



**Happy Statehood Day
February 14th**

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Message From the President

January was a busy month for Phoenix AGA. We had two new members join the Chapter, Maribel from the Department of Corrections and Chris from the City of Mesa. Welcome to the Chapter, Maribel and Chris! We also held two regular meetings, and an Ethics update, and a social event. We started off the month on January 8th, with an education event on Uniform Guidance, at ASU Skysong, worth two (2) CPEs. Then, on January 17th, we held our annual Professional Ethics Update for AZ CPAs at Maricopa County Community College offices. This event was worth four (4) CPEs. We rounded out the month on January 22nd, with an education event on Cybersecurity and Ransomware from Lealan Miller, CPA of Eide Bailly. The event on the 22nd was an afternoon event, and immediately following it, we held a social hour. Both the meeting and the social hour were held at Mission Possible Café in downtown Phoenix. Mission Possible Café is part of the Phoenix Rescue Mission, and money raised by the Café goes towards their rehabilitation and vocational training programs. The Phoenix Chapter, also, made an additional \$100 donation to Mission Possible. This event was fun and gave those attending, an opportunity to get to know each other, all while supporting a great local charity.

In February, the Chapter will hold two events. The first event will be February 5th on the topic of GASB Updates, at ASU Skysong. This event is worth two (2) CPE. At this event, we will also recognize our scholarship award winner for 2019-2020, Taliyah Shepherd. Congratulations, Taliyah! Later in the month on February 28th, the Chapter will hold its annual Retirement and Tax Update. This event will be held at ASU Skysong and will be worth four (4) CPEs. At the meeting on the 28th, the Chapter will also vote for its Chapter Officers for the 2020-2021 year. If you are interested in running for the Vice President role, please let us know, since this position is still open. It is a great way to give back to the profession, and to take part in shaping the future of the Phoenix Chapter of AGA.

Also, just a reminder to head over to agacgfm.org/renew to renew your membership. Again, please do not forget to check out all of our upcoming events on our website, [here](#), and thank you for your continued support of the Phoenix Chapter. We hope to see you at our upcoming events!

Michelle Huckabay, CPA, CGFM—President of the AGA Phoenix Chapter



Accepting Pet, Crisis and Career Support Donations

Bring items to the 2/5 and 2/28 meetings. For more information, click [here](#).

AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2019-2020

PURPOSE: Consists of chapter officers, past president, committee chairs, and other members appointed by the chapter president. Responsible for all chapter business and planning.

OFFICERS: President	Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA
President Elect	Cindy Smith, CPA
Past President	Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA
Secretary	Paola Matson
Treasurer	Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA

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Our Purpose

Mission Statement

AGA Phoenix Chapter serves Arizona professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality, low-cost continuing education, promoting professional development and interaction among members, and fostering a commitment to community involvement as well as a sense of responsibility for advancing government accountability.

Vision

AGA Phoenix Chapter actively creates an avenue for membership to share ideas with each other, to share knowledge and time with the community, and to promote the advancement of government standards and accountability within the profession.

We'd Love Your Input!

Please remember to send in any articles of interest, including any that you may have written on the subjects of management, accounting, or auditing. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

In addition, please send us any special announcements in relation to promotions, marriages, births, anniversaries, certifications achieved, or any other significant event for any of our chapter members. Any article submitted by the second week of the month will be included in the next month's newsletter.

Please email your news for forthcoming newsletters to:

contact@agaphoenix.org



Goals for 2019-2020 and Beyond

- Membership & Education:
 - Provide 42 education credits throughout the program year. Audio conferences and live speakers.
 - Reach out to new members within first month of membership.
 - Reach out to all non-renewing members in May/June.
 - ✓ • Provide social/recruiting event in spring.
 - Send out survey to members annually.
 - ✓ • Provide student members the option to attend three meetings for free.
- Accountability:
 - ✓ • Prepare chapter's Citizen Centric Report (CCR) by September 30, 2018 and post to website.
 - ✓ • Submit chapter's CCR to AGA's Certificate of Excellence Review Program.
- CGFM Goals:
 - ✓ • Continue reimbursements for chapter members who pass all three sessions of the CGFM tests. Reimbursement includes the cost of the three exams and application fee.
 - Communicate and promote CGFM designation to Chapter members .
 - ✓ • Provide CGFM study guides to members on a first come first serve basis. Purchase two new sets this year.
 - Seek State proclamation for March as CGFM month and provide recognition to CGFM members.
- Young Professionals:
 - ✓ • Reach out to college accounting clubs to present about jobs in governmental accounting and discuss what AGA is and how it can impact students' careers.
 - ✓ • Annually award up to two scholarships for students enrolled in an Accounting, Finance or Public Administration curriculum.

