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CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting and Welcome to the Chicago Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants! It is my honor to serve as the Chapter President for the 2017-18 year, a time when public trust, accountability, and transparency is of the highest priority at the Federal, State, and local levels.

We just completed our 2nd annual FIT Professional Development Training event on September 7th which was attended by over 85 participants, in conjunction with the IL Association of Internal Auditors. After the event, several members participated in a networking session at Cavanaugh's. On October 11th, the Chapter also had approximately 25 participants in attendance at its monthly luncheon webinar titled "Auditing Relevance and Reliability of Performance Information."

Be sure to mark your calendar for our upcoming luncheon on November 14th, on "Ethics & Fraud." Our goal is to offer quality educational opportunities to the Government Accounting community along with other member benefits.

Please visit our website to learn more about upcoming events and to join us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C. [unclear]".

AGA Chapter President 2017-2018

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS



NOVEMBER 15, 2017 CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR

Spotting Fraud in Your Organization

November 15 | 1–2:50 p.m. | 2 NASBA CPEs

LOCATION: RALPH H. METCALFE FEDERAL BUILDING – ROOM 326

77 WEST JACKSON BLVD. CHICAGO, IL 60604

PRICING: Members: \$15 / Non-Members: \$30 (includes a lunch)

Speaker: Chuck Whitlock, Expert, White-collar & Cyber Crime, Business Security & Fraud Prevention

Moderator: Kia Lor, PMP, CMP, Meetings and CEAR Program Manager, AGA

Learning objectives:

Participants will learn how to spot an embezzler within their organization, and what to do about it. Attendees will walk away knowing how to prevent employee schemes including conspiracies, phony payroll systems and false sub-contractors. Additionally, participants will learn about the psychology of a sociopath and how to know when one is working in your midst. Of equal importance, attendees will learn how to minimize a sociopath's negative impact on the organization

***** To attend, please RSVP by 10:00 AM on November 13th to Frank Moy at Franklin.moy@gsaig.gov *****

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **Thursday November 2nd** – November Executive Committee Meeting
- **Wednesday November 15th** – November Continuing Education Seminar (see page above for additional information)
- **Thursday December 7th** – December Executive Committee Meeting
- **Friday December 8th** –Holiday Luncheon (tentative).

RECAP OF PAST EVENTS:

The chapter held a Continuing Education Seminar on Wednesday October 11th. The seminar was an AGA webinar on the topic of Auditing Relevance and Reliability of Performance Information, with the speakers being Paul D. Epstein, Dir. Auditor Roles, Inc. and Stu Grifel, MBA, MPA, CIA, CFE, CGAP, CIGA, Dir., Auditor Roles, Inc. It was an informative and interactive webinar, with several poll questions asked, which allowed for audience participation. The seminar was well-attended, especially by college students. Thank you to everyone who attended!

CEC MINUTES:

A board meeting of the AGA Chicago chapter CEC was held on Thursday October 5th at 11:30 AM. Despite waiting for a quorum to be obtained, no quorum was obtained. As a result, no chapter business was conducted, and the meeting was determined to be over / cancelled at approximately 11:40 AM so those in attendance could leave.

The next AGA Chicago Chapter Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday November 2nd at the GSA Conference Center located at the Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building (77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604). All chapter members are welcome to attend.

A list of the chapter's CEC members can be found on the final page of this newsletter.

FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

Consider attending the AGA National Leadership Training held February 27-28, 2018 in Washington DC. A virtual attendance option is also offered. The chart below lists the registration fee. For more information, please see the AGA National website at <https://www.agacgfm.org>.

| AGA Member | Online | Email/Mail |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Early (On or before Feb. 2) | \$525 | \$550 |
| Standard (After Feb. 2) | \$625 | \$650 |
| Non-member | Online | Email/Mail |
| Early (On or before Feb. 2) | \$700 | \$725 |
| Standard (After Feb. 2) | \$800 | \$825 |

CGFM

Are you planning on obtaining the CGFM professional certification this chapter year? If so, there are resources available to help make this goal a reality! The AGA national office is offering a CGFM Intensive Review course in Alexandria, VA from November 9-10, 2017. Additional details can be found on the AGA National website at www.agacgfm.org.

CGFM Intensive Review Course

November 09 – 10, 2017

Alexandria, Va.

Additionally, the chapter has a copy of the official AGA CGFM study guides, that chapter members can borrow for free. For additional details, or to check out a study guide, contact CGFM Director Raul Nieto at raul.nieto@ed.gov.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



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