

Upcoming Events

Webinar - Ethics [2 CPE's] Lessons From an \$8.5 Million Fraud

4/10/2019, 12:00 - 1:50 PM

700 W. State St. - 4th Floor Conference Room C

JRW Building - State Controller's Office

Bring your sack lunch for this 2 hour training, CPE provided.

This is a real-life example of fraud and the lessons that can be learned about the importance of controls, segregation of duties, physical safeguards, and the fraud triangle in a time of change. In this webinar, a number of strategies to prevent fraud will be covered including fraud awareness training, ethics training, forensic analytics, internal control framework testing, goal setting, core values, fear of failure, transparency, and positive organizational behavior.

Fraud & Ethics Awareness Speaker



Nathan Mueller

Co-author of *Lessons From An \$8 Million Fraud*

Learning objectives:

- What was missing at ING that allowed the Fraud?
- What duties lacked segregation?
- How could this incident have been prevented?
- How Important are Controls?
- Which physical safeguards are essential?

We wish to thank our Webinar Sponsors: Legislative Audit, State Controller, Department of Health and Welfare, and Ada County

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About Our Chapter

The Idaho Centennial Chapter has a diverse membership base of both active and retired professionals from local, state, and federal government; the private sector; and academia. Many chapter members hold professional certifications including Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

Our Mission

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) serves professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, as well as supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

Charitable Fundraising Raffle

If you have anything you or someone you know wants to donate for the Annual Raffle please contact Kristine Byington ASAP at kbyington@sco.idaho.gov. Gift Cards, Gift Certificates, and Gift Baskets are particularly welcome. All raffle proceeds benefit the Idaho Food Bank's Backpack Program. Don't forget, tickets will be available at the Annual PDT. \$1 Each or 7 Tickets for \$5.

March Luncheon

Mayor of Meridian Idaho
Tammy de Weerd



Tammy has served the city of Meridian for over two decades. She was a charter member and first President of the Meridian Parks and Recreation Commission, served two years on the Planning and Zoning Commission, and was elected to the Meridian City Council in 1999. Tammy then served four years on the Meridian City Council including two as Council President prior to being sworn in as Mayor of Meridian in January 2004. She is not seeking re-election and has watched Meridian grow from a population of 10,000 to over 115,000 without debt. Her first comprehensive plan spanning twenty years is coming to a close and though residents see an explosion of new apartment complexes, she assured us they were approved several years ago.

Meridian has received numerous awards during her tenure for being in the top 100 places to live nationwide. During her leadership Meridian has experienced a 34% growth in Family Wage Jobs fulfilling the commitment to maintain a community where residents can work, play, and live. Here's to a job well done and beautiful parks! Thank you for sharing the local financial challenges that come with exponential growth.

Welcome New Board Members!

Join us in welcoming the two newest Board Members to our Ranks:

Patrick Hodges, State Controller's Office - **Technical Programs**
&
Sondra Chadd, STEM - **Accountability**

We are thrilled that you have come to serve and look forward to hearing your ideas throughout the next year!

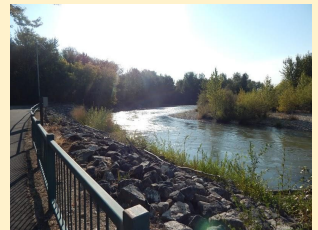
If you are interested in helping, please speak to ANY board member and we will be glad to share information about the AGA and available opportunities to serve. The AGA relies on a group of volunteers to ensure we continue to meet our Mission, Goals, and Objectives.

Goals & Objectives



Accountability,
Certification,
Education,
Research,
Service

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This is a great opportunity to get involved in a supportive organization. If you are interested in serving on our board, please contact Michael Pearson at 208-287-2800 or michael.pearson@idfg.idaho.gov

CGFM MONTH



Celebrating 25 years of CGFM



CGFM Scholarship Program

The Idaho Centennial Chapter is now offering a new program for those who are currently in the process of obtaining their CGFM. See our website for more details.

New Study Guides

Good News for anyone interested in the CGFM program. The AGA board has a new set of study guides available for check out. To get on the list, contact Raelynn North at:

Raelynn.north@isp.idaho.gov

Not sure about the CGFM?

