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2015 AGA Chapter Newsletter

The Bottom Line

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Join us for our ANNUAL



December 14, 2016

with Gary McBride

on "The CFO of the Government"

details on page 5.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Nov 9, 2016

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Hall of Records (3rd floor)

222 W. Hospitality Lane,

San Bernardino

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About The Bottom Line:

AGA Inland Empire Chapter's monthly newsletter, *The Bottom Line*, covers member and AGA activities at both the Chapter and National levels. *The Bottom Line* features Chapter news, developments within the profession and articles of interest to members. Opinions and beliefs expressed in *The Bottom Line* are those of the contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of the AGA.

We welcome and encourage members to send us original or reproduced articles that may be of interest to our members for publication in our newsletter. Articles are due by the end of the second week of each month.

Editorial contributions, ideas, or suggestions should be sent to the Newsletter Chair at events@aga-ie.org.

President's Message

Greetings AGA Inland Empire Chapter family,

Happy thanksgiving to all of you!

The holiday season is here. It is the best time of the year to reinforce our family and friendship ties, to reach out to others, to share some memorable moments and to reflect on the blessings that were bestowed on us. Enjoy the blessings!

The November all-day seminar with Chuck Hester about "Fraud and GASB Updates" was a great success. We received a very positive feedback about the materials presented and the real life cases that Mr. Hester discussed.

We also enjoyed Mark Cousineau's presentation about "COSO: Three Lines of Defense Model". The segment on the historical events that led to the introduction of COSO was very interesting. Thank you to all attendees of the November seminar and PDM.

We are looking forward to the December 14th PDM. The speaker will be Gary McBride from the County of San Bernardino CAO office and the title will be "The CFO of the Government"

We encourage all of you to take advantage of this great learning opportunity and attend the December 14th luncheon.

"Toys for Tots" is the theme for the holiday charity drive that your AGA chapter is hosting in December, to help the less fortunate children by providing them with new, unwrapped toys. We encourage all of you to be part of this great cause.

I would like to remind you about the \$500 CGFM new scholarship that your chapter is offering this year to any member who is pursuing the certification. The money will be used to defray the cost of preparation, exam and certification costs.

Also I would like to ask you to share with us all of your ideas, feedback, speaker interest, topic interest and any other input you think it is pertinent to the success of the chapter.

See you all at the upcoming luncheon on Wednesday December 14th.



Thank you,

Ali Chemkhi, MBA, CPA

President, AGA Inland Empire

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Member of the Month



September - Faten Iwais

Faten recently obtained her Master's degree in Accounting from California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB). She also graduated from the same university with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. Ms. Iwais worked in the fields of administration and finance for international non-profit organizations that worked with communities worldwide to improve the lives of the vulnerable. She worked on various projects in humanitarian aid, micro- economics, well-being of children, and research on water resources. Ms. Iwais is interested in obtaining a full-time job in the public sector and in improving her professional skills.



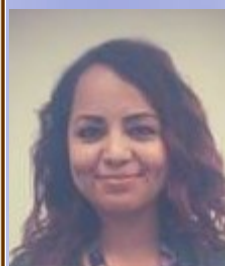
October - Raul Marquez

Raul currently resides in Ontario, CA and has lived there for 9 years. He grew up as part of a large family in Pomona, CA. Being the youngest in a large family taught him patience, determination, and how to work with a wide array of personalities. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from Cal Poly University in Pomona.

After graduation, He pursued a career in public accounting. He has been a licensed CPA for 11 years. Most of his career was spent working for a small accounting firm in Whittier, CA and as a sole practitioner based in Ontario, CA where He worked with small to medium size closely held businesses and assisting them with their accounting and tax needs. His experience includes general accounting services, compilations, reviews, and audit engagements for manufacturing, retail, construction, professional services, and not-for-profit clients. He also has extensive experience with the preparation of trust accountings for trustees, beneficiaries, and court presentation.

