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MISSION STATEMENT

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

VISION

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability. AGA defines government accountability as a government's obligation to the people for its actions and use of resources.



**Thank you to Paul K. Martin,
Inspector General, NASA:
Sept. 2019 Luncheon Speaker!**

**Look ahead to October 2019
Speaker: Jason Miller,
Executive Editor, Federal
News Network**



President's Message



Colleagues,

Welcome to the Washington DC Chapter 2019/2020 Program Year!

I am honored to serve as your Chapter President alongside our dedicated and hardworking Executive Committee, Committee Directors and many member volunteers. We begin the year in a great position for growth, learning, leadership and collaboration for all of our members and partners committed to advancing government accountability.

I am excited as we enter our Chapter's 69th year! With so many impactful leaders throughout our history, our Chapter is fortunate to have the influence of incredible past presidents and future leaders to guide us moving forward. We have a firm obligation to continue to provide platinum-level service to our members as we remain grounded in our Chapter's core values of service, accountability, integrity, and leadership. As in previous years, our Chapter will offer numerous prospects for professional growth and development; networking; certification; and other benefits to our members. For example, in our effort to find ways to provide educational opportunities to our members, we will continue to offer the following education programs:

Spring Training Event – This is our premier training event, which will be held at the Ronald Reagan Building on March 18-19, 2020. Through this program we offer 16 Continue Professional Education (CPE) hours. We have already started planning activities for this event.

Monthly Luncheon Program – We are planning to offer 8 luncheons from September 2019 through May 2020. As in the past, monthly luncheon meetings will be held with prominent speakers addressing a variety of financial management topics. Our first luncheon is scheduled on September 10, 2019 at the Hamilton. Each luncheon offers 1 CPE hour.

Audio Conferences – This program year, we have increased the number of audio conferences to a total of 8 sessions. These sessions are hosted by AGA National and each session offers 2 CPE hours. The first audio conference session is scheduled on December 11, 2019.

Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Program – The CGFM is a professional certification awarded by AGA National. As in the past, our Chapter is responsible for supporting the CGFM program, as well as supporting and developing our members as they pursue or maintain their CGFM certification through the availability of study guides and practice exams.

Student Member Outreach Program Accounting Research Workshop – New this year, through a generous donation by a Senior Advisor to the Chapter Executive Committee and in partnership with local university, students will have an opportunity to participate in the Chapter's monthly luncheon program and enjoy the benefits of a free student membership. Through this donation program and other efforts, the Chapter will engage more directly and actively with Young Professionals/Student Members through closer coordination among our Membership, Mentorship, and Young Professionals Committees.

We encourage all of our members to visit our website to learn more about this year's activities and see where you can make a difference. I look forward to another successful and exciting program year."

Sincerely,

Malena Brookshire
2020 AGA Washington, DC Chapter President

AGA PDT 2019 Highlights



Congratulations to the Chapter for receiving the Platinum Chapter Recognition Award and the CGFM Award



August 2019 Annual Planning Brunch Highlights



Thank you to the board members who attended the Annual Planning Brunch! Thank you to the board members who attended the Annual Planning Brunch. Chapter leaders shared many exciting plans for the coming year!



September 2019 Luncheon Highlights

Topic: Watchdogs in Space



Thank you to all members for attending the Sept. 2019 Luncheon! And special thanks to Paul K. Martin, Inspector General, NASA for his thoughts and insights!

October 2019 Luncheon Speaker: Jason Miller— Executive Editor, Federal News Network



Jason Miller is an executive editor and reporter with Federal News Network—an all-news multi-media organization focused specifically on covering the federal government and its contractors.

As executive editor, Jason directs the news coverage of the station and works with reporters to ensure a broad range of coverage of technology, procurement, finance and human resources. As a reporter, Jason focuses mainly on technology and procurement issues, including cybersecurity, cloud, mobile computing and acquisition policies and programs. Jason hosts the weekly Ask the CIO program where he interviews large and small agency CIOs about their priorities and challenges.

Before coming to FederalNewsRadio in March 2008, he worked at Government Computer News for six years and Federal Computer Week for one year. He covered governmentwide technology issues that focused on people, policy and programs. These include the Bush administration's e-government initiatives, federal enterprise architecture, cybersecurity and HSPD-12.

