

Association of Government Accountants

San Francisco Chapter



President's Message



Unfortunately, I missed a very good luncheon due to a work-related meeting! Cherry Chang, Senior Internal Auditor for BART, discussed her audit of tickets sold through the customer service center. She told a fascinating story of her finding, which revealed \$1.5 million of missing tickets. She made the presentation extra enjoyable by adding several auditor jokes. I can't wait to hear her next audit. The following are a couple of jokes she shared with us during her presentation.

- "Why are auditors always so clam, composed, and methodical?"
Answer: "They have strong internal controls!"
- "Why was the accountant so excited that he completed a jigsaw puzzle in only 59 weeks?"
Answer: "Because on the box it said 8-12 Years."

For our next two luncheons, we have arranged the following guest speakers.

- On May 15, 2018, three auditors from the San Francisco Controller's office will talk about the process of completing an Information Technology (IT) audit. The presentation is understandable for those who might not have experience in IT.
- On June 19, 2018, two auditors from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, will discuss two of their recent audits on foster care and how state officials were slow to investigate complaints, failed to notify investigators of serious sexual abuse allegations, and did not follow up to ensure cases were resolved.

On April 25, 2018, Bob Adachi presented our Chapter to the accounting students at San Francisco State University. He talked about career choices and ways to find government employment. His presentation was well received. Thank you, Bob, for doing the outreach on behalf of the Chapter!

The following are our upcoming 8-hour training sessions:

- On May 29, 2018, Chuck Hester will provide training on cost principles.
- On July 10, 2018, Sefton Boyars will provide training on the administrative rules for federal grants.
- On September 25, 2018, Bob Adachi will provide training; topic to be announced.

My term as the Chapter president will end in June. We are looking for the next president. Please let us know if you are interested. See you at one of our Chapter functions!

Linda

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Student Outreach

On April 25, 2018, Bob Adachi met with the Accounting Students Organization at San Francisco State University. Bob provided information on using government service as means to achieve career goals. He described careers available to accounting students and provided examples from his career as the Director of Forensic Audits at the Environmental Protection Agency Office of the Inspector General. The students were particularly interested in the video on the largest government fraud ever committed. Bob also went over how to find employment and internship opportunities at the Federal, State and local level. The students expressed that they were unaware of the opportunities available and appreciated the presentation.

Fraud/Data Analytics

Leveraging Data Mining to Uncover Fraud

May 16, 2018 | 11 am – 12:50 pm | 2 CPEs

Data analytics and big data are fast evolving into the best line of defense against fraud. As fraudsters improve their capabilities, government agencies need to combat emerging threats using an analytics framework that covers good data management and the application of advanced analytics techniques by auditors and fraud investigators.

Speakers:

- Ken Dieffenbach, office of the inspector general, DoJ
- Vijay D'Souza, applied research and methods, GAO
- Rebecca Shea, forensic audits and investigative service, GAO

Moderator: Asif Khan, CGFM, CPA, CISA, FCCA, director, GAO

Learning objectives:

Participants will learn about types of data and available tools to look for signs of fraud. They will gain understanding of data analytics processes, the application of various data analysis techniques and evaluating results of the analysis.

Field of Study: Auditing (Governmental)

Cost:

AGA members pay just \$49, while non-members pay \$69. [Group registration](#) options are available.

Registration: Sign in or create an AGA account to [register](#).

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Penetration Testing – Basic Concepts, Approach, and Tools

Monthly Luncheon

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 | 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
San Francisco, CA

In Information Technology (IT) and Cybersecurity, penetration testing, or “pen testing” for short, is a necessary activity for discovering and revealing network/system security vulnerabilities as well as control weaknesses. The City and County of San Francisco’s City Services Auditor will discuss their experiences in conducting a penetration testing program, including audit planning, setting scope and objectives, testing methodology, and reporting results to a non-technical audience.

This presentation will expose those without experience in hacking and penetration testing to the tools, techniques, and approaches behind these activities. The presentation is understandable for those who might not have deep experience in IT.

Topic: Penetration Testing - Basic Concepts, Approach, and Tools

Presenter: Michael Bahler, Georg Wolfl, and Cynthia Ngo

Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., 1 hour CPE credit

Location: San Francisco Federal Building
90 7th Street (between Market and Mission Streets),
Suite 4-400 (in the Annex)

Cost: With lunch: **free** for SF Chapter members, \$10 for non-members
Without lunch: free for SF Chapter members, \$5 for non-members

RSVP: Register with Lela Wong and Connie Tan at agaluncheon@gmail.com. If you have registered for the meeting, but find that you cannot make it, please send them an email before **noon** on Monday, May 14, 2018.

About the Speaker:

Michael is an auditor who works at the Office of the Controller – City Services Auditor as an Ops/IT Auditor. Michael has worked on the City’s cyber audits team for the past 2 years. Michael is trained in the use of many audit tools, including ACL, Kali Linux, and ethical hacking. Michael holds a bachelor’s degree in IT Management and Business Management from Golden Gate University.

