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PROGRAM YEAR 2021-2022

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CGFM
GET IT DONE IN '21 WITH
TOGO! OFFER ENDS SOON!

Find out what was discussed during the last Coffee Klatch and join in on the Early Morning Study Sessions!



NOMINATIONS ARE STILL OPEN

AGA National Leadership Award

Includes opportunities for those in government and private sector and nominees do not have to be members of AGA. **Submissions are due by Dec 11. Contact Taling Taitano, Awards Director for details!**

Canned Food Drive

Share what you can give...



From Nov. 22 through Dec. 17, 2021
To benefit the Catholic Social Services Food Pantry



WIN \$25 IN CASH
#membershipmonday
Submit your profile today!

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WE ARE
thankful
FOR YOUR SERVICE

CHAPTER FINANCIALS
have been reviewed and are available for viewing.

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GENTLY USED WHEELCHAIR AND WALKER DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME. THE DONATION DRIVE WILL RUN UNTIL NOVEMBER 19, 2021.



Read an article by UOG Student Christel Espiritu who wrote about JAS's 30th Anniversary

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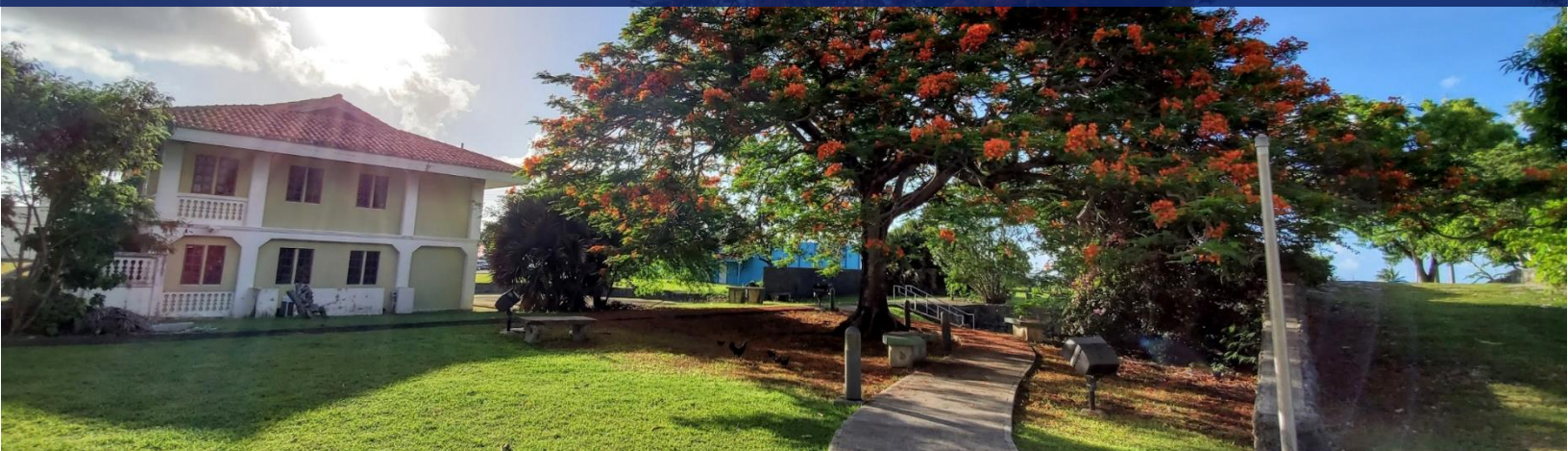


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PLATINUM



2021

Achievement in
Chapter Excellence



2021

Chapter Communications
Award



president's
MESSAGE



Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

We welcome you to the AGA Guam Chapter. On behalf of your officers and executive committee directors, we wish you a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving. We would like to thank Mr. David Dell'Isola, Director of Guam Department of Labor (GDOL), for being our guest speaker during our October General Membership Meeting. We were treated as well as Director Dell'Isola was joined by two of his management team. Mr. Greg Massey was present, and he is currently serving as the Acting Administrator for the Wage and Hour Division and leads the PUA Adjudication Team. Also in the presentation was Ms. Helen Mafnas, the Administrative Services Officer with over 25 years of experience and handles all the fiscal and reporting for federal and local programs as well as the lead for the

Department's Audits. Mr. Dell'Isola and his team's presentation was on "GDOL and Pandemic Related Issues on Guam." The topics they presented were very timely, valuable, and interesting, especially the controls they implemented to mitigate and reduce fraud on Guam's PUA. We are very grateful for the time and effort the GDOL team took in the preparation of their insightful presentation and for sharing their experience and expertise with our members.