His experience also includes tax preparation and planning for individuals, businesses, trusts, and not-for-profit organization. He enjoys minimizing clients' tax liabilities and helping them better understand tax laws.

He currently works for the County of San Bernardino in the Auditor-Controller's office as part of the Management Services team. He is a member of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA). When he doesn't have accounting or taxes on his mind, he enjoys spending time with his family and staying active by strength training, playing basketball, running, and going for bike rides. He also volunteers as part of his church's Finance Council.



November - Claudia Cisneros

Claudia currently attending Cal State San Bernardino and will be graduating next month with a BA in Business Administration Accounting and Public Administration. She has been with the Tax Collector for the past four years and absolutely loves it! She was recently promoted to Accountant I. Claudia plans on furthering her studies to continue advancing within the county. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her five year old son at the park, beach, or jumping at Party Kingdom. He keeps it interesting for her by making her catch Pokémon, playing video games which he always wins, and even having her play with his pet tarantula. Her hobbies include playing board games such as Rummikub, completing Sudoku puzzles, arts and crafts, and learning to play instruments.

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benefits of AGA membership:
trainings, publications, and more...

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Annual Training Calendar

Date	Location	Subject	Speaker/Agency
Sep. 14	Hall of Records San Bernardino	County Procurement: "The Art of the Process"	Laurie Rozko, San Bernardino County
Oct. 12	Hall of Records San Bernardino	Data Transparency	Doug Glenn, AGA National President
Nov. 9	Hall of Records San Bernardino	Fraud and GASB updates COSO-Lunch	Charles Hester -Seminar Mark Cousineau -Lunch
Dec. 14	Hall of Records San Bernardino	The CFO of the Government	Gary McBride, San Bernardino County

Internet Resources

Local Chapter Website: <http://www.agacgfm.org/InlandEmpire>

National Website: <http://www.agacgfm.org>

Also, look under "Government Financial Management Resources" on the Internet. This section has links to most of the accounting organizations, standards setting bodies and federal agencies.

Also check out these websites:

<http://www.gfoa.org/>

<http://www.specialdistrictcareers.com>

<http://www.govexec.com/>

<http://www.accountingweb.com/>

<http://www.csac.counties.org/>

<http://www.governing.com>

AGA offers FREE, online ToolKits and guides to help financial professionals working at all levels of government do their jobs better.

-Fraud Prevention, Risk Assessment, etc...



Nominate the next Member of the Month

If you would like to nominate someone for Member of the Month, please complete the form on page 11.

Share the good news! If you or someone in your office has reached a career milestone, completed training or received certification, earned a promotion, or accomplished a personal goal, please forward the information to events@aga-ie.org to be posted in *The Bottom Line*.

The Bottom Line

Professional Development Meeting

From Linda Tanner

DECEMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Hall of Records (3rd floor) 222 W Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino

(Directions on page 10)

The CFO of the Government

Speaker: Gary McBride, County Chief Financial Officer, San Bernardino County

Cost: \$25.00 Members
\$30.00 Non-Members
\$10.00 Student Members
\$14.00 Student Non-Members

Reservations: call (909) 383-9658 or
email Linda.Tanner@hss.sbcounty.gov

Deadline: Friday, December 9, 2016, 5:00 pm

Menu: Chef's Choice

IMPORTANT:

Please remember if a reservation is made but unattended, then the attendee is responsible for payment. (But if you let me know before the meeting that you will be unable to attend, I might be able to sell your ticket to someone who requests a reservation after the deadline.)

SORRY - NO REFUNDS FOR LUNCH CANCELLATIONS

About Our Speaker

Mr. McBride is a true county success story. He began working for the county in 1994 immediately after college as an entry-level fiscal clerk. Through a series of well-earned promotions Mr. McBride served in administrative positions in Human Services, Public Health and the County Administrative Office and emerged as an expert on debt management who guided the county through the turmoil in the municipal bond market. The result was a county debt portfolio that is more conservatively positioned, including a reduction in variable rate exposure, elimination of swaps, and a reduction in letter of credit rollover risk. Currently Mr. McBride is responsible for developing, managing and coordinating the financial operations and fiscal policies and procedures of the county and the development of the county budget.

