



CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Get ready for Spring time for Continuous Professional Education events! We have a host of events scheduled to provide high quality NASBA CPEs to our members.

Our next luncheon event is scheduled for March 28th and will cover the topic of Cyber Security. This webinar will also be held at the Ralph H. Metcalfe Center in Chicago.

We are also happy to announce that Mr. Dennis Dycus will be our premiere speaker at the annual chapter professional development conference which is scheduled for May 22nd & 23rd. Stay tuned for more details regarding the topics and agenda. Registration will open on March 1, 2018.

Be sure to bring an old book to contribute to our first book drive, which will provide support to "*Turning the Page*", a D.C. and Chicago-based organization that works with Chicago public schools. The Chapter will be collecting gently-used books, CDs and DVDs.

Its that time of year for taxes, so if your interested in assisting individuals with preparing their returns, we are also looking for volunteers to assist low income individuals in need to tax return preparations. See below on how you can help or volunteer.

Be on the look-out for our annual member survey. This is your opportunity to provide feedback , ideas, suggestions that the CEC can incorporate into next year's plans.

We continue to look forward to a successful 2018 so please visit our website to learn more about upcoming events and to join us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Dycus".

Chapter President 2017-2018

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **Thursday, March 1st** - March 2018 Executive Committee Meeting
- Friday, March 16th - ACFE Luncheon - "Bosses Behaving Badly - Investigating Misconduct"
- **Wednesday, March 28th** – **Cyber Security luncheon webinar (Metcalfe Federal Bldg.)**
- **Thursday, April 5th** – April 2018 Executive Committee Meeting
- **Monday, April 9th** – IIA Audit Conference (Rosemont Convention Center)
- **Wednesday, April 11th** – **Ethics luncheon webinar (Metcalfe Federal Bldg.)**
- **Wednesday, April 25th** – **Data Act luncheon webinar (Metcalfe Federal Bldg.)**
- **Thursday, May 3rd** – May Executive Committee Meeting
- **Friday, May 18th** – ACFE/IIA Fraud Conference (Hoffman Estates – Sears Corp Ctr.)
- **Tuesday May 22-23rd** – **Chicago Chapter Professional Development Conference (Metcalfe Federal Bldg.)**
- **Saturday, July 21-25th** – National AGA Conference (Orlando, FL)

RECAP OF PAST EVENTS:

The chapter hosted Continuing Education webinar on Wednesday, January 10th which discussed the new Uniform Guidance requirements issued by the Office of Management & Budget. The webinar was titled “Grants Management – Breaking Down the Complexities” was discussed by Douglas Godesky, Senior Grants Officer for the Corporation for National & Community Service.

Based on the feedback of our participants, the chapter will seek to provide additional fraud-related educational training in the future. Thanks to everyone who attended!

CEC MINUTES:

The next AGA Chicago Chapter Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday March 1st 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. We are also in need of filing vacancies on the chapter board. If you are interested, please contact Tom DiLisio at 312/596-5454 or at dilisio.thomas@dol.gov.

Community Service Events:

BOOK DRIVE

The Chicago AGA Chapter is hosting a Book Drive in support of **Turning the Page**, a D.C. and Chicago-based organization that works with Chicago public schools, we will be collecting gently-used books, CDs and DVDs. Please, look through your home library and see what you might wish to contribute to this worthy cause. Books and media can be dropped off in the following manner:

Option A – AGA- Chicago’s 2018 PDT (May 22-23rd) in the Ralph H. Metcalfe building. We will have donation boxes at the registration desk or can be given to any AGA-Chicago board member.

Option B –Please contact Chanel Castaneda (ccastaneda@agachicago.org or 312-596-5453) to arrange a drop off.

If you want to receive a **receipt for a charitable contribution** for use in your 2018 tax filing next year, please email Chanel and she will arrange to collect needed info about your donation and then arrange for your receipt. The last date of the book drive will be **May 31st**.

TAX PREPARATION VOLUNTEERING

The Chicago Chapter is also pleased to announce that Frank Moy (Education Director) is volunteering at the Center for Economic Progress tax sites, For the past several years, Frank has volunteered as a tax preparer at the Waukegan tax site. After passing IRS training (required) and obtaining certification, you can qualify to be either a tax preparer or tax site specialist. The Center for Economic Program is in partnership with the IRS to provide free tax preparation to low income taxpayers. Please check out the website for more information including tax sites in the Chicago area at www.economicprogress.org. They are in need of volunteers!

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 Chicago 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.

The next CGFM Intensive Review Course (IRC) will be held in Alexandria, Virginia from April 26-27, 2018. The class will run from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM both days, and offers participants up to 18 CPEs. The cost of the course is \$375 for AGA members and \$425 for non-members

Additional information on the AGA Intensive Review Course, such as how to register, can be found at www.agacgfm.org/

Awards / Scholarships

The Chapter is presently reviewing applications received in anticipation of the 2018 award of scholarships.

This academic year, the Association of Government Accountants, Chicago Chapter, announced two scholarship awards, the Excellence in Accounting or Finance and the Matthew Matczynski Leadership/ Community Involvement Awards. Both scholarship awards are open to current college students (undergraduate or graduate students) in the field of Accounting and Finance studies for \$1,000 each. Please share with any student you may know who may be interested in applying for these scholarship opportunities.

- The Excellence in Accounting or Finance Award will be awarded to a student with at least an overall GPA of 3.0/ 4.0 scale and has completed an essay question and provided two non-family references.
- The Matthew Matczynski Award in Leadership/ Community Involvement will be awarded to a student with at least an overall GPA of 2.5/ 4.0 scale and has demonstrated strong leadership qualities and community service involvement through an essay question.

The awards are restricted to students from Illinois or Greater Chicagoland Area higher education institutions.

The scholarship application forms have been posted on the AGA Chicago Chapter website at: <http://www.chicagoaga.org/early-career/scholarship-award/>

For more information about the two awards and the required paperwork and guidelines, please contact Chanel Castaneda (ccastaneda@agachicago.org)

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