We entered November with so many activities and initiatives executed by your various committees. This month, the Accountability Committee has completed and will be awarding the "Best Citizen-Centric Report Award" for FY2021. This program aims to recognize an outstanding CCR that meets the design elements cited in Public Law 30-127 and the AGA national guidelines. Government CCRs meeting the three key requirements before their CCR due date: 1) posted on their website; 2) posted on the OPA's website; and 3) sent to the Guam Legislature will be automatically entered in the contest and the winning CCR will be presented.

The Community Service Committee has implemented several outreach and service initiatives as provided below.

- 1. Donation drive for Guam Memorial Hospital Authority's COVID-19 Equipment Loan Program launched and will run through November 19, 2021. Any amount is welcome, and donations of at least \$50 will

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. CONTINUED

count as community service credit for AGA members. Contributions from non-members are also welcome. Gently used wheelchair and walker donations can also be donated directly to GMHA. You may make checks payable to AGA Guam Chapter and mail them to PO Box 1124 Hagatna, Guam 96932 or send payments via PayPal to agaguamchapter@gmail.com.

2. In honor and commemoration of our veterans, our Community Service Committee supported the "Wreaths Across America Campaign" through a sponsorship of ten wreaths to be displayed at the Guam Veterans Cemetery next month.
3. A Canned Food Drive will be launched to support the Catholic Social Services (CSS) Food Pantry. Non-perishable food items will be collected from November 22 through December 17, 2021 and presented to CSS in time for Christmas. The Community Service Committee is also seeking a volunteer from each agency to coordinate the donation collections. If you're interested to coordinate this canned food drive within your agency, please contact our Community Services directors. Your volunteer time for this initiative can count towards your community service credit. Our chapter's donation will be presented to the CSS Food Pantry on Christmas week.
4. Planning to participate in a local Christmas gift giving program to support the local children during the holiday season. These programs include the Angel Tree and/or the Sugar Plum Tree Program. The Angel Tree program sends toys to children in Guam if their parent is serving time on Guam or in federal institutions. The Sugar Plum Tree's goal is to bring holiday cheer by collecting gifts for those who might not otherwise receive one during the holidays.

We ask for your continued support on our service initiatives to help those who are most in need. We thank you sincerely for your generosity and kindness.

Also, please be advised that our December 2021 General Membership will be held on December 22. We will be having our virtual 2021 Christmas Party and we look forward seeing you. For more information, please read our award-winning newsletter.

During this holiday season we have so many to be thankful for. We thank you for being great members of our chapter and we look forward working with you through the next year. It's incredible that despite the fact that the whole world is dealing with a pandemic, collectively as a team we've achieved so much. We are truly blessed to have a gem of a member like you!

We thank you for your continuous support and participation in our association. We also encourage you to volunteer by contributing to the newsletter, participating in our committees, and assisting us in activities promoting our chapter goals and advancing government accountability. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to get involved in a committee.

Visit our website at <http://aga.guam.net> for more information. You may send us an email at agaguamchapter@gmail.com. We look forward hearing from you. Take care and be safe.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Meetings are held every fourth Wednesday of the month. To accommodate the CCR presentation this month's meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. (to ensure sufficient time is available to complete the CPE requirements). Meeting invites will be sent to members at least two weeks in advance. At this point, meetings will continue to be held via Zoom. While we hope to hold in-person meetings, safety is our priority.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES	
DATE	TOPIC/EVENT
07/28/21	SHRM – People Analytics
08/25/21	GMH - New Medical Campus
09/22/21	GVB – Use of IT and the Pandemic *Prof. John M. Phillips Award Presentation*
10/27/21	GDOL – Pandemic Related Issues *Scholarship Presentation*
11/17/21 *date change*	Guam Ethics Commission *Best CCR Award Presentation*
12/22/21	*AGA Guam Chapter Christmas Party*
01/26/22	Tax Updates / ERM / Taking Care of Your Personal Finance
02/23/22	Utilities Update and the LEAC Factor / DOL Internal Controls to Address Fraud
03/23/22	How to be an Efficient Leader / How to Effectively Handle Difficult Employees or Situations *CGFM Month*
04/27/22	Economics Update
05/25/22	Safety in the Workplace *Awards*
06/22/22	Leadership during Difficult Times *Oath of Office*



