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President's Message

The sun is out, spring break is on the horizon for many of you, and our chapter's Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference, co-sponsored with the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants, is here! Please join us on the campus of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma on April 24-25 for two days of continuing professional education and the opportunity to network with your colleagues in the government accounting and auditing community. If you can't make it to Tacoma, you can also register to attend the conference at our satellite videoconference locations in Everett and Spokane, or participate via webinar. Our conference features AGA Chief Executive Officer Ann Ebberts, as well as other speakers from the Washington State Auditor's



Office, the Government Accounting Standards Board, and the Office of Management and Budget. Register now on WSCPA's website, and use the code "AGA17" to obtain the AGA member rate of \$360. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Mary Ann Hardy, Chapter President

Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome to the Seattle Chapter:

Elyce Hackley, Student, University of Alaska-Anchorage

And

Edward A. Johnson, Accountant, US Environmental Protection Agency

Upcoming Events

**Governmental Accounting & Auditing Conference
April 24 and 25, 2017**

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AGA Seattle Chapter Monthly Meeting Schedule For Program Year 2016-2017

Save the dates for our monthly education events for program year 2016-2017! Please join us at these luncheon and brown bag events and help us make this program year a success.

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 - Michael Jacobson and Natasha Jones, King County. 11:30-12:00 Lunch and networking; 12:00-12:50 presentation.

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 - Dean Ritz, Director of IP strategy for Workiva, Inc. on DATA Act. 11:30-12:00 Lunch and networking; 12:00-12:50 presentation. See page 3 for details.

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 - Tina Polf, CPA - Annual Tax Update. 11:30-12:00 Lunch and networking; 12:00-12:50 presentation

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 - Jeff Brown, Contract Specialist with King County. 11:30-12:00 Lunch and networking; 12:00-12:50 presentation,

Please note: the meeting will be held on the 40th floor of the Columbia Tower.

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 - AGA webinar on Uniform Guidance. 11:00-12:50 Pacific time (2 CPEs)

Monday/Tuesday, April 24-25, 2017 - Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference, to be held at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, with remote locations in Everett and Spokane.

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 (Tentative) - Emerald Award Luncheon. 11:30-12:00 Lunch and networking; 12:00-12:50 presentation

When/
Where

Governmental Accounting & Auditing Conference April 24 and 25, 2017

**16 Hours Continuing Professional Education
Co-Sponsored by the Seattle Chapter of the
Association of Government Accountants and the
Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants
at Tacoma, Everett and Spokane and available
on-line.**

To register, contact WSCPA at 425-644-4800.



Governmental Accounting & Auditing Conference

April 24 and 25, 2017
at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma; Everett Community
College, Everett; and Jackson Center, Spokane

Don't miss one of the best quality AND best-priced CPE opportunities all year! Register today. Register today at <https://netforum.wscpa.org/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?WebCode=LoginRequired&expires=yes&Site=WSCPA>, or call WSCPA at 425-644-4800. (Don't forget to mention you are an AGA member to get the member rate!)

Highlights

- New low price! Get 16 hours of CPE for less than \$25 an hour.
- Catch up on GASB updates from GASB's own Director of Research and Technical Activities David Bean.
- Learn about the update on the 2 CFR 200 Grant Guidance from Gil Tran, Senior Policy Analyst with the OMB.
- Get answers to your questions in a panel with State Auditor Pat McCarthy, Secretary of State Kim Wyman, and State Treasurer Duane Davidson.

Objectives

Finding time to stay up to date on all of the rules and regulations in governmental accounting and auditing is a challenge, no doubt about it. Between staying informed about GASB's latest standards update, and checking on the latest from the OMB—not to mention completing all the day-to-day work that keeps your organization running smoothly—how is a CPA to keep up with state and local regulatory changes and learn how to prevent cyber fraud?

By spending two spring days on the gorgeous campus of Pacific Lutheran University attending the WSCPA Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference, that's how! You'll learn everything you need to know about GASB updates from GASB's own Director of Research and Technical Activities David Bean. Hear from Gil Tran, Senior Policy Analyst with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) about the OMB update on the 2 CFR 200 Grant Guidance. Get your questions answered by your elected officials in a panel with State Auditor Pat McCarthy, Secretary of State Kim Wyman, and State Treasurer Duane Davidson. Check out the full schedule at <http://www.wscpa.org/CatalogSearch/EventDetail?id=1866CE7D-6A74-4CD3-8148-430836F97523>

The WSCPA works hard to deliver top-notch CPE at the best price possible, and is proud to offer AGA members these excellent 16 CPE credits for only \$360. (Remember to enter "AGA17" when registering to get the member rate.)

March 8, 2017 Luncheon Presentation

Uniform Guidance: Doing Things Differently

Our chapter hosted a two-hour webinar presented by representatives from the Federal Government (Jeffrey Johnson, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grants, at HHS), State Government (Merril Oliver, Director, Maryland Governor's Grants Office), and the private sector (James Taylor, Managing Director Global Public Sector, Grant Thornton, LLP).