2019 & 2020 Budget and Spend through 12/31			
Budget Category	'19 Spent	'20 Budget	'20 Spent
Education	\$19,328.16	\$19,050	\$4,088.62
Membership	\$680	\$750	\$0
Travel	\$2,873.47	\$1,000	\$700.60
Board Expenses	\$100	\$100	\$87.75
Scholarship	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500
CGFM	\$125	\$1,550	\$922.25
Community Service	\$695	\$500	\$150
Website	\$0	\$0	\$0
Early Career	\$0	\$750	\$510.14
Audit	\$150	\$150	\$150
Misc.	\$180.56	\$200	\$36.25
Total	\$25,132.19	\$25,050	\$7,145.61

PY 2019-2020 Committee Members:

Membership – Mary Adelman, CGFM, CPA

Education – Keith Orr, CGFM, Jerry Snyder, CGFM, Anthony St. George, CPA and Robert Harwood, CPA

Programs – Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA and Daniela Kunova

Accountability—Kim Prendergast, CGFM, CPA

CGFM – Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA, Jordan Dale, CGFM

Young Professionals / Early Career – Getzamany Aragon and Marvin Mendieta, CGFM

Scholarship – Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Community Service – Cindy Ensign

Communications Committee – Michelle Huckabay,

AGA Phoenix Chapter, Treasurer's Reports - December 2019

Treasurer's Report

Book Balance 11/31/2019	\$10,750.99
Receipts	\$1,058.50
Disbursements	\$2,468.12
Book Balance 12/31/2019	\$9,341.37
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
Outstanding Deposits	\$0.00
Adjusted Book Balance	\$9,341.37
<u>Account Balance</u>	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$0.00
Your Savings Balance	\$5.00
Checking Balance	\$0.00
Checking Balance	\$9,286.37
	\$9,341.37
Difference Adjusted Book vs. Bank	(\$0.00)

Balance Sheet

12/31/2019

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Checking Balance	\$9,286.37
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$9,341.37
Inventory	\$0.00
Speaker Gifts	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,341.37
Outstanding Check	\$0.00
TOTAL Liabilities	\$0.00
TOTAL Equity	\$9,341.37



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CGFM Study Resources Available:

For AGA members interested in taking the CGFM please contact our CGFM chair at cgfm@agaphoenix.org for more information. Currently there is 3 complete set of materials available for check out.

Also, successful CGFM candidates, who are members, can apply for reimbursement of the application and examination costs.

Contact our CGFM chair for step by step instructions on the CGFM process: contact@agaphoenix.org.

Association of Government Accountants					
Phoenix Chapter					
Education and Meeting Plan					
2019-2020 Program Year					
Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
9/11/19	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 10:30am- 11:00am, Education Seminar 11:00am- 12:50pm	Lean Six Sigma in Government	2	9/6/19	AZ Department of Educa- tion Room 311 1535 W Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
10/23/19	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 10:30am- 11:00am, Education Seminar 11:00am- 12:50pm	How Automation Can Take the Robot Out of the Human	2	10/18/19	AZ Department of Educa- tion Room 311 1535 W Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
11/20/19	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm, Education Seminar 12:00pm- 1:50pm	Trends in Budgeting and Forecasting	2	11/15/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
12/11/19	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm, Audio Con- ference 12:00pm- 1:50pm	Internal Control: Con- trolling Your Bots	2	12/6/19	AZ Department of Educa- tion Room 311 1535 W Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
1/8/20	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm, Audio Con- ference 12:00pm- 1:50pm	Uniform Guidance	2	1/2/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/17/20*	8:00am-8:30am Conti- nental Breakfast 8:30am-12:00pm- Class	Ethics—ASCPA	4	1/10/20	MCCCD Governing Bd Rm 2411 W. 14th Street, 2nd Floor Tempe, AZ 85281
1/22/20	Chapter Meeting- Ed- ucation Seminar 2:00pm-4:00pm	Cybersecurity and Ransomware—Lealan Miller, CPA, CGFM	2	1/17/20	Mission Possible Cafe— 1516 W. Van Buren St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
2/5/20	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm, Audio Con- ference 12:00pm- 1:50pm	GASB Update	2	1/31/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
2/28/20*	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:30am- 12:00pm, Education Seminar 12:00p- 12:50pm	ASRS	1	2/23/20	ASU Skysong Bldg. 3, Synergy I #130 1475 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
	1:00pm-1:50pm	Deferred Comp	1		
	1:50pm-2:40pm	Federal Tax Update	1		
	2:40pm-3:30pm	State Tax Update	1		
	Total		4		

