

AGA Phoenix Chapter (www.agaphoenix.org)

PY 2015-2016

June 2016



Message From the President



The Chapter's final meeting this fiscal year is on June 1st. Clark Partridge, State Comptroller, Arizona Dept of Admin - General Accounting Office, will present an interactive discussion about inter-governmental partnerships and how this can improve communication among different levels of government.

The schedule for next fiscal year will be released in August with the first meeting occurring in September. If you have any suggestions for topics, please send them to aga@agaphoenix.org.

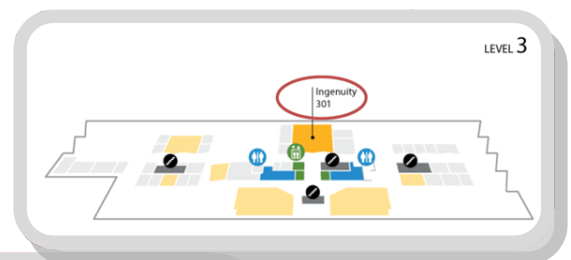
Thanks for supporting the Phoenix chapter.

Joshua Consier
President
AGA Phoenix Chapter

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6/1/16 Meeting (2 CPE)
Lunch (11:00 AM)
Intergovernmental Partnerships (11:30—1:20 PM)

Bldg 1, Room Ingenuity 301



Goals for 2015-2016 and Beyond

- Membership & Education:
 - Provide 36 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.
- Accountability:
 - Prepare chapter’s Citizen Centric Report (CCR) by September 30, 2015 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.
 - Seek State proclamation for March as CGFM month and provide recognition to CGFM members.
- Early Career & Scholarship:
 - 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.

PY 2015-2016 Budget	
Education	\$24,250
Membership	\$2,000
Travel	\$3,500
Board Expenses	\$2,000
Scholarship	\$1,500
CGFM	\$1,000
Community Service	\$600
Website	\$500
Early Career	\$100
Total	\$35,450

Community Service Opportunity—June 28th

We are planning on feeding families on Tuesday June 28th at the Ronald McDonald House in Mesa. We are looking for 5-6 volunteers to help with the setup and cleanup for feeding families on that night. It should not take more than 2 – 3 hours of your time. Some individuals could come early and leave and then others could come later and help clean up. I am looking at individuals to help work from 5-8 PM. We will be serving pizza to the families staying there, along with providing salads and soft drinks. I hope some of you will be able to participate. Thank you for your assistance.

Location: Ronald McDonald House—2225 W. Southern Ave. Mesa, AZ

Time/Date: 5—8 PM, June 28th

If you are interested, please contact John Schutter at john.schutter@asu.edu

CGFM Study Group: If you are interested in joining a CGFM Study Group, please contact John Schutter at john.schutter@asu.edu

CGFM Study Resources Available:



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

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

Contact our CGFM chair for step by step instructions on the CGFM process:

cgfm@agaphoenix.org

**Association of Government Accountants
Phoenix Chapter
Education and Meeting Plan
2015-2016 Program Year**

Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Dead-line	Location
9/23/15	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am-Education Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	Citizen Centric Report	2	9/18/2015	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257
10/7/2015	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am-Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Government Innovation: An Imperative, Not an Oxymoron	2	10/2/2015	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257
10/21/2015	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am-Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Fraud Prevention		Canceled	
11/4/2015	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm-Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	OMB Uniform Guidance: Impact on the Grant Community	2	10/30/2015	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257
12/16/2015	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm-Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	e-Invoicing Holiday Social	2	12/11/2015	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/13/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm-Education Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	COSO and Internal Controls—A Deeper Dive	2	1/8/2016	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/22/16*	8:00am-8:30am Continental Breakfast 8:30am-12:00pm Class	Ethics—ASCPA	4	1/15/2016	Maricopa Community College 2411 W. 14th Street Tempe, Arizona 85281
1/27/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm-Education Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	Leadership	2	1/22/2016	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257
2/19/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm Seminar 12:00p-12:50pm	ASRS	1	2/12/2016	ASU Skysong Bldg. 3, Synergy II #135 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		
3/9/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm-Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	FISMA Introduction	2	3/4/2016	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257

**Association of Government Accountants
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Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Dead-line	Location
4/13/2016	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 10:30am- 11:00am- Audio Con- ference 11:30am- 12:50pm	DATA Act	2	4/8/2016	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/27/2016	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 10:30am- 11:00am- Audio Con- ference 11:30am- 12:50pm	Fraud Prevention	2	4/22/2016	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85257
5/6/2016*	8:00am-4:00pm PDC	Issues & Challenges in Gov't Accountability	1	4/30/2016	Rio Salado College 2323 W. 14th St. Tempe, AZ 85281
		Public Private Partner- ships	1		
		Accounting Treatment of Thunderbird / ASU Integration	1		
		GASB Updates	1		
		Investments & Treas- urer's Update	1		
		Updates on SAS, Yel- low Book, Ethics and Fraud	2		
		Arizona Economy	1		
Total	8				
6/1/2016	Chapter Meeting- Lunch 11:00am- 11:30am- Education Seminar 11:30am- 1:20pm	Intergovernmental Partnerships	2	5/27/2016	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
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*These events are not monthly chapter meetings and will be at an additional cost. Details will be provided in future newsletters and/or on the Calendar of Events page on our website.

