com/accounting/cpe/courses/preview-a-course.cfm>.

New Members

The MPGC Chapter would like to welcome the following new members to our Chapter:

Mr. Mashood A. Momoh

Mr. Ozoemena T. Nnamadim

Mrs. Victoria L. Pittman

Awards and Recognition

Awards

AGA honors members for service both to the association and to the government financial management profession. We bestow awards based on peer nomination to those who have exemplified principles of leadership, transparency and financial stewardship.

Scholarships

AGA grants scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing finance careers in an effort to grow the government financial management community and support current and future practitioners from the beginning of their careers.

Nominations

AGA offers a variety of **leadership** positions at the chapter, regional and national levels. Learn more about our leadership structure and how you can get involved.

Recognition

AGA celebrates the commitment and determination shown by members reaching several **membership milestones**. Lifetime Membership is conferred to individuals who have remained paid members for at least 40 consecutive years. The commitment and determination shown by these individuals has made AGA the strong, vital organization it is today. As a token of their achievement, each of these individuals was presented with a Lifetime Member certificate. As Lifetime Members, these individuals no longer pay AGA membership or chapter dues.

Go to <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Connect/Awards-Recognition.aspx> to learn more about the individual programs.

Submit an Article to the AGA Journal

The *Journal* team seeks original content to add to and create conversation about important topics in government

Process: AGA's Journal Editorial Board chooses themes for issues that it believes the government financial management community will find compelling, relevant and timely. However, we solicit and accept high-quality, thoughtful articles on a wide range of government financial management topics and may publish articles that do not relate directly to the themes. The Journal will accept material that provides practical insights into any aspect of government financial management. Authors are encouraged to submit articles for review. The Journal Editorial Board is particularly interested in articles from practitioners.

- **Summer:** March 1
- **Fall:** June 1
- **Winter:** September 1

To be eligible for consideration, submitted material must be:

- no more than 2,500 words;
- original work that has not been previously published; submitted to the editor at journal@agacgfm.org;
- using endnote rather than footnote format;
- accompanied by a 50-word (or fewer) abstract and concise author biographies;
- accompanied (when applicable) by no more than four charts or graphs, which should be submitted as raw data; and
- accompanied (when applicable) by concise sidebars.

If you have any questions about the *Journal*, please contact journal@agacgfm.org.

AGA National Events and Updates

2017 Financial Systems Summit (up to 7 CPEs)



January 13, 2017
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place NW
Washington, D.C.

The Financial Systems Summit (FSS) unites federal financial managers and private-sector executives to discuss the near-term and future prospects of federal financial management systems in a budget-constrained environment. The summit will provide new insights into the burgeoning federal financial systems modernization strategy over the coming decade — and beyond.

FSS offers live audience participation! Summit speakers will post questions and attendees can text their response allowing for real time conversation and engagement. For more information, go to <https://www.agacgfm.org/FSS-2016.aspx>.

National Leadership Training (up to 14 CPEs)



February 15—16, 2017
Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW,
Washington, DC

NLT provides cutting edge information from highly respected and distinguished industry leaders as well as an unparalleled program in two formats: in-person and virtually. Both formats offer the opportunity to earn 14 CPEs. The agenda is the same for both in-person and virtual attendees.

For more information, go to <https://www.agacgfm.org/NLT-2017/Program-Schedule.aspx>

CGFM Intensive Review Course (up to 18 CPEs)



April 3—4, 2016
Alexandria, VA

Sign up for AGA’s Intensive Review Course with CGFM Examinations *included* – it’s a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete your CGFM.

The cost of the course is \$375 for AGA Members and \$425 For additional details, go to <https://www.agacgfm.org/Certification/Candidates/Preparing-for-Exams.aspx>.

You can register at <https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Event-Registration.aspx?ID=237>

The registration deadline is March 22, 2017, unless the class has been filled prior to this date.

2017 CFO/CIO Summit (up to 4 CPEs)



May 4, 2017
Washington, DC

Join AGA and AFFIRM in Washington for this free* educational event and listen to an insightful dialogue on the intersection of policies and management issues that impact CFOs and CIOs and how they are working together to improve efficiency and transparency, reduce risk and strengthen their workforce.

*Complimentary for individuals who work for government. Private-sector participation is available via sponsorship. Are you a small business? [Contact AGA](#) for special sponsorship pricing.

Technical Updates Corner—FASAB and GASB

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB)

October 17, 2016—Patrick McNamee Appointed to the FASAB

The chairman of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB), D. Scott Showalter, announced that Patrick McNamee has been appointed to the FASAB. Mr. McNamee's term will begin January 1, 2017, when current member Sam McCall completes his term.

Mr. McNamee, a recently retired partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), is well known for his contributions to standard setting. Early in his career, he supported the AICPA's Auditing Standards Board and the Government Accountability Office's Government Auditing Standards. For the six years prior to his retirement from PwC, he worked in the national office on development of policy, guidance, and training. In addition, Mr. McNamee has extensive experience serving as engagement partner on the audits of federal agency financial statements. He led the audits of agencies such as the Social Security Administration, NASA, the Department of Justice, the General Services Administration, and the House of Representatives.