From 1998 to 2001, Jason covered small business and minority-owned business contracting issues as the editor of Set-Aside Alert newsletter.

Jason has won several awards during his career, including the SBA's regional Small Business Journalist of the Year in 2000, and a first place in story telling by the Virginia Press Association in 1997. Jason lives in Arlington, Va., with his wife, Lita, and two children, Talia, 18, and Elias, 17.

Save-the-Date!



2019-2020 AGA DC Audio Training Schedule

This year the AGA DC hosted programs will take place at KPMG LLP DC Office, 1801 K Street, N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20006 or Guidehouse LLP DC Office, 1730 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20006 (6th floor).

Cost:

There is no charge for AGA members in good standing for these events and attendees will earn two (2) CPE credit hours.

When:

12/11/19—Internal Controls
2/5/20—GASB Update
3/4/20 — Improper Payments
3/25/20— Cybersecurity
4/8/20—Ethics
4/22/20—DATA Act
5/13/20—Fraud/ Data Analytics
6/10/20—Leadership

2020 Annual Awards Gala Save-The-Date!

Please Save the date! The Awards Gala will take place Friday, May 15th at 6pm sharp onboard the Odyssey cruise boat.

The cruise will depart from Pier 4 at the DC waterfront!

More information to come!



AGA Annual Training Registration is live!

Don't miss this opportunity to hear firsthand from government leaders about the issues impacting Federal financial management and related functions. Excellent networking opportunities are offered at the sponsor booths and happy hour reception. Breakfast, lunch, break refreshments and happy hour reception are included in your registration. Space is limited so reserve your attendance now as this event sells out! [Here](#) is the link for the registration.

When: March 18th & March 19th, 2020

Where: Ronald Reagan Building

Save-the-Date: AGA DC 2019 – 2020 Luncheon

This year's luncheon will be held at the Hamilton at 600 14th Street NW.

Date	Speaker	Topic
10/3/2019	Jason Miller	Executive Editor, Federal News Network
12/10/2019	Tim Gribben	Commissioner, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Fiscal Service
1/15/2020	Monica Valentine	Executive Director, FASAB
2/19/2020	TBD	TBD
3/11/2020	TBD	TBD
4/21/2020	TBD	TBD
5/20/2020	TBD	TBD
Please note - we will be posting previous luncheon presentation slides on the AGA DC Chapter website! Click here to access them.		

CGFM Committee Update - by Shawn Syed



New Year! New Exam! New Goal!

A new fiscal year sounds like the *perfect* time to ramp up efforts to obtain the CGFM certification! Want to learn more about the CGFM? Click [here](#).

Make it your winter goal and let the AGA DC CGFM committee help you achieve it! Below are a few ways that your AGA membership can benefit you:

Loaner Study Guides/Practice Exams – AGA National will provide study guides to all members registered to take the exam between **September 1 to October 31**. AGA DC has purchased electronic versions of the study guides and practice exams which are available to AGA DC members on a short-term loaner basis. Contact Stacey Ferris at sferris@ferriscpa.com if you are interested (available on a first come first served basis). Additionally, if loaner exams are not available AGA DC will reimburse the cost of each practice exam purchased. We only have a limited amount of rebates available so it is first come, first served. You must submit the following to qualify:

- Proof of scheduled exam
- Proof of payment
- Mailing address
- AGA member number

♦ **Exam Rebate Initiative** - From **September 1 to October 31**, CGFM examinations will be in the initial (beta) period. The updated examinations will be administered in Pearson VUE testing centers; however, the scores will not be immediately reported to the candidates taking these examinations. The scores will be reported by December 31, 2019. CGFM examinations taken during this beta period will be offered at a discounted rate of \$100 per exam. Take the exam and pass it from now through **October 31** and we will reimburse you the cost of your exam!

Congratulations To Our New CGFMs!

Congratulations to our new CGFMs! Congratulations to the following members who obtained their CGFM in July 2019! Way to go!

Michael John Martin, CGFM

Deborah Geiger, CGFM

Ms. Daniela Kostyaneva , CGFM

Ms. Kareliz Rodriguez Garcia, CGFM

Qing (Karen) Francis, CGFM

Masha A. Khmelniker, CGFM

Ms. Kristen Lynn Arbuckle, CGFM



Awards Committee Announcement

AGA Seeks Nominations for National Leadership Training Awards!