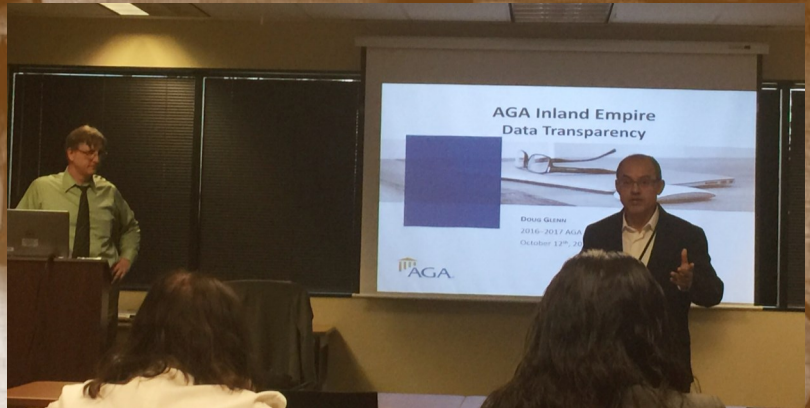
Let us know what you think!!

Share your thoughts with us at our Facebook page:

Association of Government Accountants - Inland Empire Chapter

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Association-of-Government-Accountants-Inland-Empire-Chapter/242852859088346>.

OCT PDM *in pictures*



Employment Opportunities

From Rhonda Neill

Agency: Riverside County
Job Title: Admin Services Manager I –Behavioral Health
Closing Date: Dec 11, 2016
Salary: \$68,655 to \$110,589 annually
Job Title: Deputy Auditor Controller
Closing Date: Dec 21, 2016
Salary: \$92,770 to \$145,729 annually
Website: www.rc-hr.com/careers/howtoapply.aspx



Agency: San Bernardino Superior Court
Job Title: Senior Accounting Assistant
Closing Date: Dec 12, 2016
Salary: \$42,905.20 to \$54,799.89 annually
Website: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/sanbernardinocourts/default.cfm>



Visit AGA's Career Center at
<http://aga.careerbank.com>

Agency: UCR
Job Title/ Salary: Data Management and Financial Analyst / \$58,500 to \$101,200 annually
Divisional Financial Administrative Officer / \$82,400 to \$162,300 annually
Financial Analyst / \$58,500 to \$87,000 annually
Financial & Administrative Officer / \$65,700 to \$129,300 annually
Financial Operations Manager / \$65,700 to \$97,500 annually
Organizational Excellence and Financial Analyst / \$58,500 to \$87,000 annually
Closing Date: Open until filled
Website: <http://jobs.ucr.edu/>

Agency: County of San Bernardino
Job Title/ Salary: Human Capital Management Functional Analyst I and II / \$64,313.60 - \$97,635.20 annually
Internal Review Accountant II, III, and IV / \$46,820.80 - \$84,260.80 annually
Staff Analyst II / \$4,430.40 to \$6,090.93 monthly
Closing Date: Until Filled
Website: www.sbcounty.gov/hr

Agency: City of San Bernardino
Job Title: Accountant II
Closing Date: Dec 5, 2016
Salary: \$4,581 to \$5,569 monthly
Job Title: Procurement/Contract Support Services Division Manager
Closing Date: Dec 3, 2016
Salary: \$99,036 to \$120,372 annually
Website: www.sbcity.org/jobs

Agency: City of Upland
Job Title: Finance Officer
Closing Date: Dec 9, 2016
Salary: \$6,418 to \$8,632 Monthly
Website: www.ci.upland.ca.us

Find more government at
www.governmentjobs.com

National and Regional AGA News

How is AGA governed?

A national network of dedicated and passionate volunteers is responsible, and they gain personal and professional benefits along the way. [Learn more in AGA Governance 101](#)

AGA & Industry News

CEAR reviewers needed!

