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President's Message

Thank you to last year's President Steve Borushko, chapter leaders, Chapter Executive Council, and our members in making 2013-2014 another outstanding year. The Indianapolis Chapter continued our Platinum status and achieved significant accomplishments throughout the year. Thank you for your leadership and dedication throughout the year. I am honored to continue the legacy of our past leaders and look to continue our tremendous success as Indiana's most successful chapter!

This will be a memorable year for the Indianapolis Chapter as we begin to celebrate our 50th anniversary. This milestone will be our theme throughout the 2014 -2015 program year. My goals for this program year are to:

- Provide increased opportunities for CPEs with the prospect of supporting the DoD FM certification program
- Increase new membership by 5% over 2013-2014 levels by targeting organizations with low participation rates
- Increase engagement of chapter membership and corporate sponsors in AGA activities
- Develop committee leadership and accountability

I am confident we will meet our chapter goals and maintain our Platinum status. Once again, we have a tremendous leadership team who has already planned training, networking, and community service opportunities for our current members and prospective new members.

Please continue to check our website (www.againdy.com) and our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AGAIIndianapolis) for more specific information on upcoming events and opportunities. Also, don't forget to share the experience and invite a coworker to join AGA. I look forward to meeting each of you during our events throughout the year!

Arturo (Art) Caraballo, PMP, CGFM
President, AGA - Indianapolis



AGA Indianapolis News

AGA Upcoming Opportunities:

Here are just a few of the many exciting opportunities we have planned over the next quarter:

- 2 local AGA PDCs this fall and spring thru our partnership with ASMC. This will give our members the opportunity to network and learn about current topics in government accounting while getting very cost effective CPEs. More to come on this very soon!
- Eight (8) AGA Audio/Web conferences. This is another great way to learn about current topics in government accounting while getting cost effective CPEs.
- Monthly luncheons. Our goal is to provide members the opportunity to network with other AGA members as well as provide great speakers.
- Valuable community service opportunities throughout the year. Our sponsored school supply drive for IPS #105 was a great success! We will also be working with Gleaners Food Bank, Mutt Strut and an Angel Tree over the next few months.
- Several social events throughout the year including Headless Horseman at Conner Prairie in late October and Christmas at the Zoo in December.

AGA ASMC Upcoming PDI:



The AGA ASMC Local PDC is scheduled for November 5th.

Look for more information soon!

National Awards:

AGA National Award Nominations Due Friday, October 31st. Do you feel that a fellow AGA Member deserves to be recognized for their exemplary work in the field of financial management? If so, please see the attached link below to identify which best nomination category best fits their financial leadership and accomplishments. Please contact Shane Douglas or Emily Kassenbrock with questions.

[https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Awards---Recognition-\(1\).aspx](https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Awards---Recognition-(1).aspx)



AGA Audio Conference:

"Wow! She Stole That Much?"

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

2:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Two (2) NASBA CPEs

Audio conference is FREE for Members and \$25 participation fee for Non-Members. NOTE: An SF 182 does not need to be filled out unless you want it on your training history or if it is being funded by your department.

The location of the conference room will be sent to registered members prior to Wednesday, October 8th.

To self-register, please contact Wes McDaniel at wes.mcdaniel@dfas.mil; or Tara Crabtree at tara.crabtree@dfas.mil.



The AGA Wellness committee has created an AGA Indianapolis Wellness Facebook page that will be used to share information about upcoming events, leading both a physical and mental healthy lifestyle, and basically being a support resource for the AGA Indianapolis community to utilize. Once the Facebook page is updated and ready to be released to the AGA Community, we will post the link on the DFAS Indianapolis Facebook page.

Wellness Update:

The AGA Wellness team kicked off the program year by hosting their 1st quarterly lunch and learn initiative. 3 fellow AGA members provided exercise habits and healthy eating alternatives that has worked or currently works for them in leading a healthier lifestyle. Plant based & Paleo eating alternatives focus on eliminating unhealthy GMOs that are added to processed foods. Although the eating styles has worked for our panel members, they agreed that the lifestyle isn't easy to maintain as society generally supports fast food restaurants and the unhealthy menu's that come along with them. We also learned about an exercise program that our 3rd guest submitted for discussion. Hard work, commitment and dedication is key to maintaining a fit lifestyle.

We are happy to announce that our Indianapolis Chapter is partnering with the DFAS Indianapolis wellness team on some upcoming healthy initiatives. November will be our self-proclaimed month to support Addiction. December initiatives include sponsoring New Year, New You! Details to come.

If anyone has any wellness questions or suggestions, please feel to contact AGA Wellness chair members Shane Douglas and Emily Kassenbrock.

VITA: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

What is VITA?

The VITA Program offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Certified volunteers sponsored by various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations.

AGA Offering DFAS VITA Training in January 2015!

Come learn more at the VITA Lunch & Learn Event! Pizza will be provided! Kate McKnight will be here from the IRS to give information and answer questions before the official training in January.

VITA Lunch & Learn
Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014
DFAS Conference Room 229AA
11:30 – 12:30

Questions? Contact Melanie Blunk 212-7501

AGA New Members:

Congratulations to our newest members:

Jacqueline Freeman

Mr. David McDermott

Matthew Storie

Ashley Gaines

Mr. Tom Roberts

Michael Uchrinscko

Catherine Hanshaw

Dustin Schimp

Jonathan Ware

Christopher Johnson

Michael Sprunger

Jenny Willis



Meet Your Fellow AGA Member



Christopher J. Patterson

Financial Management Analyst
Defense Finance and Accounting Services

Q: How did you get involved in AGA?