Association of Government Accountants					
Phoenix Chapter					
Education and Meeting Plan					
2018-2019 Program Year					
Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
3/4/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Improper Payments	2	2/28/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
3/25/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-	Cybersecurity	2	3/20/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/8/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-	Ethics	2	4/3/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/24/20*	8:00am-4:00pm PDT	Preparing for the Future of Accountability	1	4/17/20	Rio Salado College 2323 W. 14th St. Tempe, AZ 85281
		Controls Audit	1		
		New Financial Reporting Model for Governments	1		
		Cybersecurity	1		
		2020 State Treasurer's Updates	1		
		GAS/SAS Updates	1.5		
		Panel Discussion on Challenges and Opportunities in Government Finance	1.5		
		Total	8		
5/12/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Fraud Data Analytics	2	5/8/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
5/27/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Education Seminar 11:00am-	Advanced Excel Functionality	2	5/25/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
6/10/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Education Seminar 11:00am-	TBD—Brittney Williams, CPA, CGFM	2	6/5/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
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Announcements - Job Postings

Budget Supervisor—Valley Metro, Salary Range(\$61,014-\$91,521). The Budget Supervisor is responsible for supervising the comprehensive budget development process for the annual Valley Metro operating and capital budgets along with the five-year operating forecasts and capital programs. Under the direction of the Budget and Operations Financial Controls Manager, this position will supervise budget department staff, develop annual budgets, mid-year adjustments, monitor budgets, and prepare documents and presentations for management and Boards.

An ideal candidate will have a strong background in budget development, analysis, and supervision. They will also have strong communication skills as this position must be able to communicate with directors, managers, and external stakeholders. They will thrive in an environment where accountability, fiscal responsibility, and great customer service are critical to success.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Management, Finance or a related field, and five (5) years of professional level experience, including 2 years of supervisory experience, in budgeting, accounting and project management or an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties such as those listed. Government experience desirable.

An ideal candidate will have a strong background in budget development, analysis, and supervision. They will also have strong communication skills as this position must be able to communicate with directors, managers, and external stakeholders. They will thrive in an environment where accountability, fiscal responsibility, and great customer service are critical to success.

Apply online at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/valleymetro>

Would you like to post your organization's job postings on our website?

Please email AGA Phoenix Webmaster, contact@agaphoenix.org





Check out AGA's Free Toolkits & Guides:

- Sub-recipient vs. Contractor Checklist
- Blended and Braided Funding
- Leveraging Government Resources in Challenging Financial Times
- Risk Assessment Monitoring Toolkit
- Cooperative Audit Resolution and Oversight Initiative
- Fraud Prevention Toolkit
- Candidate Assessment Toolkit for Grant Managers
- How Federal, State and Non-Profit Collaboration Improved Efficiencies in Delinquent Debt Collection
- Citizen Centric Report: How To

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Tools-Resources/Intergov/Home.aspx>

Membership Referral Program

Did you know that you can gain \$50 if you get two individuals who are not currently members to join our chapter? All you have to do is have them put your name down on the sponsor section of the membership form.

It is always nice to have new faces become members to our growing organization!

Board Members Wanted

If you are interested in volunteering for a committee and to be on the Board, please contact AGA at the following e-mail: contact@agaphoenix.org

We Are Always Looking For People Interested In Joining Our Organization

NOTE: Excerpts and links below are from AGA's national website at www.agacgfm.org.

What is AGA?

Briefly, AGA has been serving the government financial management profession for over 50 years. As a not-for-profit educational organization, AGA serves the professional interests of financial managers from the local, state and the federal governments, as well as public accounting firms, responsible for effectively using billions of dollars and other monetary resources everyday. Members are accountants, auditors, contract, financial and performance, budget analysts, chief financial officers, information systems managers, finance directors, inspectors

general, professors, students. Membership in AGA is like tapping into a reservoir of actual real-world knowledge and experience of government financial management experts.

Benefits of Joining

If you asked a member which of the benefits they value the most, they probably would say education and networking, which often occur at the same time and place. Here are some of our members' favorites:

- Continuing Professional Education and Networking Opportunities
- Keep Up-to-Date on Current Issues
- Keep Abreast of the Latest Technologies and Financial Systems
- Professional Guidance and Certification

How Can You Join?

Click the links below to access the Membership Application and to find out membership types and dues.



Click <https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Learn-About-AGA/Join-or-Renew.aspx>

to complete the online AGA Membership Application.

****Did an AGA member inspire you to join? Don't forget to enter your AGA Sponsor's Name and Member ID on the application.****