Recognize and nominate well-deserving professionals in all three levels of government and the private sector who have made outstanding contributions to the financial management, accounting, auditing, or budget fields! These awards will be presented at AGA's 2020 National Leadership Training on February 12-13, 2020 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC.

We are now taking nominations for the 2020 National Leadership Training awards. Nominees do not have to be AGA members. Take a moment and review the award categories below.

Federal Leadership Awards

Distinguished Federal Leadership Award recognizes elected or presidentially-appointed federal officials who exemplify and promote excellence in government management and have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies and systems.

Elmer Staats Award recognizes federal professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government financial management, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures.

State and Local Leadership Awards

Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award recognizes 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.

Excellence in Government Leadership Award recognizes state or local government professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government financial management, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative management procedures.

William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award recognizes 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.

Awards Committee Announcement

Public Sector Leadership Awards

Andy Barr Award recognizes financial executives in the private sector who exemplify and promote excellence in the federal government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management techniques.

Private Sector Financial Excellence Award recognizes 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.

For detailed award eligibility and evaluation criteria, visit our National Leadership Training Awards page here:

[https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Washington-DC-Chapter/Our-Chapter/Chapter-News/National-Leadership-Training-\(NLT\)-Awards.aspx](https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Washington-DC-Chapter/Our-Chapter/Chapter-News/National-Leadership-Training-(NLT)-Awards.aspx)

Nomination submission or questions can be directed to Thomas Chin at t.chin@cncsoig.gov or Julia Duquette at Julia.duquette@us.gt.com.

Inside The Black Box

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM, CPA

Direct and Reimbursable

Introduction

The Governmentwide Treasury Account Symbol Adjusted Trial Balance System (GTAS) has always included a flag to indicate whether a balance is from Reimbursable or Direct authority. However, in FY2019, this flag was only used on 5 anticipated budget, 11 funding available, and 11 budgetary spending Standard General Ledger (SGL) accounts. Starting with FY2020, all 193 budgetary accounts will report this flag.

SF-133 Lines

There is no change to how these accounts are reported on the SF-133 Report on Budget Execution and Budgetary Resources. The spending accounts (480100, 480200, 488100, 488200, 490100, 490200, 498100, and 498200) are divided between those funded by direct appropriations (lines 2001, 2002, and 2003) and those funded by reimbursements (lines 2101, 2102, and 2103). On the Statement of Budgetary Resources (SBR), both direct and reimbursable spending activity is reported on line 2190.

Spending Posting Model

When funds are expended, entry B134, which debits 310700 Unexpended Appropriations – Used and credits 570000 Expended Appropriations, is posted only if the expenditure is funded by a direct appropriation. In other words, there should be a debit balance in 310100 Unexpended Appropriations - Appropriations Received or its closing account 310000 Unexpended Appropriations – Cumulative or one of its sibling accounts 310200 Unexpended Appropriations - Transfers-In or 310600 Unexpended Appropriations – Adjustments to absorb the debit posting and leave a net credit balance. **Funds supported by the 310000 series of accounts would always report a “D” in the Reimbursable Flag.**

Expenditures for reimbursements would always use an “R” in the Reimbursable Flag and never post entry B134. Usually reimbursements are funded by the following series of accounts, but GTAS restricts only some of them to using a **Reimbursable Flag of “R”**:

421000	D/R	Anticipated Reimbursements and Other Income
422100	D/R	Unfilled Customer Orders without Advance
422200	R	Unfilled Customer Orders with Advance
423000	R	Unfilled Customer Orders without Advance - Transferred
423100	R	Unfilled Customer Orders with Advance – Transferred
425100	D/R	Reimbursements and Other Income Earned - Receivable
425200	D/R	Reimbursements and Other Income Earned - Collected

So only advances are strictly reimbursable. Strangely, the unfilled customer orders without advance can be direct or reimbursable, but only the reimbursable ones can be transferred between Treasury Account Symbols. While one might expect all the rest of these accounts to use the “R” value exclusively since “Reimbursements” is part of their titles, so is “Other Income” and presumably that could be direct.

