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President's Message

With this last of our chapter newsletters for calendar year 2019, we want to wish everyone in the chapter a Happy New Year! It's been a busy past few months, and we are looking forward to a great 2020 ahead. One of our informal resolutions as a board is to learn more about what our members would like to see from the chapter in the upcoming year (and years), and what we can do to encourage more of our members to attend at least one chapter event this year.

January brings with it the start of tax season, and our speaker for January is Valerie Moseley, CPA, of Valerie Moseley, CPA PLLC (a tax and business advisory practice). We invite you to attend this first lunchtime event of the 2020 calendar year. This is our annual tax update topic. We hope that you'll join us from noon until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14th. For the half hour or so before all of our speaker events, we have networking and social time where you can meet Seattle chapter board members and other chapter members in attendance.

Earlier this month, we had Elena G. Huizar, from the Washington State Office of the Attorney General,



Sam Lord, Chapter President

present on the many things the State Attorney General's office is involved in, and also on the subject of public records requests in Washington State. We also held both a food and a toy drive to benefit Northwest Harvest and Toys for Tots, respectively.

Coming back to my initial mention of learning more about what our chapter members would like to see from the chapter in the upcoming year, we are planning an email survey to check in with you to get your thoughts on how we're doing as a chapter, and what you would like to see moving forward. We are always open to ideas for

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Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome three new members who joined the Seattle Chapter in December:

Mrs. Abigail Beatty

Performance and Strategy Analyst, King County

Mr. Matthew Huish

Accountant, City of Bainbridge Island

Mr. Keith Bassett, CGFM

Sr. Financial Analyst/Budget Officer, City of Ellensburg/ Finance

Upcoming Training Event

Please join us for our next training event on Tuesday, January 14. See inside for more details.

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AGA Seattle Chapter's Monthly Meeting Schedule for Program Year 2019-2020

Save the dates for our monthly education events for program year 2019-2020! Please join us at these brown bag events and help us make this program year a success. Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at the GAO Training Facility on the 37th floor of Columbia Center in downtown Seattle.

AGA Continuing Professional Education Calendar 2019-2020

Tuesday, January 14, 2020, Valerie Moseley, CPA, *Annual Tax Update*

Tuesday, February 11, 2020, Gina Steiner, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (PGST), *Interactions between Tribes & Other Governments: Successes and Stumbling Blocks*

Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Mark Steranka, Moss Adams, *Internal and Performance Audit Programs: A Collaborative Approach to Success*

April 2020, *Governmental Accounting & Auditing Conference* co-sponsored with the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants, Location and CPE to be determined

May 2020, *Emerald Awards*, date TBD. Each year, the AGA Seattle Chapter recognizes leaders in government accountability. Come join us as we give our thanks to those who have done so much for our community.



Past Events for the 2019-2020 Program Year

Tuesday, September 10, Lisa DeLaVergne, Washington State Health Care Authority, *Medicaid Program Integrity & Fraud Prevention*

Tuesday, October 8, Lynn McKiernan Ngari, CGMS, CPA, King County Washington, *Grants Management*

Tuesday, November 12, Kate Reynolds, Washington State Executive Ethics Board, *Government Ethics in Washington State*

Wednesday, December 11, Elena G. Huizar, Washington State Attorney General's Office, *I Didn't Know the Attorney General's Office Did That + Public Record Requests*



THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS

January 14, 2020

Speaker

Valerie Moseley, CPA

Valerie is a CPA licensed with the Washington State Board of Accountancy and is a member of the Washington State Society of CPAs (WSCPA), the National Association of Tax Professionals, and the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance, where she is active in the Seattle chapter's tax roundtable. She volunteer teaches for several organizations, including WSCPA's financial literacy program, and teaches continuing education to professional accounting organizations in the Seattle area.

Topic/Time

Annual Tax Update

12:00 – 12:50 p.m.

Please join us at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and networking prior to the presentation.

Place

GAO Training Room
701 Fifth Ave., Floor 37
Seattle, WA 98104

Cost

MEMBERS - \$0 AND NON-MEMBERS - \$0

Lunch Options

Bring your own lunch, or purchase a lunch at one of the food court establishments on the ground floor of the building.

RSVP Required

Please **RSVP** to attend by **Friday, January 10, 2020**, to Karen Murphy, at joujie@comcast.net.

CPE

1 CPE awarded

AGA Training Webinars

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

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year via AGA members-only webinars. Group registration is not available for members-only webinars. Learn more about [members-only webinar registration](#) and CPE credit.