*The Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, better known as **The Uniform Guidance**, was initiated in December 2014. The guidance consolidated into a single document grant-related OMB Circulars A-21, A-87, A-110, A-122, A-89, A-102, and A-133; as well as the portion of Circular A-50 dealing with the Single Audit Act follow-up.*

After defining terms such as the difference between a subrecipient and a contractor and DeMinimus Indirect Cost rates, our speakers discussed how the Guidance's intent has thus far worked out in practice.

The session looked at the progress and problems in implementing the government-wide framework for grants management. The speakers went over grants management changes that were made to implement the Uniform Guidance and discussed progress in achieving key objectives, ranging from strengthening oversight to streamlining federal requirements. They also examined how AGA tools, which are available online to anyone at no cost, can help implement key provisions of the Uniform Guidance. 1/

Toward the end of the presentation, the speakers made a point of recognizing the professionalism of grant managers.

Finally, some time was spent on how regulation changes like The Uniform Guidance will be handled under the new administration's 2-for-1 regulatory requirement.

1/ <https://www.agacgfm.org/Fraud-Prevention-Toolkit/Tools-by-Business-Process/Grants-Program-Management.aspx>

2016-2017 Webinars

AGA has scheduled the following webinars for the 2016-2017 Program Year. See <https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars/2016-2017-Offerings.aspx> for more information about participating in these events.

Ethics	Apr. 12, 2017
DATA Act	May 7, 2017
Fraud/Data Analytics	Jun. 14, 2017

FREE EVENT FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We have a free upcoming Association of Government Accountants (AGA) event at the University of Washington - Tacoma campus that is open to all Puget Sound area college students.

Topic: The Need for Transparency in Government (and current approaches)

Speaker: Ann Ebberts, AGA Chief Executive Officer

Date/Time: Friday, April 21st at 3:00 pm

Location: Carwein Auditorium, University of Washington - Tacoma campus

Ann M. Ebberts has been AGA's Chief Executive Officer since October 2014. Ms. Ebberts has more than 30 years of management consulting experience with the federal government in financial management, financial process improvement, program evaluation and shared services. She also provided project management and advisory support services for the implementation of accounting, acquisition, travel and grant management systems.

STILL TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP

We asked AGA members to renew their memberships between January 11 and March 31, 2017, however, better to renew late than not at all. We encourage anyone who hasn't yet responded to the renewal notice to do so at the first opportunity.

You should have received a letter and an email from AGA National with instructions for how to renew by mail or online. These methods still remain available. Please note that CGFM renewals are also now past due. As an AGA member you will receive a discount on the CGFM renewal fee.

Membership in AGA has many benefits, including education and networking opportunities, awards, and scholarship programs, discounts for training, exclusive CPE opportunities, and access to AGA resources. Members join a local chapter through which they gain additional networking, leadership, and education experiences.

Learn more about the benefits of AGA membership by going to:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Learn-About-AGA/Join-or-Renew.aspx>.

From this page, you can join, renew, or rejoin AGA and follow links to additional information about AGA. Members are vital to a strong chapter, and we encourage you to renew your membership and become active in your chapter, AGA Seattle.

ARTICLES and PHOTOS WANTED

One of the objectives of the AGA is to improve our craft through members sharing experiences and discoveries of better ways to do our jobs.

We are looking for articles to include in the SOUNDER. If you had a "teachable moment," please share it with the rest of us by submitting your insights for SOUNDER inclusion and attribution.

Also, we like to decorate the first page of The Sounder with a local photo each month.

If you have an article or picture to contribute, please send it to Tim Dobler at DOBLER5@MSN.COM. When we use your photo, we will acknowledge you in our credits section.



3 Reasons Why You Should Attend:

1. Earn up to 24 CPEs: Enhance your lifelong learning and gain the knowledge and understanding to better improve your job effectiveness. The presentations are facilitated by both industry experts and colleagues who have faced similar challenges. You can earn up to 24 CPEs.
2. Stay on the cutting edge: Includes top-notch speakers from federal, state, local, academia and the private sector bringing you key findings and educational experiences to augment your job knowledge and skills.
3. Network and connect: Connect with a variety of government financial experts and industry colleagues from around the nation facing the same or similar issues, and exchange ideas to bring back to your organization.

Registration now open!

[Attend In Person](#)

[Attend Virtually](#)

Technology for Global Good: A Vital Resource for Solving the World's Problems - Dael L. Wolfle Lecture

The Evans School presents the 2017 Dael L. Wolfle Lecture

Technology for Global Good

A Vital Resource for Solving the World's Problems
Presented by Wismar Medina
Director - Microsoft Government



Tuesday, April 18, 2017 - 4 p.m. - Husky Student Building (HUB) 250

When	Tuesday, Apr 18, 2017, 4 - 6 p.m.
Campus location	Student Union Building (HUB)
Campus room	Room 250, Husky Union Building
Event types	Lectures/Seminars — Open To The Public

To reserve a spot, go to <https://eventactions.com/eareg.aspx?ea=Rsvp>

Description In the face of rapid technological change in computing, biotech, logistics, and communications, how can policy makers, nonprofits, and governments use technology to solve our greatest challenges? What role should the private sector play? What goals should we collectively be striving towards? How do we address extreme poverty, climate change, or inequality?