Georg Wolfl is a Senior IT Auditor who works at the City and County of San Francisco, Office of the Controller – City Services Auditor. Georg has more than five years IT audit experience working for Ernst & Young, AT&T and Charles Schwab and several years of experience in software engineering and release management. Since working for the City and County of San Francisco, Georg has been involved in various IT audit efforts and initiatives, including review of system interconnection agreements, coordination of system penetration testing and initiation of information security awareness & phishing programs. Georg is a certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Risks and Information Systems Controls (CRISC), and Project Management Professional (PMP). Georg holds a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Organization and Data Processing from Munich University of Applied Sciences.

Cynthia Ngo is a Senior IT Auditor who works at the Office of the Controller – City Services Auditor. Cynthia has been involved with promoting IT Disaster Recovery plan best practices, engaged in PCI compliance efforts, and supports the CSA team with various cybersecurity initiatives citywide. She also has experience leading and performing IT General Control audits and SOX 404 & 302 compliance projects. Cynthia is proficient with various ERPs and IT applications, and is a CISA candidate. Cynthia holds a *bachelor's degree* in both Finance and Information Systems from San Francisco State University.

The New OMB Uniform Cost Principles: What is the impact on the Accounting and Auditing community? HUGE

One-Day Training

Tuesday, May 29, 2018 | 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
San Francisco, CA

Grants management reform is here! And you need to begin now to adjust your procedures to shift their focus from “process” to “performance.” In December 2013, the Office of Management Budget (OMB) issued a new set of regulations covering Federal grants. The document has been dubbed “the Uniform Guidance” because it revised virtually all the general grant regulations: the Administrative Rules, the Cost Principles, and the Single Audit requirements. These new rules went into effect after Christmas 2014. All persons who deal with Federal grants will need to be aware and be ready for the changes.

- This portion of the course will discuss the new 2 CFR 200, Subpart E and related Appendices under the Uniform Grants Guidance and its implications for grants and other agreements.
- We will also cover how the new audit requirements differ from OMB Circular A-133.
- In addition, we will cover the implications of audit findings, the audit resolution process as well as enforcement and termination actions.

The course is directed towards all levels (basic/intermediate/advanced) of accountants, auditors, and finance officials responsible for Federal grants management.

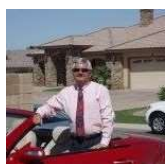
CPE Credit: The class offers 8 hours of CPE.

Location: San Francisco Federal Building, 90 7th Street (between Market and Mission Streets), Room 4-400

Cost: The fee for the one-day course is \$125 for AGA-members, \$150 for non-members. The AGA chapter will provide morning coffee and lunch (sandwiches and beverages).

Registration: Contact Chuck Hester at charleshester@msn.com.
Space is limited to the room capacity and spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

About the Speaker:



Charles (Chuck) Hester, Sr. served as the Western District Inspector General and Audit Manager for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) until his retirement in 1995. Chuck is currently an AGA National Chapter's West Coast Regional Vice President supporting over a dozen western region chapters. Chuck is also on the AGA San Francisco Chapter board as an Education Director responsible for planning the chapter's all-day training classes.



2018 Professional Development Training

AGA's Premier Training and Networking Event

July 22–25, 2018 | 24 CPEs

Orlando, FL or virtual

AGA and the PDT Technical Committee are thrilled to release the [2018 Professional Development Training agenda](#)! The agenda features more than 100 dynamic sessions designed to help you gain the knowledge and understanding to improve your job effectiveness.

3 Reasons Why You Should Attend

1. Earn up to 24 CPEs. Enhance your lifelong learning, and gain the knowledge and understanding to better improve your job effectiveness.
2. Stay cutting-edge. Top-notch speakers from federal, state, local, academia and the private sector share key findings and educational experiences to augment your knowledge and enhance your skills.
3. Network and connect. Collaborate and engage with industry experts and government financial management colleagues facing the same or similar issues, and exchange ideas to bring back to your organization.

Cost:

AGA Member	Online	Email/Mail
Early (by June 29)	\$875	\$900
Standard (after June 29)	\$975	\$1,000

Non-member	Online	Email/Mail
Early (by June 29)	\$1,075	\$1,100
Standard (after June 29)	\$1,175	\$1,200

In-person training registration includes the opportunity to earn up to 24 CPE hours, entrance to the exhibit hall, all education sessions and official training event activities, three breakfasts, five refreshment breaks, three luncheons, three receptions and a registration tote bag.

2018 PDT schedule at a glance: [In person](#) / [Virtual](#)

[Detailed agenda](#) for in person attendance is available online. The virtual schedule will be released soon. Please note that virtual participants will not be able to select sessions to attend. All live-stream sessions will be preselected by AGA based on industry trend topics.

[Learn more about this year's event and register.](#)