Below is the webinar schedule through February 2020:

- ◆ January 8, 2020, 2–3:50 p.m. Eastern Time (2 CPE) – Uniform Guidance
- ◆ February 5, 2020, 2–3:50 p.m. Eastern Time (2 CPE) – GASB Update

Members-only Professional Development webinars through June 2020 are:

- ◆ March 18, 2020, 1–3:00 p.m. Eastern Time (2 CPE) – AGA Annual Women's Leadership Webinar
- ◆ June 26, 2020, 1–2 p.m. Eastern Time (1 CPE) – Understanding the Multi-Generational Workplace

If you have questions about this training, you can send any questions to AGA at [email AGA](#).



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future speakers and events, and you can contact any of our board members if you have feedback. If you'd like to help in making some of those ideas a reality, we would love to have you join our board, or participate on one of our committees, including education, community service, and students & young professionals. We will be sending out a request for nominations for our chapter board for the 2020-2021 program year soon, but there is no reason to wait until next program year to start participating!

With that, the board would like to thank you for being a chapter member, and we look forward to seeing and hearing from you in 2020!

Articles and Photos Wanted

We are always looking for articles to include in *THE SOUNDER*. Please submit items for inclusion and attribution. We also like to decorate the first page of The Sounder with a local photo each month.

If you have an article or picture to contribute, please send it to Karyn Angulo, Newsletter Editor, at newsletter.agaseattle@gmail.com.

When we use your photo, we will acknowledge you in our credits section.

AGA has two training events coming up in the first two months of 2020: the Financial Systems Summit on January 9 and National Leadership Training from February 12-13.



Financial Systems Summit 2020

Washington, D.C.
January 9, 2020
6 CPEs

The Financial Systems Summit (FSS) unites government leaders and industry experts to discuss how to improve government services through systems modernization in a budget-constrained environment. Sessions will highlight CIO/CFO priorities, agile, shared services, cybersecurity and emerging technologies.

This year's event will feature the FSS Innovation Challenge, where participants can share their ideas for promoting accountability, transparency and innovation in the public sector through the new Innovation Challenge.

For more information, go to: <https://www.agacgfm.org/FSS/FSS-Home.aspx>.

National Leadership Training (NLT) is the essential event for developing and training government financial professionals to excel as leaders in today's competitive market. Don't miss this opportunity to share best practices, find new solutions to challenges, network with peers and learn from the top financial management leaders and industry experts. This training offers up to 14 CPE hours, and participants can attend in person or virtually.

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

See Your Own Strength



NLT 2020

National Leadership Training
Feb. 12-13, 2020 | Washington, D.C.

AGA Seattle Chapter Updates

December Community Service Activities

At the December 11th training event, the AGA Seattle Chapter was pleased to welcome Elena G. Huizar, from the Washington State Office of the Attorney General, to present on the many things the office does. As part of this end-of-year training event, we also held our annual toy drive and a continuation of our November food drive. Participants at the December training donated toys for Toys for Tots and food for Northwest Harvest. We also received some cash donations at the event. Many thanks to everyone who contributed toys, food, and/or funds to make the holidays brighter for others!



NCC News

By Karyn Angulo

AGA's National Council of Chapters representatives will be holding our second conference call on Tuesday, February 4. NCC representatives are asked to provide suggestions for meeting discussions beforehand. If there are questions or concerns that you would like me to raise with AGA National and my fellow representatives, please let me know by Wednesday, January 8. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time if you have suggestions for improving our chapter or chapter-related topics you would like for me to reach out to other representatives or the national office for assistance in addressing your concerns. Please see my contact information on the last page of this newsletter. Thank you for your support of your chapter!



Financial Condition as of November 30, 2019

Checking - .10% interest	\$ 3,501.87
Savings -.10% interest	<u>\$ 6,685.46</u>
Total Assets	\$ 10,187.33
Liabilities	\$ 0.00
Members' Equity	<u>\$ 10,187.33</u>
Liabilities & Members' Equity	\$ 10,187.33

Cash Flow Report, Month Ending November 2019

Beginning Cash Balances		\$ 10,187.06
Lunch Meals, Speaker Costs (incl. parking), & Name Tags	\$ 0.00	
 Cash Expended		 \$ 0.00
AGA Dues Received	\$ 0.00	
Interest Income	\$ 0.27	
 Subtotal Cash Deposits		 \$ 0.27
 Net Cash Change		 \$ 0.27
Ending Cash Balance		\$ 10,187.33



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

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