Volunteer to review AFRs and PARs for consideration of a Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting. Training included! [Learn more](#)

Aim for CGFM success this spring

Attend our CGFM Intensive Review Course and your exams are FREE! [Learn more](#)

AGA Members Journal Article: "Narrowing the Divide Between Payments and Remittance Processing"

How do corporate and government practitioners reduce cost of payment processing?

Perspective: Accounting for Foreign Currency Disbursements

The U.S. Standard General Ledger board or staff should revisit foreign currency transactions, writes member Simcha Kuritzky. [Read more](#)

Hire the best grants management professionals

Check out AGA's complimentary [Candidate Assessment Toolkit for Grants Management Professionals](#).

[AGA Past National President wins Outstanding CPA in Government Career Contributor Award](#) Sam McCall, 2005–06 National President, was honored for his contributions to the efficiency, effectiveness and delivery of services in government finance. [Learn more](#)

AGA Calendar:

CFO/CIO Summit

May 4, 2017

Washington, D.C.

Federal Financial Systems Summit

Jan. 13, 2017

Washington, D.C.

National Leadership Training **Feb. 15-16, 2017**

Washington, D.C.

Professional Development Training

July 9 - 12, 2017

Boston, MA

July 22 - 25, 2018

Orlando, FL



Are you prepared for AGA's CGFM Exams?

The CGFM Training Series

Consists of three courses, offered throughout the U.S.

- ★ Develop a broad base of knowledge in government auditing, accounting, financial management and budgeting
- ★ Get up-to-date information on the latest policies and procedures
- ★ Discover how to work more effectively in government environments and on related projects



Upcoming Audio/ Web Conferences 2016-2017

- Nov 1** Networking Up (members-only)
- Nov 16** Fraud Toolkit Case Studies
- Dec 7** Ethics
- Dec 14** A Glimpse at Government

The audio/web conferences are held on
Wed 2–3:50 p.m. ET

Volunteer and Community Services



YOUR LOCAL AGA CHAPTER IS HOSTING A "TOYS FOR TOTS" HOLIDAY CHARITY DRIVE

Let's help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas by donating new, unwrapped toys during the holidays!



We will be collecting children's Christmas toys throughout December. If you have any questions, please contact Sakura Younger at:

Sakura.Younger@atc.sbcounty.gov or (909) 382-3109



Volunteer and Community Services

Members interested in helping the community are encouraged to participate in a community event of their choice and provide information to the chapter for inclusion in the newsletter.

Please donate whole blood, plasma, or platelets. It's the gift of life!

Our chapter has an ongoing blood drive with the Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties for the community blood plan. Please write "GCAG" in the donor group. If you have questions, donor centers are located in San Bernardino (909-885-6503), Riverside (951-687-2530), Ontario (909-987-3158), and High Desert (760-949-6344), Upland (909)920-0625.

Nominate the next Outstanding Contribution to Government Accounting Award

If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please complete the form on page 12.

2016 - 2017 Chair Members Nominations

If you would like additional information or would like to nominate someone for the following positions please contact ali.chemkhi@atc.sbcounty.gov