A: I first heard of AGA when I started my government career with Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). I was attempting to transition from the Human Resources (HR) environment to the accounting/finance, operational side of the house at my agency. In an effort to build on my accounting/finance involvement as well as professional network, I joined AGA in 2013.

Q: Did you choose government financial management as your career path or how did you come to the profession?

A: Going through college, I knew I wanted to be involved with business in some way, shape or form. I wasn't certain on what aspect of business, so I double-majored in HR and Business Management. After discovering DFAS at one of our business school's career events, I decided to pursue federal service with DFAS. I knew I wanted to be involved with a strong organization as well as something that had several different business opportunities in the one agency (HR, Finance, Accounting, etc.). So, I didn't necessarily choose government financial management. However, having been introduced to it, and now working towards my fourth year in public service, I'm convinced I'll stay with this type of career for the long run.

Q: Do you have a mentor and how has this person helped you?

A: I have three mentors at my agency, and one outside the agency. I chose the three mentors at work, based on their different levels of rank, personality and what mission area they are currently in; in order to get a diverse perspective in our meetings. My external mentor is a graduate professor at the business school I attended. These mentors have helped me with different pieces of career advice from; techniques for a successful resume/interview process, strategic career paths to help achieve my personal short/long-term career goals, leadership and networking. My external mentor has motivated me to stay involved as much as possible with the private sector in any capacity, while I have my career in the public sector. Through his mentorship, I've had the opportunity to work with different companies, as well as get involved locally in adjunction for a reputable business college.

Q: What advice or information would you give a recent or soon-to-be college graduate about joining the field?

A: Don't wait to start getting involved! The competition these days after graduating college, is stronger than ever before. Candidates with proven leadership experience as well as associations with professional organizations are the ones that are getting the interview opportunities and job offers. If the soon-to-be graduate is pursuing a career in the government — specifically accounting/finance — AGA is a great organization to start getting involved with for the networking, resume building and leadership opportunities.

AGA Luncheons:

Our August Kick-Off luncheon was a great start to our new program year! We had a great turnout for our September Luncheon with over 70 attendees. Mr. McDermott, Deputy Director of Operations, DFAS, was our featured speaker. He touched on many topics but spoke mainly on the DFAS budget, which kept all of us on the edge of our seats!

Our October Luncheon will be held on the 22nd from 11:30am to 1pm in the auditorium. Our featured speakers will be Dean E. Jessup, the Mayor of Lawrence and his Chief of Staff, Tim Joyce. See you all there!"



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AGA Horseback Riding Event:

Please see the below pictures from the Horseback Riding event. The event took place on Saturday, September 13th - which was a perfect day for horseback riding - not too hot, not too cold and the sun was shining!

We had a group of 17 people made up of AGA members and their families. We all had a great time with our gigantic furry friends!

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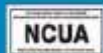
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AGA's Indianapolis Chapter is proud to feature news and information about our Corporate Sponsors.

We sat down recently with our Gold Sponsor, Booz Allen Hamilton, to gain more insight on their organization.

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What services are provided by Booz Allen Hamilton?

For 100 years, Booz Allen Hamilton has delivered management and technology consulting services to help clients solve their most critical and complex challenges. Booz Allen's approach to management and technology consulting combines extensive industry/market expertise with strong capabilities in strategy and organization, analytics, technology, and operations to deliver solutions that help organizations accomplish their missions and goals and seize emerging opportunities. Booz Allen's suite of service offerings spans a wide range of capabilities, from organizational transformation and process improvement to strategic communications, systems engineering, and cyber security.

Specifically, how can government entities benefit from Booz Allen Hamilton's services?

Partnering with Booz Allen can help government agencies overcome challenges, adapt to dynamic business conditions, and proactively manage all aspects of their business. Booz Allen's diverse set of service offerings, coupled with deep functional expertise and a proven track record of results establish the framework for supporting clients in addressing their most complex and pressing challenges, from improving efficiency to managing change, improving cyber capabilities, combating global terrorism, and protecting the environment.

Who are Booz Allen Hamilton's government clients?

Booz Allen has established partnerships with nearly all departments and agencies of the US federal government, across the civil, defense, and intelligence sectors. In the Civil Government sector, a few clients/areas of focus include: the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Health and Human Services, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of the Treasury, and International funding institutions (World Bank, US Aid). In the Defense arena, Booz Allen serves multiple Department of Defense agencies, the US Armed Services, Joint Commands, Intelligence agencies, and foreign military programs of US allies.

What are examples of assignments where Booz Allen Hamilton has supported DFAS?

Since partnering with DFAS in 2005, Booz Allen has supported a variety of projects aimed at optimizing the Agency's organizational effectiveness and improving its ability to adapt to a constantly-evolving business environment. In addition to many previous support projects, Booz Allen currently provides strategic planning, implementation of business models that integrate cost, work-years, performance, and production data in supporting an agency-wide performance management and metrics program; enhanced DFAS cyber security through comprehensive support to the ELAN program; IT infrastructure modernization and business continuity planning.

In what capacity does Booz Allen Hamilton plan to continue to serve its government clients over the next 5-10 years?

Over the next 5-10 years, Booz Allen will continue to refine its service offerings to support its clients in responding to emerging trends, security threats, evolving missions, and changing market conditions. The firm will continue to provide objective advice to government leaders in managing their organizations to promote enhanced accountability, transparency, and spending effectiveness while driving toward mission achievement. An increased focus will be put on achieving operational efficiencies throughout through implementation of a suite of service offerings that address agency efficiency and effectiveness.



Newsletter Articles

The deadline for submitting articles and updates for the next newsletter is the end of each month. Please email submissions to:

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