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Guam Ethics Commission: Mission, Trainings, and Addressing Public Concerns

JESSE J. QUENGA, CM
Executive Director
Guam Ethics Commission

We will also be presenting the winners of AGA Guam Chapter's Best CCR Award.

NOV 17 • 11:30AM • ZOOM

CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR THE ZOOM LINK
TAKE NOTE OUR MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 11:45AM

1 CPE WILL BE OFFERED FOR MEMBERS
NON-MEMBER FEE FOR CPE CREDIT IS \$15



click here for the zoom link



As meetings continue over Zoom, please be sure to check-in with **Conferences i/o** (<https://agaguam.cnf.io/>). This will ensure you are registered to receive your CPE certificate and serves as a tool to answer poll questions or post your questions for the speaker. And in case you were wondering, all interactions on Conferences i/o are completely anonymous.

COMMUNITY TRAINING EVENTS

upcoming trainings
UPCOMING TRAININGS



**NOV
22-23**

The NY Capital Chapter is also holding their **FRAUD CONFERENCE** this November. It will be a two-day event, in which participants can earn **up to 14 CPES**. 1-day and 2-day pricing is available and a \$25 early bird discount is available until November 12, 2021. For more info on training price, dates, and agenda, visit: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ehome/fraud2021/1129182/>

Course Date & Time: **Tue.-Wed., Nov. 23-24, 2021 ★ 9:30pm-6:30am (GU time)**
(Mon.-Tue., Nov. 22-23, 2021 ★ 7:30am to 4:30 pm EST)



**DEC
1 OR 8**

BUILDING EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT IN THE NEW WORKPLACE (4 CPES)

Open to insular government professionals.

Delivery Method: Virtually via Zoom

Course Date & Time (Guam):

Day 1: **Dec. 1, 2021 ★ 10:00am-12:00 pm**

Day 2: **Dec. 8, 2021 ★ 10:00am-12:00 pm**

Registration Link: <https://learn.pitiviti.org/116>

**DEC
6-10**

INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT MANAGEMENT (15 CPES)

Open to insular government professionals.

Delivery Method: Virtually via Zoom

Course Date & Time (Guam): **Dec. 6-10, 2021 ★ 10:00am-1:00 pm**

Registration Link: <https://learn.pitiviti.org/114>



For more training opportunities, see also the **Links and Resources** section for AGA National sponsored events.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS



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ARE ALSO WELCOME. THE DONATION DRIVE WILL RUN
UNTIL NOVEMBER 19, 2021.**

HELP IS APPRECIATED HOWEVER POSSIBLE

Please make checks payable to **AGA Guam Chapter** and mail to
P.O. Box 1124 Hagatna, Guam 96932 or send payments
via **PayPal** to **agaguamchapter@gmail.com**.

Kindly indicate "For GMHA Drive" on all payments.

*Any amount is welcome, but donations of at least \$50 will count as
community service credit for AGA Members.*

Donations from non-members will also be accepted.

For more information, contact our Community Service
Directors at **franciscomargie@outlook.com**
vdrvalencia@hotmail.com

**Used wheelchairs and walkers will be accepted upon inspection by a GMHA staff.
For more information, please email **jannica.quintanilla@gmha.org**.*

COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Canned Food Drive



Let's Help Feed the
Families that Need it
the Most

Share what you can give...

The AGA Guam Chapter will be collecting non-perishable food from Nov. 22 through Dec. 17, 2021 to donate to the Catholic Social Services (CSS) Food Pantry. See your agency's AGA volunteer* in charge of collections if you are interested in donating. Donations will be presented to the CSS Food Pantry on Christmas week.

If you have any questions, please contact Community Service Directors Margie Francisco (franciscomargie@outlook.com) and Vanessa Valencia (vdrvalencia@hotmail.com).

