



AGA Inland Empire Chapter

THE BOTTOM LINE

Monthly Newsletter for the Association of Government Accountants - Inland Empire

Nov/Dec 2019 Edition

Upcoming PDM Luncheon
Dec. 11, 2019 11:30 - 1:00 pm

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

Presented by: Clark Marrow
SB County Sheriff's Dept.

Mr. Marrow is currently employed by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department to work with deputies in a program called Operation CleanSWEEP. He obtained his education from St Mary's College in Minnesota as well as Cal State San Bernardino.

Heavily involved in juvenile crime issues: he is a member of the International Association of School Safety Professionals, the Southern California Juvenile Officers Association, the San Bernardino County Drowning Prevention Network, the Inland Empire SAFEKIDS Coalition, the National Association of School Resource Officers, and the San Bernardino County-wide Gangs and Drugs Task Force.

The program he has worked on since 1997 – Operation CleanSWEEP – was the recipient of the 1997 National Association of Counties Achievement Award for Innovative County Government Programs, and the 1998 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission Award for contributions to the youth of San Bernardino County. Clark wrote and won a two-year \$1.2 million grant for Operation CleanSWEEP. He was given the "You Make a Difference" Award from the San Bernardino County Office of Education in 2005 for his work on behalf of children. He has been named "Employee of the Year" in the Sheriff's Public Affairs Division on two occasions.

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- \$25 - Members
- \$30 - Non-Members
- \$10 - Student Member
- \$14 - Student Non-Member

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by emailing [Anaim Garibay](mailto:Anaim.Garibay@agacgm.org)

Location

ATC - 268 W. Hospitality Ln.
 1st Floor Conf. Room A & B

President's Message

Greetings, AGA Inland Empire Chapter Family:

Can you believe it's already December?!? Some of us just finished proposing fee rates and will soon shift to budget development, property tax collection and apportionment. Others are busy preparing the county financials. Whatever it is keeping you busy, I hope you're able to carve out time for family and friends during the Holiday Season and get your share of the (pumpkin) pie.

During the November Professional Development Meeting (PDM), we heard from Ron Lindsey, Fleet Director, on what attributes make a great leader and how we can each develop those traits individually. Mr. Lindsey's presentation was extremely engaging and his personal touch made it very relatable and I know it re-energized my thoughts on leadership. Thank you, Ron!

During the October PDM, we learned more about Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and the many varied ways this technology can be utilized in ways we may not have previously considered. I know this got many of us thinking how we can put this powerful technology to work and help us present informative data to both our Executive Management and constituents in innovative ways.

On October 1st, AGA participated in the 37th annual "Meet the Firms" hosted by California State University San Bernardino in coordination with Beta Alpha Psi – Iota Eta, Accounting Association, and Financial Management Association. During the event, Shay Younger and Jenny Yang had the opportunity to speak to students about the benefits of joining AGA as well as participating in internships in government.

In January, we will have presenters speak on annual Income Tax updates in anticipation of tax preparation season.

Please remember to nominate an AGA member for the Member of the Quarter Award. Nominations can be submitted to any AGA Board Member via e-mail.

Please continue sharing ideas, feedback, speaker interest, topic interest, and any other input you think is pertinent to the success of the Chapter.

Advancing Government Accountability



Diana Atkeson, AGA-IE President

December Days of Note

7th - National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

This attack permanently sank both the USS Arizona and USS Oklahoma. More than 3,500 Americans lost their lives or were wounded on that solemn day.

11th - National App Day

The word "App" was listed as the word of the year in 2010 by the American Dialect Society. Since that time apps have changed how we work, live, and play.

16th - National Chocolate Covered Everything Day

If you're a chocolate lover this is your day! There are so many foods that are improved by covering them in chocolate, so go ahead, indulge your day away.

18th - Nat'l Answer the Phone Like Buddy the Elf Day

Simply answer the phone and say "(Insert your name) the Elf, what's your favorite color?" as done by Will Farrell in the 2003 movie "Elf".

27th - Nat'l Fruitcake Day

Made with chopped candied or dried fruit, nuts, and spices and sometimes soaked in "spirits", fruitcake has been a holiday gift-giving tradition for many years.

- www.NationalDayCalendar.com

Community Food Drive

Please join us & participate in this month's community service event.

Feeding America began in 1979 as a clearinghouse for national food donations and is now the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization - a powerful and efficient network of 200 food banks across the country.

Donations can be given to any CEC member listed below or donated at the December 11th PDM. Thank you for your support!



Visit us on the web at <https://www.agacgfm.org/InlandEmpire> for additional information and resources

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Thank you to Jan Cunningham from ESRI and Brent Rolf from ISD for their great presentation on ESRI's GIS platform.