Check out AGA National video of how the CGFM certification can help to expand career opportunities:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx>

If you have any question, need additional resources or have any issues please feel free to reach out to the CGFM chair Raelynn.



SEASON OF SUCCESS!

NEW CGFM Congratulations!

Carrie Budner - January 2019
Idaho State Tax Commission
Ethan Draves - July 2018
State Controller's Office
Diane Wroten - July 2018
Nampa School District #131



All CGFM's enjoyed a free lunch during the March Luncheon Meeting including a slice of cake!

Spring 2019 Professional Development Training



APRIL 23-24, 2019

Over 175 attendees have registered for the Idaho Centennial Chapter 2019 Professional Development Training at the Washington Group Plaza Auditorium in Boise, ID. Late registration is still available, but act fast or you may miss out this year! Parking has been provided by our sponsor, Gardner Company, and is located across the street from the venue between the Ram Restaurant and Falcon Building.

Check Out This Year's Topics:

<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>CPE'S</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>CPE'S</u>
Professional Resiliency John Lynskey Association of Government Accountants	1	Transparency Brandon Woolf State Controller	1
Ethics Major Bill Gardiner Idaho State Police	1	Contracts Julie Weaver Deputy Attorney General	1
GASB Update Brad Berls, Partner & CPA Lealan Miller, Partner & CPA Eide Bailly	2	Risk Control Self-Assessment Keri Garden Department of Health & Welfare	2
Getting Things Done Ashleigh Lopez Division of Human Resources	2	Single Audit Paul Niedermuller Clifton Larsen Allen	2
Non-Positional Leadership Steven Higgins	2	Developing Emotional Intelligence & Conflict Management Bayard Gregory	2

Also new this year is a Networking & CGFM Reception on Tuesday Evening at the Stone House across the street from the conference venue. Appetizers and a No Host Bar will be available for your enjoyment. We look forward to seeing you there!

Spaces are limited so please register no later than April 15, 2019: [REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Please contact Kristine Byington, at kbyington@sco.idaho.gov if you have any questions about your registration.

Presidential Note

With the advent of spring comes CGFM month! As you have no doubt read in the above pages, Governor Brad Little proclaimed March "CGFM month" in the State of Idaho. I'm thrilled that our chapter members had a chance to listen to our Governor read the proclamation and sign it right in front of us.

Next month is our annual PDT - and the Board has been hard at work developing what will be an AWESOME program. Our National President, John Lynskey, will be in attendance as well. Please register ASAP (spaces are filling up fast) for this event!

A lot is happening in AGA right now - consider getting involved with the Chapter Board, read about the changes in AGA national governance structure, or just invite a co-worker or friend!

*Sincerely,
Michael Pearson*



Open Board Positions

Please consider giving back to AGA by helping to lead our great organization. We have several position open and we need your help!

- **Awards** - Coordinates Dates and Submission for Local and National Recognition
- **CGFM** - Promotes the Certified Government Financial Manager Designation to AGA Members and the Governmental Accounting Community
- **Historian** - Records Pictures at Events and Creates a Monthly Newsletter

If you are interested in helping, please speak to ANY board member and we will be glad to share with you any information about AGA and volunteering.

Calendar of Training Events

[LINK TO CALENDAR](#)

Date	Event	Topic	CPE
4/10/2019	Webinar	Ethics	2
4/23-24/2019	PDT	Professional Development Training	16
5/15/2019	Webinar	Fraud/Data Analytics	2
5/16/2019	Luncheon	Boise City Council President Lauren McLean	1
Total Program Hours Offered			21



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Luncheons and Webinars - Start at noon and are hosted at the Idaho State Controller's Office, 4th Floor Conference Room. Invitations/RSVP and Lunch orders will be sent out in advance.

Citizen Centric Report



AGA's Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) initiative is intended to simplify communication between governments and their citizens. We believe accurate government financial information should be provided to citizens, in a simple and understandable format, which is updated regularly, and available to all. We are all AGA!

LINK: [CCR 2017-2018](#)

Chapter Reports

For those of you who like to keep informed of our Chapter Meetings and ongoing financial condition, we update our website each month with: [Board Meeting Minutes](#) & [Treasurer Reports](#). From our homepage, select Our Chapter, navigate to Chapter Board Reports, and select the 'Minutes' or 'Treasurer' link next to the Month-Year of your choice.

