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March 2017

President's Message "The Assessment"

As CGFM month draws to a close, it is a time for reflection and for planning. A key element to any good plan or program is after you have placed your plan or program in operation and it has had sufficient time to run, you should take some time to perform an after-action assessment. This assessment is where you or your team look back at what has worked or didn't and you draw some conclusions based upon that evaluation. Once you have those conclusions, you close the circle by incorporating these lessons learned into your plans and procedures going forward. Having spent the past month with many of the CGFM's that make up the AGA Atlanta chapter and after promoting the designation to our members and to others outside the chapter, I have reaffirmed my assessment that pursuing the CGFM certification is a very worthwhile endeavor that can only benefit our members' careers. It is also something that the AGA Atlanta chapter should continue to whole heartedly support in months and years to come. So, I would encourage all our members to pursue this certification if possible and to reach out to our Vice President of Professional Certification [John Johnson](#) or to our Vice President of Early Careers [Jim Dawson](#) if you are interested in obtaining the chapter's help in earning this professional certification. John Johnson is extremely knowledgeable about all things CGFM and Jim Dawson has done a fantastic job managing the Chapter's CGFM study group.



President Scott Owens

If you are still undecided and would like to learn more, I would encourage you to join us at our premier training even on May 18, 2017. We will have Chapter officers available to answer any of your questions regarding the CGFM certification and the AGA Atlanta chapter. Plus, it is an excellent way to earn 8 CPE hours and network with our financial management professionals. Our theme this year is Accountability in Government. Our lineup of presenters include John Fuchko (Board of Regents), Ben Nelson (GAO), J.D. Bradford (AGA Regional VP), John Gioeli (Becker), Douglas Glenn (AGA National President), Dr. Cardyn Bourdeaux (Georgia State University), and Joel Black (Mauldin & Jenkins). For more details and to register, please visit: [AGA Atlanta PDT 2017](#)
[Learn More](#)

March Bonus-

Marvin Dereef, VP of Communications, continue to look for innovative ways to inform our members of the great opportunities AGA members can be involved in and may have missed out on. Here is a bonus newsletter with some cool features, including breaking news.

[Bonus Newsletter](#)

-Please provide feedback on the bonus newsletter by emailing me at mdereef@hotmail.com



Marvin Dereef VP of Communications

AGA SUPPORT GREAT CAUSES

Join the AGA Atlanta Team

Volunteer Opportunity - We've formed a team for Walk MS - a charity walk that is changing the lives of people with MS and helping fuel progress toward a world free of MS. We'd love your participation (as an event volunteer / a walker / cash processing volunteer) as we prepare for this incredible experience.



Volunteers

We have several volunteer opportunities available for the upcoming National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society walks in the Atlanta area:

- [Marietta MS Walk April 15, 2017](#)
- [Atlanta MS Walk April 22, 2017](#)

Cash Processing Volunteers (they love having AGA volunteers for cash processing) - In addition to the two local walk days, there are additional days / times available to help with cash processing for other walks in Georgia

- April 1st, 2-6PM
- April 8th, 2-6PM
- May 6th, 5-7PM
- All cash processing takes place at the MS Life Center, 950 East Paces Ferry Road NE, Suite 110 (close to Lenox Square Mall).

Belinda Riley, AGA Atlanta Volunteer Coordinator, will be volunteering as a morning walk volunteer and afternoon cash processor on April 15th and April 22nd, and I hope you will join her.

REMINDER: Please let her know via email (BRiley@oig.doc.gov) by Friday, March 31st if you'd like to take part in any of the MS Society events.

CPE Opportunities

We provide "**Professional Growth**"

[2017 AGA Coastal Georgia Chapter \(April 6-7\)](#)

Advancing Government Accountability Southeast Regional Professional Development Training (PDT) hosted by Coastal Georgia Chapter AGA at the Jekyll Island Convention Center - 75 North Beachview Drive Jekyll Island, GA. [Click for more detail](#)

[AGA Atlanta Professional Development Training](#)

Don't miss the opportunity to attend our premier event

and receive 8 CPEs.
Date: May 18, 2017
Where: Twin Towers, 20th Floor-West Tower
200 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, GA
[Click here to register.](#)

Contact [John G. Hulsey](#) for this and other growth opportunities.

AGA ATLANTA 2017 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING
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SPEAKER LINEUP

Douglas Glenn
AGA National President, Director of the Office of
Financial Management - US Department of the Interior

J.D. Bradford
AGA Regional Vice President

Ben Nelson
Government Accountability Office

Joel Black
Partner at Muddini & Jenkins, LLC

Dr. Carolyn Bourdeaux
Director, Center for State and Local Finance at the
Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

John Fuchko
Vice Chancellor for Organizational Effectiveness,
Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

John Gioeli
Supervisor, Government Programs at Becker Professional
Education

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017
8 CPEs | \$150 | 7:30AM - 4:30PM
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST | BUFFET LUNCH
Twin Towers, 20th Floor - West Tower 200 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, GA



Register by May 15th:
aga-atlanta-2017-pdt.eventbrite.com

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