Join us at our annual Dael L. Wolfle Lecture as we discuss these questions and challenges with our esteemed guest speaker Wismar Medina, Microsoft's Industry Lead for Local and Regional Government.

Medina's expertise centers on Microsoft's global efforts to help local and regional governments transform their digital resources so they may become more efficient and sustainable while better engaging their citizens. He is currently working on developing a vision for a "Public Sector Digital Marketplace."

The annual Dael L. Wolfle Lecture is named for the late Dael L. Wolfle. Wolfle had an illustrious career in public service. He founded the Department of Psychology at the University of Mississippi, served as a civilian training administrator for the U.S. Army Signal Corps, served as the Executive Director of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, published Science magazine, and taught at the Evans School for more than twenty years.

**AGA Seattle Chapter Ballot
Officers and Board Members for Program Year 2017- 2018**

Please vote for the President-Elect, Officers and Board Members for

President	Mary Ann Hardy	Chapter Chairs 2017-2018 (1-Year Term)	
		Community Service Chair	Gabrielle Sivage
Officers 2017-2018 (1-Year Term)		Write-In	
President-Elect	Karen Murphy	Early Careers Chair	Sam Lord
Write-In	_____	Write-In	
		Education Chair	Diane MaKaeli
Treasurer	Sam Lord	Write-In	
Write-In	_____	Membership Chair	Sandra Starnes
		Write-In	
Secretary	Karyn Angulo	CGFM Chair	Gabrielle Sivage
Write-In	_____	Write-In	
		Web Master	Sam Lord
Board Members at Large		Write-In	
	Tony Eayns	Historian	Karyn Angulo
	John Kurpierz	Write-In	
Other: Write-In	_____	Newsletter	Tim Dobler
	_____	Write-In	

Note: You may vote for as many of these individuals as you choose. Write-ins are also welcome.

Please be sure to vote by Wednesday, April 12, 2017. You can return your ballot to Sandra Starnes, Chapter Secretary, at sandra@pgst.nsn.us.

You should have received a ballot via email for the election of officers and board members. If not, please use the above template.



The Northwest Run/Walk for Epilepsy benefits the [Epilepsy Foundation Northwest](#) that leads the fight to overcome challenges of living with epilepsy and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures, and save lives.

The Northwest Run/Walk for Epilepsy takes place in Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Spokane, Bellingham, Silverdale and Monroe. Other locations are in Oregon and Alaska.

The Epilepsy Foundation Northwest is the largest agency in the Northwest serving the needs of the epilepsy community. Nearly 136,000 people in Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Montana have seizure related health issues.

Please plan to join Board Member Sandra Starnes in this great cause. You can sign up to run, walk, or donate at <http://www.nwrunwalk.org>.

Financial Condition as of February 28, 2017

Checking	\$ 2,684.54
Savings	\$ 4,063.94
12 Month Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$ 4,657.25</u>
Total Assets	\$11,405.73
Liabilities	\$ 0.00
Members' Equity	<u>\$ 11,405.73</u>
Liabilities & Members' Equity	\$11,405.73

Cash Flow Report, Month Ending February 28, 2017

Beginning Cash Balances	\$11,427.78
Speaker Gifts	11.98
Annual Non-profit reporting to WA Sec. of State	10.00
Web-Site/Master Expenses	<u>11.88</u>
Cash Expended	\$ 33.86
Lunch Receipts	\$ 10.00
Interest Income	<u>\$ 1.81</u>
Subtotal Cash Deposits	\$ 11.81
Net Cash Change	\$ 22.05
Ending Cash Balance	<u>\$11,405.73</u>

AGA Seattle Chapter Recognition Program Points

Chapter Goal: 19,000

Chapter Recognition Program categories	Points to Date	Maximum Points
Section I - Chapter Leadership, Planning, & Participation	2,775	5,000
Section II - Education & Professional	2,675	4,000
Section III - Certification	1,600	4,000
Section IV - Communications	3,000	3,000
Section V - Membership with a Focus on Early Career and Student Members	4,000	4,000
Section VI - Accountability	0	2,000
Section VII - Community Service	2,000	2,000
Section VIII - Awards	100	1,000
Total as of March 2017	16,150	25,000

Recognition Levels:

A **Bronze Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 10,000 and 14,500 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Bronze status.

A **Silver Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 14,501 and 17,000 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Silver status.

A **Gold Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 17,001 and 19,500 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Gold status.

The **Platinum Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 19,501 and 25,000 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Platinum status.



The Sounder

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AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

The purpose of the Association and the Chapter is to be an international, professional organization dedicated to the advancement of government financial management. The Association shall serve its members by providing or sponsoring appropriate educational programs, encouraging professional development, influencing governmental financial management policies and practices, and serving as an advocate for the profession. The Association shall serve government officials and the public by sponsoring efforts to ensure full and fair accountability for all public monies, and by providing a variety of pro bono services throughout the United States and its territories that support that end.

**AGA Seattle Chapter
 2016-2017 Board Members**

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