Jan Cunningham
ESRI - Account Manager
&
Diana Atkeson
AGA-IE President



NOTABLE and quotable



AGA gives back based on how much you invest in it. If all you are doing is collecting your CPE certificates that is all it will be. But if you get involved, get on some committees, meet new people, etc., it will be a great way to enhance your career.

Eric W. Rasmussen, CGFM, CPA
Partner, KPMG LLP; Montgomery/P.G. and DC chapters member; RVP, and CPAG Auditing and Accounting Committee chair



Above: AGA National President for Program Year 2018-19, John H. Lynskey, presenting the Platinum Chapter Recognition Award to Ali Chemkhi on behalf of our chapter at the 2019 PDT in New Orleans. Thank you to all of our members for helping AGA-IE earn this prestigious award and let's strive to make this year equally, if not more, successful than the last!




Brent Rolf, ISD
GIS Systems
Development
Team Leader

&

Diana Atkeson
AGA-IE President

Not-So-Current Events

December 2, 1891

The toilet paper roll was patented.

December 5, 1933

The 21st Amendment repeals Prohibition.

December 7, 1877

Thomas Edison exhibited the phonograph.

December 7, 1941

Pearl Harbor was bombed in a surprise Japanese attack which marked the entry of the U.S. into WWII.

December 8, 1980

John Lennon, member of the Beatles, was assassinated in New York City by Mark David Chapman.

December 10, 1964

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize.

December 17, 1903

The Wright Brothers made their first plane flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C.

December 19, 1843

Charles Dickens published "A Christmas Carol".

December 25, 0000

Jesus Christ is born in a little town in Bethlehem.

December 27, 1932

Radio City Music Hall opens in NY City.

December 30, 1924

Edwin Hubble announces the existence of other galactic systems.

The historical events noted above were obtained from www.holidayinsights.com.

This column is only intended to provide approximate historical perspective as the validity of the dates and events have not been verified.



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ARTICLE

November PDM



Ron Lindsey
&
Diana Atkeson



Diana Atkeson
&
Angela Zavala



Ron Lindsey
Director
Fleet Management

Remember to join us this month for an informative presentation that will leave you feeling...





Member of the Quarter



Angela Zavala

Systems Accountant I

San Bernardino County Department of Public Works

Angela Zavala is a Systems Accountant I with the Department of Public Works and started with the County of San Bernardino as an Accountant II three and a half years ago.

She went back to school after getting married and having her four kids. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and an emphasis in Accounting from Cal Poly Pomona in 2014.

She started her career working part-time as the only bookkeeper for Direct Connection, a direct marketing, mailing, and printing company. After 15 years she worked her way up to Controller and supervised their accounting department.

She has been married to Richard Zavala for 27 years and they have four kids. Eric, 26, Joshua 24, Alyssa, 20, and Nicholas 15. They are great kids and working hard to find their place in the world.

Starting with her kids' extra-curricular activities, Angela became active in her community. She was team mom to her son's baseball teams and organized snack bar duties for her daughter's volleyball tournaments. This continued and grew so now she is currently active in her youngest son's boy scout troop where she is in charge of the troop's fundraising accounts for each troop family member and also helps organize his wrestling tournament snack bar menus and duties. She and her husband are also active members in their church, St. Paul the Apostle in Chino Hills, where they are volunteers in the Marriage Enrichment ministry and chair a booth at the annual Harvest Festival event.

In her free time, she enjoys hiking with her family and being part of her book club with her neighbors.



CEC Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2019

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| Location: | Maki Yaki @ 25227 Redlands Blvd, Loma Linda CA | Page 1 of 2 |
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Diana Atkeson welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 11:50am.

READING/APPROVAL OF AUGUST 27, 2019 MINUTES:

A motion was taken to approve minutes from August 27, 2019. Anaim moved first to approve the minutes; Shay seconded the approval motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bank Statements & Income Statement

Budget and Bank Statements were available for this meeting.

Each CEC member received a copy of the 2018/2019 Income Statement prepared by Sydnie Harris former AGA treasurer.

Diana presented Dr. Yang with his 2018-2019 AGA CEC Board service award.

FY 19/20 PROGRAM YEAR:

Diana passed around "Thank you" card from Collier Wakefield one of the 2018-2019 AGA scholarship winners.

Shay suggests we send Thank you cards to the "Meet the Government" booth participants. Shay to go online to order cards from AGA National.

Ali will work on getting someone from AGA National to speak at a PDM, possibly the new National President.

AGA will present member of the Quarter instead of monthly.