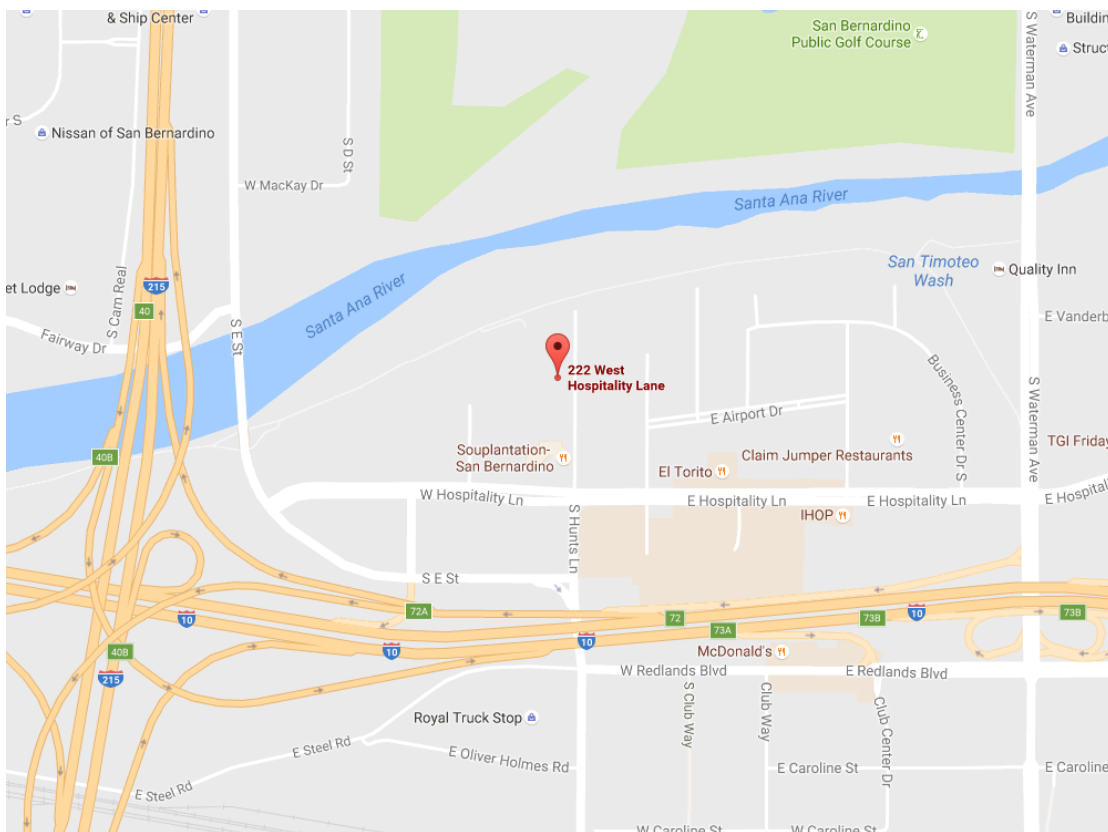
The following are open Chapter Officer positions:

Board Positions

—President Elect —Auditor

Chapter Chair Positions

—Accountability —Early Careers —Research



Professional Development Meeting

Hall of Records
222 W. Hospitality Lane
San Bernardino, CA

From the I-215 FWY,
East on I-10, North on
S. Waterman Ave,
West on Hospitality
Lane, and on west
side of street



MEMBER OF THE MONTH NOMINATION FORM

DATE: _____

TO: AGA CEC

NOMINATOR: _____

Nomination Month: _____

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Employer: _____

Department: _____ Job Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Reason (s) for Nomination:

Nomination Criteria: In order for Chapter members to be considered for the Member of the Month award, they should meet criteria #1 in addition to either criteria #2 or #3:

1. Attendance of Chapter meetings: Attended more than half of the AGA Chapter meetings for previous year.
2. Contribution(s): Made recent contribution(s) to the Accounting field and/or AGA Chapter, including:
 - a. Participated in mentoring others
 - b. Participated in AGA presentations
 - c. Published on Accounting articles/newsletters or websites
 - d. Provided significant assistance to the Chapter with the Scholarship Fundraiser etc.
 - e. Contributed to Society (volunteer work, mentoring in general, and serving on board of directors and/or committees of not-for-profit organizations).
3. Accomplishment(s): Had recent accomplishment(s), including :
 - a. Passed CPA or CGFM or any other related professional exam
 - b. Completed graduate school
 - c. Promoted

NOMINATION FORM: OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING

Date: _____

To: AGA CEC, PO Box 692, San Bernardino, CA 92402-0692 or e-mail events@aga-ie.org.

Nominator: _____

Contact Info: _____ (email address)

_____ (phone - optional)

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Employer: _____

Department: _____

Job Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Reason(s) for Nomination:
