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President's Message

Hello AGA Members! My name is Melissa Jacobs and I am excited and proud to be your AGA Indianapolis Chapter President for the 2018-19 Program Year!

We started the year with a slow roll but are starting to pick up some speed. We spent the first few months of the program year solidifying our Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) (this is the group of officers and volunteers who plan and execute chapter programs) and figuring out how we can create more value for each and every one of you as our Chapter Members. We understand that you are busier than ever with numerous competing personal and professional demands and that many of you require more virtual or self-paced engagement opportunities!



So while we will continue offering many of our popular programs (such as providing LOTS of community service and education opportunities), we'll be changing the format of some of our long standing programs (such as offsite luncheons and social events). For example, we are no longer planning to hold offsite monthly luncheons and will be replacing them with onsite live (with the ability to participate virtually) CPE and networking events. We will continue to hold a few joint luncheon events with the ASMC, such as the November Veterans Day Luncheon and the December Holiday Luncheon, but the December Holiday luncheon format will be changing; rather than a ~2 hour offsite luncheon, it will be a ~2 hour onsite Open House style event that offers food,

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activities and gifts and allows you to come and go as your schedule permits. Another new program that we're standing up is a Member Incentives Committee, which will offer discounts to local events and businesses and give you a true monetary value for the money you spend on your AGA membership.

I hope some of these changes are as exciting to you as they are to me. Stay tuned for more info and please don't hesitate to contact me or any of my CEC team if you have ideas, feedback, or just want to get involved. Thank you!

Melissa Jacobs
President,
Indianapolis AGA
Chapter



Newsletter News

Greetings from your Newsletter Crew! Below is the publication date for the next edition of the AGA Newsletter. If you have article ideas or information you would like included in the



Newsletter, please let us know.

Next Quarterly Newsletter:

Publication in mid-January,
submission deadline Jan. 1, 2019

NEW MEMBERS!

AGA Indianapolis Chapter welcomes our new members who joined us this year between July and September!

- Stephanie Dunfee
- Mary A. Gaines
- Tyesha M. Holliday
- Phyllis Kriner
- Julie C. Underwood
- Grayce A. Wilson

UPCOMING WEBINARS

November 28th
2:00pm-3:50pm
"Ethics"

December 5th
2:00pm-3:50pm
"Internal Control"

December 20th
1:00pm-2:00pm
"Social Media"

*Times are in Eastern
time zone

PLATINUM STATUS!

Congratulations to US!

We, the AGA Indianapolis Chapter, obtained 21,225 credits which exceeds the Chapter Recognition Program goal of 19,501... so once again we have achieved PLATINUM STATUS!

Thanks to all for supporting, encouraging and promoting the AGA's Mission!

CONGRATULATIONS!

GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW AGA MEMBERS!

- ⇒ **Name:** Stevie Lynch
- ⇒ **Job Title:** Accountant
- ⇒ **Team:** Audit Support, currently rotating at AM&C DAGY
- ⇒ **DFAS History:** I worked in public accounting at Kentuckiana firm Harding, Shymanski & Company (audit and tax work) for two years following graduation from the University of Southern Indiana. I then spent a brief semester teaching Business Math and Personal Finance at Central High School in Southern Indiana before starting at DFAS in February of this year. So far I have absolutely loved my time at DFAS, and feel like I could work here for the rest of my life. I am already trying to recruit students from my alma mater!
- ⇒ **Family:** I am from Boonville, Indiana (roughly 3 hours south near Evansville), and I am close to my parents and younger brother who still live at home so I try to visit as often as possible. I am newly engaged and planning a wedding for September 2019 with my high school/college sweetheart, who works as a Geologist with the State of Indiana downtown. We have one cat, a gray calico named Keke.
- ⇒ **Hobbies & Interests:** I am a Wilton-certified cake decorator and love making sweet treats for my teammates at Audit Support.
- ⇒ **Interesting Fact:** I worked at Holiday World for eight years growing up in roles including everything from food service to marketing (you might even still see me in a few commercials) to being the park's mascot, Holidog. I consider myself a roller coaster junkie and spend my vacation days traveling to every amusement park I can!



AGA Membership Recruitment Drive

On September 26, 2018, the Membership Committee hosted a recruiting table in the cafeteria promoting the endless opportunities provided by AGA and encouraging new members to join. CEC members Lindsay Harris, Dani Powers, Valerie Landis, Tara Crabtree, Art Caraballo, Kim Smith, Melissa Jacobs, and John Campbell all assisted in manning the table to answer questions of prospective members.

As a result, we are thrilled to announce that we obtained 1 new member, who will be awarded with a \$25 gift card which was advertised as an incentive for those who joined by the end of that week. We are proud to announce that new member is Mary Gaines... Welcome, Mary!

Mary has over 30 years of accounting experience working with DFAS where she has spent a majority of her time supporting Army and Defense Agencies' customers in a variety of accounting/financial services.

Article Written by Kimberly Smith



What is CGFM?



Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

What are the initial requirements?

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



Maintaining CGFM Certification

To retain the CGFM certification, all CGFMs must adhere to the AGA's [Code of Ethics](#). In addition, to continue using the CGFM designation after their name, CGFMs must be in an active status.

Active Status

To maintain the CGFM certification in an active status, CGFMs are required to:

- Pay the CGFM renewal fee by the due date every year.
- Complete at least 80 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) every two years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects (within the designated two-year cycle).
- Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.

By submitting their annual renewal payment, CGFMs affirm that they have and will continue to abide by AGA's [Code of Ethics](#) and that they have fulfilled the [minimum CPE Requirements](#).

CGFM Practice Questions:

1. An agency receives miscellaneous revenue and investment revenue. The January beginning balance is \$12,000. Monthly revenue is projected to be \$2,000 and monthly expenses are projected to be \$1,800. The agency plans to purchase a \$10,000 90-day bond at par value on January 15. The agency has a \$20,000 90-day bond that matures on February 15. What is the projected cash balance at the end of March?
 - (A) \$11,400
 - (B) \$12,600
 - (C) \$22,600
 - (D) \$32,600

2. A discretionary grant is characterized by a
 - (A) transfer of funds based upon a formula.
 - (B) transfer of funds for broadly-defined purposes.
 - (C) transfer of funds for specific purposes.
 - (D) voluntary contribution that confers no rights nor benefits to the giver.

3. Based upon the information below, for a governmental fund calculate the amount of revenues for the year using the modified accrual basis of accounting, assuming all deferred revenues are related to receivables.

Beginning accounts receivable	\$ 40,000
Beginning deferred revenues	\$ 22,000
Receipts	\$250,000
Ending accounts receivable	\$ 50,000
Ending deferred revenues	\$ 35,000

- (A) \$278,000
 - (B) \$245,000
 - (C) \$247,000
 - (D) \$253,000

4. A county fire department receives property tax revenue on a 55% (December), 40% (April), 5% (June) basis. The uncollectible taxes are expected to be .05% which will be deducted from the final payment in June for the entire fiscal year. If the department received \$5.1 million in December, the expected annual property tax revenues will be
 - (A) \$10,200,000
 - (B) \$9,272,727
 - (C) \$9,268,091
 - (D) \$8,809,091

4:	C
3:	C
2:	C
1:	C
Answers:	

Day of Caring

Dreary weather didn't stop AGA's Community Service team from volunteering their time during the ASMC, AGA, and DFAS Transportation Payment OP Team's Day of Caring on August 25, 2018.

Volunteers met at Heritage Place of Indianapolis wearing hats, sunglasses, and tennis shoes (and armed with garden gloves, hand tools, and hedge trimmers) ready to assist in the mission of providing older adults with comprehensive and coordinated human services to encourage and promote healthy lifestyles, independence, well-being, and quality of life. While stormy weather prevented the volunteers from carrying out their planned duties, they still wanted to make an impact on the citizens that they had come to serve. Members decided to instead put the snacks and drinks that they had brought to prevent hydration together to create care packages for the individuals who they had planned to visit. They then spent the afternoon delivering the packages and getting to know the residents of Heritage Place.



Unfortunately, since this event occurs on an annual basis, many of the individuals at Heritage Place will not have an opportunity to be assisted with necessary chores until next year's Day of Caring. If you are interested in volunteering on a personal basis or in putting together a team to assist these residents, please contact Stevie Lynch at stevie.r.lynch.civ@mail.mil or (317) 212-4583.

Thank you again to the ASMC, AGA, and DFAS Transportation Payment OP Teams for putting together this awesome event to assist those in our community who are in need. We look forward to supporting the cause again next year!

Article and Photo by Stevie Lynch

Guyana School Supply Drive

*AGA's Community Service team was excited to tackle a new giveback event when Social Committee Chair Clarence Hill Jr. approached them about hosting a School Supply Drive for students in Guyana, South America. With an average per capita income of \$4,000, most in Guyana can barely afford the basic necessities we take for granted. The drive was formed to collect composition wide-ruled notebooks, single-subject wide-ruled notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, and rulers to make sure the students were provided with the supplies needed to make this a successful school year.



The drive took place between August 6 - 17, 2018, and AGA members came together to fill the collection box displayed in the lobby. All materials are in the process of being shipped out, where they will be distributed at area police stations in Guyana through community outreach officers.

Thank you to all members who came together to support the mission and provide assistance to others on a global basis! We hope to continue this drive in future years thanks to the success of the event.

Article and Photo by Stevie Lynch

AGA COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS FOR 2018-2019

Second Quarter

October 2018	Wellness Walk/Hat and Glove Donation to Shepherd Community Center Christmas Store
October 2018	Salvation Army Coats for Kids Distribution (Partnership with ASMC)
November 2018	Holiday Cards for Soldiers Overseas
November 2018	Mozel Sanders Thanksgiving Dinner Project (Partnership with ASMC)
December 2018	Angel Tree with Gifts for Children of IPS #105
December 2018	Wreaths Across America

Third Quarter

January 2019	Gleaner's Food Bank Service Event
February 2019	Valentine's Cards for Soldiers Overseas
March 2019	Children's Bureau Easter Basket Project (Partnership with ASMC)

Fourth Quarter

April 2019	Food Drive (Partnership with ASMC)
May 2019	Mutt Strut



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Save the Date!!