*We are seeking a volunteer from each agency to coordinate donation collections. This volunteer will also hand off the donations to the Community Service Directors on Christmas week. Volunteers will receive community service credit for their effort.



VETERANS DAY CONTRIBUTION



In honor of Veterans Day, the AGA Guam Chapter is supporting the Wreaths Across America Campaign* through a sponsorship of ten wreaths, which will be displayed at Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti on December 18, 2021.

Thank you!

FOR SERVING OUR COUNTRY AND
PROTECTING OUR FREEDOM

*National Wreaths Across America Day (Dec. 18, 2021) is a day to Remember, Honor, and Teach by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and other locations around the 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad. Visit wreathscrossamerica.org to learn more.



“WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO WERE CALLED UPON TO GIVE ALL A PERSON CAN GIVE, AND WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO WERE PREPARED TO MAKE THAT SACRIFICE IF IT WERE DEMANDED OF THEM IN THE LINE OF DUTY, THOUGH IT NEVER WAS.

MOST OF ALL, WE REMEMBER THE DEVOTION AND GALLANTRY WITH WHICH ALL OF THEM ENNOBLED THEIR NATION AS THEY BECAME CHAMPIONS OF A NOBLE CAUSE.”

- RONALD REAGAN -

40TH PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEC) MEETINGS

CEC Meetings are held **every second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 p.m.** via Zoom.

If you are interested in joining discussions for Chapter events or joining a committee, feel free to contact President Maripaz Perez or President-Elect Josie Villanueva.

Refer to the agenda for discussion items from this month's CEC meeting and click [here](#) to view the minutes (which are posted upon approval).

Minutes of General Membership meetings are posted on our website upon approval. Click [here](#) to view.



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AGA Guam Chapter Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 12:00 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- I. Call to Meeting to Order**
- II. Approval of CEC Minutes**
 - A. October 13, 2021 Minutes
- III. Treasurer's & Finance Report – Approval of Financials**
 - A. September & October 2021
 - B. Update of Authorized Signatories
- IV. President's Report**
 - A. Guam Chapter Policies and Procedures - *Target Update Completion by November 30, 2021*
 - B. Submitted Activities Update (as of 11/05/2021) – *Misty Schuck (National Council of Chapters Representative and the Area 2 NCC Director for AGA covering California, Arizona, New Mexico, Guam and Hawaii.)*
- V. Committee Reports**
 - A. **Accountability** – GovGuam FY2021 CCR Contest – Award on 11/17/2021 meeting
 - B. **Awards (ACE)**
 - C. **Bylaws**
 - D. **Certification /CGFM**
 - i. Pamphlet Release
 - ii. Activities: Coffee Klatch & Early Bird Study Group Sessions
 - E. **Communications Newsletter** – Member Monday Feature
 - F. **Communications Website**
 - G. **Community Service**
 - i. GMHA Equipment & Veterans Wreath Donation
 - ii. Canned Food Drive – Discuss Announcement Date
 - H. **Education** – Biennial PDT Conference
 - I. **Membership** – Initiatives Update
 - J. **Programs & Technical** – November 17 Speaker (Virtual)
 - K. **Research & Standards**
 - L. **Scholarships**
 - M. **Young Professionals** – Mentoring Sessions Initiative
- IX. Other Matters**
 - i. December 22, 2021 Christmas Party: Virtual or Face-to-Face
 - ii. Planning Committee for Christmas Party - _____
- XI. Next Meetings**
 - A. General Membership Meeting Virtual – November 17
 - B. CEC Meeting Virtual – December 7 Tuesday (Note date change)
 - C. General Membership Meeting – December 22
- VIII. Adjourn Meeting** - _____

CHAPTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – PROGRAM YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30. 2021

The Guam Chapter Auditor, Jerricho Garcia, reviewed the financial records as of and for the program year ended June 30, 2021.

No material modifications were noted that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the financial statements, you may email the chapter or contact Maripaz Perez, Guam Chapter President.



ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS - GUAM CHAPTER
Statement of Financial Position
As of June 30, 2021

ASSETS	
Cash in Banks and on Hand	\$ 64,540
Accounts Receivable	550
Total Assets	65,090
LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	
Accounts Payable	2,291
Total Liabilities	2,291
Net Position	62,799
Total Liabilities & Net Position	\$ 65,090

ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS - GUAM CHAPTER
Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2021

Revenues	
CPE Training	\$ 18,500
Chapter Dues	1,104
Donations	838
Interest Income	26
Total Revenues	20,468
Expenses	
Training	5,150
Scholarships - UOG/GCC	4,000
Supplies and Awards	3,815
Community Services and Donations	1,551
Membership Support	1,453
Subscription Dues	663
Scholarships - CGFM	510
Bank Charges	150
Miscellaneous	955
Total Expenses	18,247
Change in Net Position	2,221
Net Position at the Beginning of Period	60,578
Ending Net Position	\$ 62,799

MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES



31 YEARS

TODD S. SMITH, CPA

TODD S. SMITH CPA

8 YEARS

LARRISA A. LARSON

NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE

3 YEARS

JANET L. TAITANO-ARROYO

GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY

2 YEARS

DANICA ANNE I. BATAÇ

RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF GUAM

KAYO IKEHATA

DELOITTE AND TOUCHE LLP

EMI KONDO

DELOITTE AND TOUCHE LLP

AGA National has put out a special listing of members who have over 20 years of membership. Click [here](#) for the listing and find our fellow Guam Chapter members!

Member Appreciation Month

This November, AGA wants to take time to appreciate YOU, our members. We are so thankful that you are a part of our organization, whether you've been a member for one year, 20 years or more than 40 years! AGA celebrates membership milestones at 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years, but we appreciate you sharing your time, knowledge and expertise with our community every year.

[view our milestone members](#)

Friendly Reminder!

**UPDATE YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
PROFILE
ON AGACGFM.ORG**

Be sure to update your member profile for any changes in personal, work, and contact information. This will ensure you receive all your benefits and notifications.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



November 2021 | Volunteers for AGA National CCR Review

Shoutout to Dr. Doreen Crisostomo-Muña, Accountability Director, and Debbie Ngata, Newsletter Director, for volunteering as a CCR Reviewer for AGA National.

Member Mondays



SEND US YOUR PICTURE, ALONG WITH YOUR NAME, EMPLOYER AND A SHORT QUOTE ON WHAT AGA MEANS TO YOU AND BE FEATURED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA &/OR NEWSLETTER.

CELEBRATING
YOU, OUR
MEMBERS



CLICK HERE
TO SEND US
YOUR INFO.

Share with us!

SUBMIT YOUR MEMBERSHIP MONDAY FEATURE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$25 IN CASH!

#membershipmonday

Catch us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

HOW TO ENTER

To be eligible, you must be a current member of the AGA Guam Chapter and submit a Membership Monday profile* to be featured in our social media pages.

*At a minimum, profiles should include your name, employer, job title, a picture of yourself, and a quote (what AGA means to you, fave memory with AGA, etc.). You can also offer advice to other members or share an achievement you accomplished.

ENTRY SUBMISSION

To submit your profiles, you may use Google Forms (a link is provided in the monthly newsletter and has also been emailed) or you may email your submissions to agaguamchapter@gmail.com.

Kindly indicate in the subject line: "Membership Monday submission."

ELIGIBILITY PERIOD

Submissions received from July 26, 2021 through May 27, 2022 will be considered for the raffle. Raffle will be drawn during the June 2022 General Membership Meeting.

ONLY ONE ENTRY PER MEMBER WILL BE USED FOR THE RAFFLE.

Don't Forget to Submit Your Profile for a Chance to WIN CASH!

Thank you to the following individuals who have submitted their features for our Membership Monday social media posts!

These members now qualify for a chance to be one of four to win \$25 in cash at our June 2022 General Membership Meeting.

There's still time for you to enter! Just email your Name, Position, Employer and provide a picture and a short quote on what AGA means to you. You can also click on the button above to send your submission using Google Forms.

- Maripaz Perez
 - Josie Villanueva
 - Pilar Pangelinan
 - Justin Castro
 - Jerricho Garcia
 - Elizabeth Cena
 - Cecile Escalnoa
 - Christel Espiritu
 - Mercedes Poliarco
 - Taling Taitano
 - Lorbea Kim
 - Jason Katigbak
 - Jorizaira Borja
 - Danica Anne Batac
 - Pamela Aguigui
- Odeth Ignacio
 - Juna Otani
 - Janet Taitano-Arroyo
 - Marietta Vicente
 - Josephine Sanalila
 - Yvonne Cruz
 - Mary Jane Camacho
 - Antonio Buenviaje
 - Vince Bamba
 - Yuri Han
- Be one of four lucky members! Submit your profile for a chance to win \$25 in cash!