FY 19/20 BUDGET:

Paul presented a proposed 2019-2020 AGA budget. Ideas include:

- ◇ Conferences - increase \$500 so we can send more people
- ◇ Scholarship fundraising - increase to \$1,000 (add two \$250/ea. for CGFM)
- ◇ Full Day Seminars - should be at \$3,000 - no hotels this year - All at ATC
- ◇ Award Expense - change to quarterly
- ◇ Admin Expense - Paul to check minutes and bank statements to find out what this is intended for. Anaim thinks we should rename it.
- ◇ CEC Luncheons/PDT/CGFM Materials/Educational Outreach - unchanged
- ◇ Meet the Governments - keep at \$1,000 in case we need to pay for location

MEET THE GOVERNMENTS:

Diana to check for spring breaks with the local colleges to come up with a date for Meet the Governments this year. The 2019-2020 Committee will be:

May, Tobi, Shay, Jenny, Dr. Yang, Anaim (can attend day of), Ali

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OPEN COMMENTS/IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Diana gave the okay to order CGFM test bank for the upcoming year.

Ali to order marketing material for the upcoming PDM's.

Dr. Yang to apply for student grant for Meet the Governments event to get free room and help with meals for event.

Diana suggest we be careful not to over order for AGA lunch meals and add (PDM) to the meals to prevent confusion.

Eric suggest a tiered structure for the scholarship's awards program.

Diana will enter in the AGA points to ensure we are meeting all the necessary requirements.

Ali suggest we increase scholarship advertisement so we have more applicants.

Dr. Yang asked if the Government could have an open house.

Diana to talk to Enson Mason and Denise Mejico about a possible open house with the CAO office for students.

Ali thinks we should try to start a CGFM study class at the ATC office.

Shay suggests maybe some type of food drive for college students.

Dr. Yang suggested we donate to "The Den" at CSUSB or collaborate through the college.

CEC UPDATES:

NCC: Ali Chemkhi

National wants CEC to develop better relationship with the Universities.

Membership Chair: Anaim Garibay

To attend FMA meet and greet and bring pizza.

Handed out Member Types broken down by field of study and education level.

Community Service: Anaim Garibay

Handed out possible plan for the 2019-2020 year for CEC review.

Anaim to donate snacks and waters.

Treasurer/CGFM: Paul Chapman

Paul to work on cleaning up the budget and developing a CGFM scholarship app.

Education Chair: Dr. Taewon Yang

FMA to have a Meet and Greet...Beta Alpha Psi has new leadership.

Newsletter Editor/Accountability Chair: Eric Patrick

Eric changed the color scheme on the newsletter...needs more content material.

Eric would like to send newsletter by the 1st of the month.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Mandatory Motivation

Everyone has a story...

A 24 year old boy seeing out from a train window shouted...

"Dad, look the trees are going behind!"



Dad smiled and a young couple sitting nearby, looked at the 24 year old's childish behavior with pity, suddenly he again exclaimed...

"Dad, look the clouds are running with us!"



The couple couldn't resist and said to the old man...

"Why don't you take your son to a good doctor?" The old man smiled and said..."I did and we are just coming from the hospital, my son was blind from birth, he just got his eyes today."

Every single person on the planet has a story. Don't judge people before you truly know them. The truth might surprise you.

The above story was obtained from: ivin3.com

Employment Opportunities



Jurupa Community Services District

Senior Accountant

Salary: \$69,701 - \$84,722 Annually Closes: 12/6/19

S.B. County Employee's Retirement Association (SBCERA)

Investment Officer

Salary: \$125,412 - \$184,334 Annually Closes: 12/6/19

Riverside County Transportation Commission

Accounting Technician

Salary: \$5,037 - \$6,800 Monthly Closes: 12/9/19

City of Colton

Accounting Technician I/II

Salary: \$3,330 - \$4,048 Monthly Closes: 12/11/19

Salary: \$3,663 - \$4,452 Monthly Closes: 12/11/19

Accountant

Salary: \$54,455 - \$66,190 Annually Closes: 12/18/19

Western Riverside Council of Governments

Accounting Program Manager

Salary: \$65,458 - \$123,427 Annually Closes: 12/12/19

City of Upland (Finance & Admin Services)

Deputy City Manager

Salary: \$12,289 - \$16,527 Monthly Closes: Continuous

City of West Covina

Finance Director

Salary: \$129,240 - \$174,480 Annually Open Until Filled

Accounting Manager

Salary: \$74,280 - \$100,296 Annually Open Until Filled

City of Corona

Business Supervisor

Salary: \$6,766 - \$8,260 Monthly Closes: Continuous



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