The AGA/ASMC Holiday Party will be on Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 11:30 to 1:00.

Big changes this year with a new format and a new venue!

- Volunteers are needed! If you can help, please contact: Michael Lynn at:

Michael.a.lynn19.ctr@mail.mil

CEC Meeting Minutes

AGA Indianapolis Chapter Executive Council

www.agacgfm.org/indianapolis

September 19, 2018 / Conference Room 340R-1

Committee Updates

- President - Melissa Jacobs

New Committee Chairs:

Facebook: Stephanie Dunfee

Membership Incentives: Shane Douglas

Seeking volunteers for:

- Certified Government Financial Management (CGFM) Co-Chair: Help us enhance knowledge and awareness of the CGFM certification. You are NOT required to hold the CGFM designation to hold this position.
- Programs Co-Chair: shifting our focus to planning non-luncheon events that are value-added for our members
- ****NEW**** Member Incentives Co-Chair: the goal of this new committee is to obtain discount opportunities for our members - examples include ticketed events such as the Connor Prairie Headless Horseman event, Disney on Ice, etc.
- ****NEW**** Professional Networking Co-Chair: the goal of this new committee is to make networking easier for our chapter members. Planning an Executive Panel and a Speed Mentoring activity this year and need an extra set of hands!

Not in the email but also need new Wellness Committee Chair

- Secretary – Emily Blake

Look into calendar function

Schedule one on one with Stephanie Dunfee

- Chapter recognition Points- Virginia Smith-Milan
AGA Chapter Recognition Points (SUSP: COB 9/25/18) to Virginia Smith-Milan
- Treasurer – Lindsay Harris
Emily set up meeting with Corp sponsorship committee
Emily Find out selling price of Kate Spade at PDI
Lindsay will follow up with missing committees

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The next CEC Meetings are scheduled for:

- ◆ Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 12:00pm in Conference Room 222G-2
- ◆ Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 12:00pm in Conference Room 340R-1

CEC Meeting Minutes, continued

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Budget is negative now but low risk

About 50k in reserve

Voting today – approving as is so can spend money

For remaining – will do again next month. If need money this month, will have to do email vote

Partial budget approved

- Programs – Mike Lynn

AGA/ASMC Holiday Party

Met with ASMC and following summary to report

Submitted request for Center and West Auditoriums for 12/13/18.

Need some additional AGA volunteers

How much are AGA and ASMC each budgeting for the event?

Lindsay will send previous year amounts to start with

Updates on catering, format, games & decorations

Art will reach out about SES Santa possibility

Programs – Available dates for the two programs discussed

Met with Education, Programs, and Networking to coordinate spreading out events

- Membership – Dani Powers

Need volunteers to man an AGA Booth (table) in the cafeteria for about 30 minutes from 1100 to 1330 on September 26th.

Know that committee is planning an event that will have an expense

Will plug something in if it's not confirmed yet so some expense if authorized

Suggestion to include committee openings at the table

Putting new hire brochure into in-processing

Send invite to people who sign up

- Awards - Tynishia Weatherspoon

National Leadership Awards now open for nominations. Due November 30, 2018.

Send award details to Emily Blake

Emily will send to CEC for discussion at October meeting

- CGFM & Accountability/CCR – Dan Neumann

Indianapolis Citizen Centric Report that is due by Sept 30th. Attached is last year's copy as I will need some support from some of the CEC members over the next two weeks.

Around the Horn

Adjourn



Contact Us

OFFICERS

President	Melissa Jacobs
President-Elect	John Campbell
Treasurer	Lindsay Harris
Treasurer-Elect	Pam Wolff
Secretary	Emily Blake
Previous President	Shawn McCracken

3 Year Board Member	Art Caraballo
3 Year Board Member	Catrina Thompson
3 Year Board Member	Mike Leist
3 Year Board Member	Amanda Pierce
3 Year Board Member	Alana Evans
3 Year Board Member	Jayne Boruff

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Accountability/CCR:** Dan Neumann
- Awards:** Tynishia Weatherspoon
- Chapter Recognition Points:** Virginia Smith-Milan
- Community Service:** Stevie Lynch, Catherine Henshaw
- Corporate Sponsorship:** Elizabeth Christian, Deris Owens
- Education:** Tara Crabtree, Stephanie Ulba, Valerie Landis
- Historian:** Brooke Neuerman
- Incentive Points Coordinator:** Pam Nichols
- Membership/Early Careers:** Kim Smith, Shawn McCracken, Danyetta Powers
- Newsletter:** Desiree Garcia, Cara Scott
- Programs:** Michael Lynn
- Publicity:** Mary Jelev
- Social:** Catrina Thompson, Clarence Hill Jr
- Website:** Katie Buck
- Wellness:** Brittney B. Jones, Constance Cunningham, Pam Nichols, Cindy Hochhalter



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