CGFM CORNER

ATTENTION CANDIDATES! *Time is running out!*
GET IT DONE IN '21 WITH TOGO!

AGA National wants to help you reach your goal of becoming a CGFM in 2021 with our "Take One, Get One!" promotion. From now until Nov. 30, when you take any CGFM exam, you can receive a voucher for a FREE exam! Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to save money while reaching your goal!

Here's how it works:

1. **Take** one of your CGFM examinations between **September 1 and November 30, 2021**.
2. **Request** a voucher code for your next CGFM examination by emailing agacgfm@agacgfm.org as soon as you take your exam, and no later than **December 6, 2021**.
3. **Receive** one voucher code via email.
4. **Schedule and take** your next CGFM exam using the voucher code as payment by **February 28, 2022**.

Terms and conditions:

- Taking a CGFM exam prior to September 1, 2021 will **not** qualify for this promotion.
- We recommend requesting your voucher code as soon as you take the exam during the September-November timeframe.
- Voucher codes will **only** be issued to current CGFM candidates who took a CGFM examination between September 1 and November 30, 2021, and who still have to pass at least one CGFM examination. Voucher codes will only be distributed to those who request them.
- Voucher codes will be distributed on specific dates only: 9/15, 9/30, 10/15, 11/1, 11/15, 12/2 and 12/15. Vouchers will be sent to individuals who have met the above requirements and request the voucher **at least three days** prior to the distribution date.
- Each candidate may only receive **one** voucher code and they are non-transferable.
- All voucher codes will expire on **February 28, 2022** — all exams paid with these vouchers will need to be taken by that date. The expiration date will not be extended for any reason.
- Testing appointments may fill up — candidates are encouraged to request their voucher code and schedule their appointment as soon as possible.

Questions?

Any questions regarding this promotion should be directed to AGA's Office of Professional Certification at agacgfm@agacgfm.org or 703.684.6931.

Resilience: Turning Obstacles into Opportunities



CGFM LIVE, VIRTUAL COURSES

AGA is pleased to offer another CGFM preparation option: live, virtual CGFM courses for individual participants. Get the benefits of live training with a knowledgeable instructor and the convenience of staying at your home or office.

Course Schedule and Registration

Course 1 ("Governmental Environment")

November 1-2, 2021, 10:30am - 2:30pm ET each day
\$325 per person

[Register here](#)

Deadline to register or cancel – 10/25/21

Course 2 ("Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting")

November 15-18, 2021, 10:30am - 3:30pm ET each day
\$725 per person

[Register here](#)

Deadline to register or cancel – 11/8/21

Course 3 ("Governmental Financial Management and Control")

December 7-9, 2021, 10:30am - 3:30pm ET each day
\$525 per person

[Register here](#)

Deadline to register or cancel – 11/30/21

The AGA GUAM CHAPTER
supports its members with their
★ ★ ★ **CGFM goals!**

The AGA Guam Chapter Certification Committee has various initiatives to promote the CGFM designation. This includes the following:

- CGFM Scholarship Reimbursement,
- CGFM Review Exam Questions Scholarship Reimbursement,
- Study Guides Loan Program,
- CGFM E-Book Study Guides Scholarship Reimbursement, and
- CGFM Mentorship Program

For more information, visit our website and view the section on CGFM Initiatives (or click [Here](#)).

You may also review our updated SOP-3: CGFM Certification Programs, Testing, and Reimbursement Scholarships on the Chapter By-Laws section (or click [Here](#)).

For more support as you start your CGFM journey, contact the Certification Director to be added to the **CGFM chat group/mailling list**. There, you will get news on when the next Coffee Klatch will be, get advice from other CGFM candidates, as well as encouragement from CGFM members.



CGFM VIRTUAL STUDY SESSION

WANT TO PASS YOUR CGFM EXAM BUT CAN'T FIND THE TIME TO FOCUS?
WANT TO DEVELOP A ROUTINE AND STAY DISCIPLINED?
START YOUR DAY WITH A STUDY SESSION!