The third option, which is not intuitive, is spending funded by collections other than reimbursements. When this occurs, entry B134 is not posted but the Reimbursable Flag is “D”. These collections may enter the budget using the source SGL account 411300 Appropriated Receipts Derived from Unavailable Trust or Special Fund Receipts, in which case the proprietary credit is a 5700 series transfer of financing sources (entry A184), or it could use 411400 Appropriated Receipts Derived from Available Trust or Special Fund Receipts, which is paired with all kinds of revenue (entry A186) or it can be a transfer of financing sources (entries A212, A510).

Conclusion

I had originally assumed that there were only two models, where direct meant one posted the 310700/570000 pair when expending, and reimbursable meant one didn’t. So I was surprised to see GTAS trial balances with “D” and no equity postings. The definition of the Reimbursable Flag in GTAS says that it “indicates whether amounts ... are financed by offsetting collections,” which is why balances from 411300 and 411400 use a value of “D”, since their balances are reported on SBR line 1290 Appropriations, while 425200 balances show up on SBR line 1890 Spending authority from offsetting collections. But, since 421000, 422100, and 425200 activity can only be reported on SBR line 1890 (unless their activity adjusts beginning balances), it seems strange that they are allowed to carry a value of “D”. I’d like to see Treasury guidance give examples of when these funds post direct activity.



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The most direct way to get your question answered is to send an email to the AGA DC Board Member via agadc.org. Check out the Officers and Directors for their contact information. The Officers and Directors page is available [here](#).

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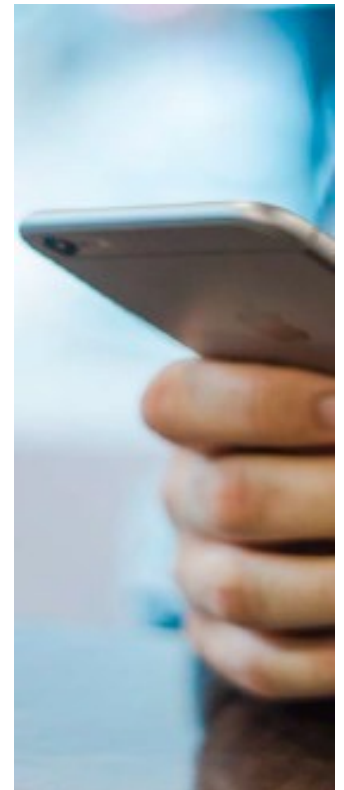
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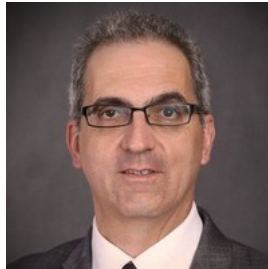
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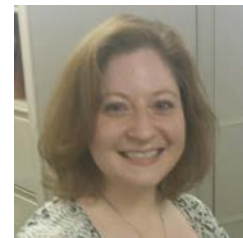
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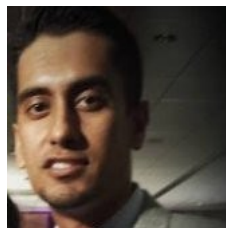
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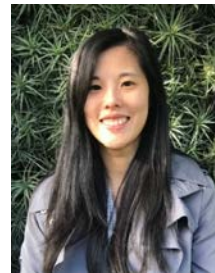
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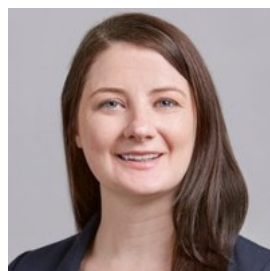
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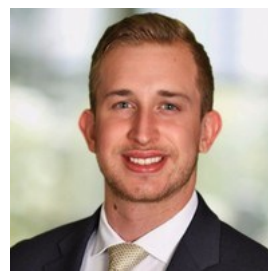
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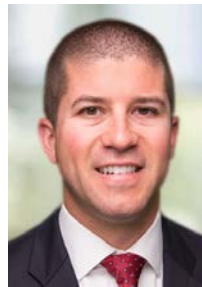
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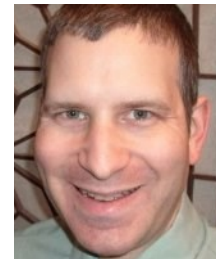
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