Mr. McNamee is a CPA and Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Southern California and a master's degree in management information systems from the University of Virginia.

November 15, 2016—FASAB Issues its Annual Report and Three-Year Plan

FASAB has published its *Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2016* and *Three-Year Plan*. The combined report allows stakeholders to consider FASAB's progress and invites them to advise the Board about its plans. The report reviews the Board's efforts and accomplishments during fiscal year 2016 and provides information about current projects, as well as potential projects the Board considered in past agenda-setting discussions.

FASAB requests written comments by January 30, 2017 regarding the content of the annual report and the Board's project priorities for the next three years. The report is available at <http://www.fasab.gov/our-annual-reports/>.

Exposure Draft Comments are due for the following:

- *Federal Financial Reporting—01/06/2017*
- *Conforming Amendments to Technical Releases for SFFAS 50, Establishing Opening Balances for General Property, Plant, and Equipment—01/09/2017*

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)

Norwalk, CT, November 30, 2016—The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued a proposed Implementation Guide containing questions and answers intended to clarify, explain, or elaborate on GASB Statements.

The proposed Implementation Guide addresses a wide array of practice issues, including questions related to the GASB's accounting and financial reporting standards on pensions, cash flow statements, the financial reporting entity, certain investments, external investment pools, fund balance, and tax abatements. The proposed Implementation Guide also includes amendments to previously issued implementation guidance.

The [Exposure Draft](#) of Implementation Guide No. 201X-Y, *Implementation Guidance Update—201X*, is available on the GASB website, www.gasb.org. Stakeholders are encouraged to review and provide comments by January 31, 2017. GASB Statement 54 was issued in 2009 to improve the usefulness of information provided to financial report users about fund balance by providing clearer, more structured fund balance classifications, and by clarifying the definitions of existing governmental fund types. The PIR team received broad-based input from GASB stakeholders including auditors, preparers, financial statement users, and academics.

Norwalk, CT, December 1, 2016—The Board of Trustees of the Financial Accounting Foundation (FAF) announced the appointment of four new members to the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council (GASAC):

- **Alan Conroy**, executive director, Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, nominated by the Council of State Governments
- **Karen Krop**, senior director, Fitch Ratings, nominated by a bond rating agency
- **Sue Osborn**, mayor, City of Fenton, Michigan, nominated by the National League of Cities
- **Larry Stafford**, audit services manager, Clark County, Vancouver, Washington, nominated by the Association of Local Government Auditors.

Each of the new appointees will serve two-year terms beginning January 1, 2017, and are eligible to be reappointed for up to two additional consecutive terms.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Recent Revisions and Publications:

- [OMB Circular A-130](#), “Managing Federal Information as a Strategic Resource” (7/28/2016)
- [OMB Circular A-136](#), Financial Reporting Requirements - Revised (10/7/2016)
- [OMB Bulletin No. 15-02](#), Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements (August 4, 2015)
- [OMB Bulletin No. 16-01](#), Apportionment of the Continuing Resolution(s) for Fiscal Year 2017

Memoranda:

- [M-16-22](#), Guidance on Awards for SES and SL/ST employees for Fiscal Year 2017 (August 12, 2016)
- [M-16-21](#), Federal Source Code Policy: Achieving Efficiency, Transparency, and Innovation through Reusable and Open Source Software (August 8, 2016)
- [M-16-20](#), Category Management Policy 16-3: Improving the Acquisition and Management of Common Information Technology: Mobile Devices and Services (August 4, 2016)
- [M-16-19](#), Data Center Optimization Initiative (DCOI) (August 1, 2016)
- [M-16-18](#), Financial and Performance Reporting on Undisbursed Balances in Expired Grant Accounts (July 15, 2016)
- [M-16-17](#), OMB Circular No. A-123, Management’s Responsibility for Enterprise Risk Management and Internal Control (July 15, 2016)

U. S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)

October 17, 2016—Observations on Regulation D and the Use of Reserve Requirements

Section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act requires depository institutions to maintain reserves against a portion of their transaction accounts solely for the implementation of monetary policy. Regulation D implements section 19, and it also requires institutions to limit certain kinds of transfers and withdrawals from savings deposits to not more than six per month or statement cycle if they wish to avoid having to maintain reserves against these accounts. The transaction limit allows the Federal Reserve to distinguish between transaction accounts and savings deposits for reserves purposes.

GAO was asked to review certain effects of Regulation D. This report’s objectives include examining depository institutions’ implementation of Regulation D’s requirements, the effect of the transaction limit on their customers, and central banks’ varying dependence on reserve requirements and the monetary policy implications.

To examine these issues, GAO conducted a generalizable survey of 892 depository institutions (with a response rate of 71 percent); analyzed consumer complaint data from federal financial regulators; reviewed federal statutes and regulations, Federal Reserve System publications, and academic literature; and interviewed regulatory agency officials, representatives from banking and credit union associations, and depository institutions selected based on institution type and size.

The Federal Reserve and other federal banking regulators provided technical comments on a draft of this report, which we incorporated as appropriate.

The full report is available at <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-117>

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