Join us **Email any Certification Director for more information.**



"The early bird session is great. Since I am busy throughout the day, the morning sessions allow me to have a designated time to study. I highly encourage those interested in studying for a certification to take advantage of this study group."

- Justin Castro, CGFM Candidate & Awards Director

AGA Virtual Study Session | 3AM to 6AM

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82190475443?pwd=eDVTazdROUJRbWx1a0FGc3hoYTNMQT09>

Meeting ID: **821 9047 5443**

Passcode: **423079**

The AGA GUAM CHAPTER *supports its members with their* ★ ★ ★ **CGFM goals!**



*Thank you to those who
attended and supported this
event!*



The AGA Guam Chapter Certification Committee held its second face-to-face Coffee Klatch on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Port of Mocha, GPO. It was a productive meeting with a lot of shared lessons learned and takeaways for the CGFM exam candidates. Special thanks to guests: Maripaz Perez (President and former Certification Director), Rodalyn Marquez (Education Director), Rachel Cubacub (Young Professionals Director), and Llwyn Terlaje (Treasurer) for sharing their insights on tackling the CGFM exams and any other exams.

A summary of the discussion points, takeaways, and additional resources were summarized and shared by the Certification Directors (Josie Villanueva, Mary Grace Edrosa, and Odeth Ignacio). If you would like to be included in the CGFM Candidate mailing list to receive information from this Coffee Klatch and invitations and reminders for future events, contact any of the certification directors or email the chapter at agaguamchapter@gmail.com.

Be on the lookout for the Guam Chapter's **CGFM Pamphlet**, which contains all the information you need related to the CGFM!

LINKS AND RESOURCES

AGA®
RESOURCES
and other member
benefits



THE 2021 FALL ISSUE IS OUT!
CLICK [here](#) TO READ.

Want to contribute to **The Journal**? View the [Editorial Calendar](#) for the upcoming themes or view the [Submission Guidelines](#) for more information on articles for consideration.



Click [here](#) to listen to current and past episodes.

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year. Members-only webinars are 75-minutes long and offer 1.5 CPEs. Click [Free Members-Only Webinars](#) for more information. (The next free members-only webinar will be on January 26, 2022. However, this year's TTS will be free for members, see details below.)

SAVE THE DATE: AGA's **Technology & Transformation Summit (TTS)** will be on **Nov. 18** and is **FREE for members!** Explore new technologies for government users and gather information on what to pursue, what to invest in, and what to wait and see about. Learn what works; hear stories of transformations in agencies; and **earn up to 8 CPEs** at TTS! **Registration is now open!** Click [here](#) for details.



Even if you cannot attend the entire day, join in for a couple of sessions. You will have many take-aways to implement back at the office. Needing CPE before the end of the year? The TTS has you covered!

View the [EVENT CALENDAR](#) to see the full suite of training events available from National and other chapters.

Don't forget that AGA has a [Fraud Prevention Toolkit](#), which provides resources for federal, state, local and tribal government financial managers to use in preventing and detecting fraud. The Toolkit is free for members and can be accessed from the [intergov](#) section of the [Tools & Resources](#) link on AGA National's website.



AGA National has started a new member-get-a-member recruitment campaign: **Everyone Get One!** For the 2021-2022 Membership Year, their target is to recruit **2,022 new members** by **April 30, 2022**.



NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR AGA'S 2022 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

These awards, presented annually at AGA's National Leadership Training (NLT), recognize individuals for their contributions to the government financial management profession. **Nominations for the 2022 awards are due by COB December 10, 2021 (or December 11 Guam time).**

Nomination Information

- AGA chapters, individuals or government units may make nominations. An AGA chapter may only nominate one individual for each award.
- Nominations for individual awards must include a high-resolution photo of the nominee. The photo must be submitted electronically with your nomination.
- If you are making the nomination on behalf of a chapter, you must be authorized to do so as a representative of the chapter. Chapters may contact awards@agacgfm.org for examples of successful chapter PDT award entries. ***Please coordinate your nomination with Chapter President Maripaz Perez, or Awards Director Taling Taitano.***
- All applicants will be notified of the National Awards Committee's decision approximately 6-8 weeks after the deadline.

