

# AGA Phoenix Chapter ([www.agaphoenix.org](http://www.agaphoenix.org))

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## Message From the President



During the National Professional Development Training in July 2016 in Anaheim, California, our chapter was awarded with Gold Chapter Recognition Award for 2015-2016 Program year. As we look forward to the new program year, we hope to keep up the same level of excellence. This month we will conduct a planning meeting to discuss the CPE topics for our monthly meetings and other chapter business and offerings this new program year. We welcome your suggestions for topics and ask for your participation in this meeting, so that we can make this a great program year. This cannot happen without your participation.

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The planning meeting will be held on August 5th at 11:30 PM at the Macayo's Depot Cantina in Tempe, which is located at 300 S. Ash Tempe, AZ 85281. All are welcome to participate in this important meeting. It is a great place to offer suggestions, and to find out how you can become more involved in the Chapter. If you are unable to attend, but would like to provide feedback to your Board, you can reach out to me at [aga@agaphoenix.org](mailto:aga@agaphoenix.org).

Also, just a reminder that we will resume our normal monthly meetings in September, so stay tuned for more details on our meeting schedule for the year. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and do not let the year-end stress and heat of the summer get you down. I look forward to seeing you back in September.

Thank you for supporting the Phoenix chapter.

Gergana Kovatcheva, CPA, CGFM

President, AGA Phoenix Chapter

#### **CGFM Study Group:**

If you are interested in joining a CGFM Study Group, please contact John Schutter at [john.schutter@asu.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:cgfm@agaphoenix.org)

# AGA Phoenix Chapter, Treasurer's Reports - June 2016

## Treasurer's Report

Book Balance 5/31/2016	\$9,538.87	
Receipts	\$405.01	
Disbursements	\$837.41	
Book Balance 6/30/16	<u>\$9,106.47</u>	
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00	
Outstanding Deposits	\$0.00	
Adjusted Book Balance	<u>\$9,106.47</u>	
<u>Account Balance</u>		
Cash on Hand	\$50.00	
Savings Balance	\$5.00	
Your Savings Balance	\$408.01	
Money Market Account	\$3,163.60	
Checking Balance	<u>\$5,479.86</u>	
	\$9,106.47	
Difference Adjusted Book vs Bank	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table;"><tr><td style="text-align: center;">\$0.00</td></tr></table>	\$0.00
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## Balance Sheet

6/30/2016

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Your Savings Balance	\$408.01
Money Market Fund	\$3,163.60
Checking Balance	<u>\$5,479.86</u>
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<u>\$9,106.47</u>
Inventory	<u>\$22.98</u>
Speaker Gifts	<u>\$20.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$9,149.45</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
<b>TOTAL Liabilities</b>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Equity</b>	<u>\$9,149.45</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](mailto:webmaster@agaphoenix.org).

# AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2016-2017

**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	Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA
President Elect	Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA
Past President	Josh Consier
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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](mailto: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/Resources/Tools-To.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](mailto: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](http://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.\*\***