Prospective members are welcome to learn more about us by attending a monthly chapter meeting. Registration per monthly chapter meeting date, which includes lunch, is as follows:

Members:

\$20 each monthly chapter meeting, or package deal—\$180 for all sessions*

Non-Members

\$30 each monthly chapter meeting, or package —\$330 for all sessions*

*excludes special events (Ethics and Professional Development Conference—PDC)

To RSVP, please go to our online registration site: <http://agaphoenix.eventbrite.com>

Thank you for your interest!

AGA Phoenix Chapter, Treasurer's Reports - April 2016

Treasurer's Report

Book Balance 3/31/2016	\$6,083.28	
Receipts	\$3,430.26	
Disbursements	\$1,666.09	
Book Balance 4/30/16	<u>\$7,847.45</u>	
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00	
Outstanding Deposits	\$0.00	
Adjusted Book Balance	<u>\$7,847.45</u>	
<u>Account Balance</u>		
Cash on Hand	\$50.00	
Savings Balance	\$5.00	
Your Savings Balance	\$397.34	
Money Market Account	\$3,163.34	
Checking Balance	<u>\$4,231.77</u>	
	\$7,847.45	
Difference Adjusted Book vs Bank	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; width: 150px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td style="text-align: right;">\$0.00</td></tr></table>	\$0.00
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Balance Sheet

4/30/2016

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Your Savings Balance	\$397.34
Money Market Fund	\$3,163.34
Checking Balance	<u>\$4,231.77</u>
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	<u>\$7,847.45</u>
Inventory	<u>\$22.98</u>
Speaker Gifts	<u>\$120.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$7,990.43</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
TOTAL Liabilities	<u>\$0</u>
Equity	<u>\$7,990.43</u>

Announcements - Job Postings

Accounting Supervisor I—Industrial Commission of Arizona. Salary \$43,239.66—\$60,354.11 The Accounting Supervisor I reports directly to the CFO and supervises the payroll staff. The candidate in this position will serve as a subject matter expert on GAAP relating to accounting and reporting, and is responsible for preparing monthly budget to actual cash flow reports, and completing the required GAO Monthly Financial Review Package for the CFO's approval. This position includes, identifying, analyzing and explaining anomalies and variances in the ICA's monthly financial and budget reports, and presenting them for the CFO's review and approval. Other responsibilities include: preparing the monthly investment reports for the investment committee meeting; preparing journal entries in AFIS; reviewing and approving financial transactions to identify and resolve errors; performing analyses and evaluations of internal controls and making recommendations to strengthen internal controls; acting as lead contact with Auditor General, GAO and Department of Labor auditors; and coordinating the Accounting Division's file management and records retention process.

Ideal Candidate: A Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from an accredited college or university or equivalent. Three years of work experience as an Accountant III or equivalent. Audit experience with a public accounting firm, the Arizona Auditor General or similar experience. Licensed Certified Public Accountant with the State of Arizona, or similar professional level certification or advanced degree. Three years of experience preparing state and or local government financial and budgetary statements and note disclosures including enterprise funds.

Apply for Job #22599 online at: <https://azstatejobs.azdoa.gov/>

Assistant Controller—Arizona State Retirement System. Salary up to \$85,000 DOE. The Assistant Controller is responsible for planning, directing and coordinating the day to day accounting functions in the General Accounting unit, which includes supervising and developing five direct reports. Key functions for which the Assistant Controller is responsible includes: general ledger accounting/reconciling and external financial reporting (including CAFR, PAFR and GASB 68 Reporting). Further, the Assistant Controller has key responsibilities for external audit management. This position is also charged with reviewing internal controls and internal processes to ensure unit efficiencies.

Ideal Candidate: Bachelor's degree in accounting or closely related field from an accredited college or university is highly preferred. The ideal candidate will have a CPA certification. Seven to ten years of accounting experience, which include three to five years as a supervisor. A comprehensive knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles, governmental fund accounting, financial statement preparation, accounting systems and internal controls. Strong computer skills, with an emphasis on Excel and Access. Strong analytical problem solving skills and demonstrated ability to be flexible and able to adapt quickly to change. Proven ability to handle multiple projects simultaneously and use good judgement in decision making and in prioritizing work. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with subordinates, colleagues and managers. Support the agencies PRIDE initiative. Familiarity with MUNIS financial management system is a plus.

Apply for Job #22761 online at: <https://azstatejobs.azdoa.gov/>

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

Please email AGA Phoenix Webmaster, Karie Tepper, at webmaster@agaphoenix.org.

AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2015-2016

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	Josh Consier
President Elect	Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA
Past President & Secretary	Kim Prendergast, CGFM, CIA, CPA, CFE
Treasurer	Leslie De'Reche, 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:

newsletter@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/Overview.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: aga@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/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.****