Excellence in Government Leadership Award (state/local) (1 awardee)

- Honors state, local or tribal government professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government financial management, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative management procedures
- Recognizes cumulative achievements of individuals who throughout their public career have served as a role model for others and have consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards
- Nominees must have been employed by the government at the time the work being recognized was performed
- Nominees do not have to be members of AGA

William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award (state) (maximum of 2 awardees)

- Honors state government professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government financial management and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies and systems
- Recognizes exceptional leadership that led to improved financial management practices, policies, systems or operations and individuals that have consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards
- Nominees must have served in a state government position at the time of the recognized contribution
- Nominees do not have to be members of AGA

Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award (local) (maximum of 2 awardees)

- Honors local government professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government financial management and who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies and systems
- Recognizes exceptional leadership that led to improved financial management practices, policies, systems or operations and individuals that have consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards
- Nominees must have served in a local government position at the time of the recognized contribution
- Nominees do not have to be members of AGA

Private Sector Financial Excellence Award (private sector - state/local) (1 awardee)

- Honors financial executives in the private sector who exemplify and promote excellence in state or local government financial management, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative management techniques
- Recognizes cumulative achievements of individuals who throughout their career have served as a role model for others and who have consistently exhibited personal and professional standards
- Nominees must have been employed in the private sector at the time of the recognized contribution.
- Nominees do not have to be members of AGA.

Eleanor Clark Diversity Leadership Award (public sector) (1 awardee)

- Presented to a public sector leader who has demonstrated excellence and results in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in their organization and/or has made a significant impact across a greater public sector population
- The award is open to employees in federal, state, local, and tribal governments and academia and is intended to recognize premier leadership efforts in D.E
- Nominees do not have to be members of AGA

STUDENT CONTRIBUTION

J.A.S. WEEK: CELEBRATING 3 DECADES

Written by Christel Marie Y. Espiritu



The Junior Accountants Society (JAS) celebrated its inaugural J.A.S Week in honor of the International Accounting Day. It was a celebration to symbolize three decades of carrying out our mission to promote the accounting profession at the University of Guam.

The celebration started with an inspiring message from our School of Business and Public Administration (SBPA) Dean, Dr. Annette Santos followed by two inspiring messages from JAS alumni namely, Mrs. Rachel Cubacub and Mr. Clayton Okada who shared their testimonies of how JAS helped prepare them as young professionals. We were also blessed to be joined by Dr. Martha Suez-Sales that presented the Master of Accountancy Program. Another activity, we formed groups of three and played a game of jeopardy. This game, though online, challenged the minds of our participants and unleashed their competitive spirit. Finally, we honored our accounting professors through a video message tribute and awarded JAS Pins to our active members. The celebrations ended with the awarding of JAS Week winners and the closing remarks from our advisor, Dr. Doreen Crisostomo-Muña.

I am grateful to have been part of this event and very fortunate to be part of JAS that prepares students, like me, in our professional careers. As the president of JAS, I hope to carry out that same mission and vision started by Professor John M. Philips in 1991.



NATIONAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you or a family member pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in disciplines such as accounting, economics, finance, information systems/technology or public administration? If so, consider applying for an AGA academic scholarship! **The applications period for the 2022 scholarships will open February 2022.**

This year, AGA will award:

Rising college freshman: One full-time (\$3,000) and one part-time (\$1,500)

- [Full-time application](#)
- [Part-time application](#)

Current undergraduates: Three full-time (\$3,000) and two part-time (\$1,500)

- [Full-time application](#)
- [Part-time application](#)

Graduate students: Two full-time (\$3,000) and one part-time (\$1,500)

- [Full-time application](#)
- [Part-time application](#)

Community service: AGA can award two \$1,500 scholarships for community service amongst the three collegiate categories noted above.

- [Rising college freshman community service application](#)
- [Current undergraduate community service application](#)
- [Graduate community service application](#)

WHAT STUDENT DOESN'T LIKE FREE?

Full-time students enrolled at an accredited institute of higher education and who are not gainfully employed are eligible for a **free electronic AGA membership**. Student members can participate in AGA's free mentorship program, search for internships on the members-only job board and take advantage of scholarships, leadership programs and more. [Invite a student to join AGA today!](#) Click [here](#) to learn more.

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