



CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

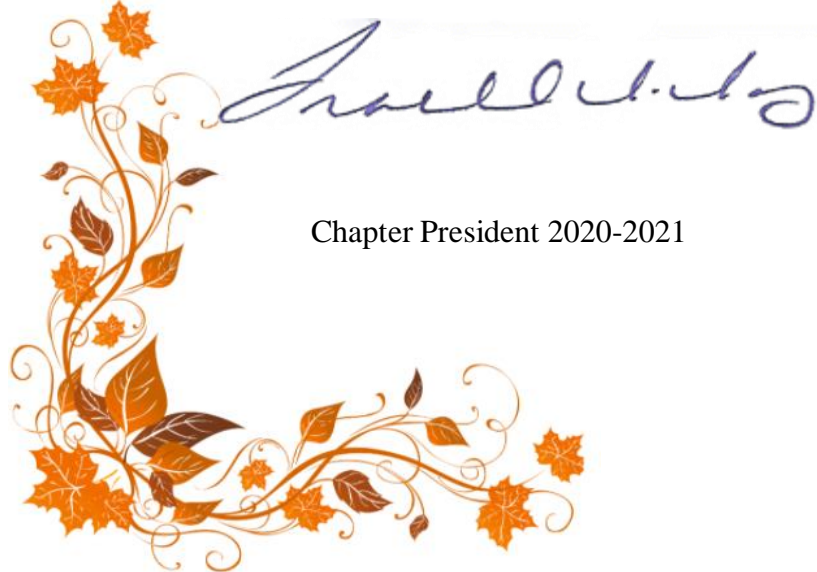
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Stay positive, keep training, improve professionalism and contribute to the community.

Wishing everyone well. It has been a tough seven months, with a ways to go yet. I am making the best of the circumstances working at home and doing a lot of work around the house. A good thing. This pandemic has given me the opportunity to reflect and undertake activities such as swimming, reading and connecting with people. I have not let the isolation of working at home affect my connections with people and accomplish professional goals.

The opportunities to connect and doing meaningful things are available through participation in our chapter. Voice your opinion, volunteer, help the community, and participating in training to advance your careers are worthy goals. These goals are accomplished with more satisfaction when you work with others. The Chicago Chapter of the AGA gives you that opportunity to do that. Please take a step and participate with us.



Chapter President 2020-2021

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The chapter has scheduled the following webinar offerings this upcoming program year. Webinars will be free to all active Chapter members. Non-members will be charged \$30 to participate in these webinars. Registration will be required in advance due to limited capacity. Please contact either Frank Moy or Tiffany McCoy to register for each webinar. Once registered, you will be provided a code to join and view the webinar. **Please do not share the code; the Chapter receives a confirmation of all names who log in an view the webinar.**

The Chapter is presently reviewing the list of upcoming webinars that it will be offering this upcoming year.

December 3 rd	FREE GAGAS Audit Forum Webinar - Effective Simple Writing & Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC) Audits, Evaluations, and Investigations Highlights
December 8 th	FREE GAGAS Audit Forum Webinar - COVID's New Normal: Addressing Challenging Environments and Creating a Resilient and Agile Workforce
December 12 th	ACFE Chicago Chapter: Deep Fakes
December 16 th	FREE – AGA WEBINAR
January 13, 2021	AGA Webinar - UNIFORM GUIDANCE (Free to members)
February 3 rd	AGA Webinar – GASB (Free to members)
March 3 rd	AGA Webinar – IMPROPER PAYMENTS (Free to members)
March 17 th	FREE AGA WEBINAR
April 7 th	AGA Webinar – ETHICS (Free to members)
May 12 th	AGA Webinar – FRAUD DETECTION (Free to members)
June 23 rd	FREE AGA WEBINAR



COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS:

The Chapter will continue to make donations to local area charities and food banks to support people who are experiencing hardships and overwhelming needs. We have done this since the pandemic hit and will do so until we get back to normal. The Chapter considers financial support to local non-profits as part of our overall community service plan strategy; so if you know of a worthy recipient, please let us know how we can help.

We will continue to volunteer as tax preparers working with the Ladder Up organization to provide free tax services to low income taxpayers. This is done under the VITA program. This is a difficult challenge as in-person tax preparation will no longer be possible for most clients. We will work with Ladder Up for workarounds.

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

Fall into Training (FIT) – September 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd

As in the past, the FIT event was to provide low cost training for AGA Chicago chapter and IIA professionals needing to meet their CPE requirements. For the past several years, we have had an in-person FIT event, a collaboration between the Institute of Auditors (IIA) Government Advisory Council (GAC) and the Chicago Chapter of the AGA. Although we had an in-person event planned for September 2020 in Chicago, we had to cancel the in-person event due to the pandemic crisis. Notwithstanding this obstacle the IIA and AGA overcame the last minute challenges and planned a virtual event which provided eight CPEs to attendees who attended all sessions. What was innovative was the use of an automated check-in system to document attendance, using Zoom for the estimated number of participants in each session, deploying an automated CPE issuance system and deploying an automated evaluation system.

To break the commitment of a whole of training, the IIA/AGA held two-hour (between noon and 2 pm) training sessions on September 2, 9, 16, and 23. This format although unusual worked out well. We may do more of this in the future. Please let me know if this works out for members as next years FIT may also be virtual.

The IIA spearheaded this event with the Chicago Chapter of the AGA collaborating. Thank you IIA GAC members for your tireless work and innovative approaches!!



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