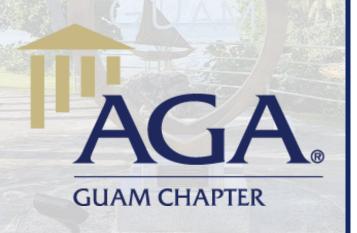


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president's MESSAGE

August 24, 2020

Hafa Adai,

I am pleased to have represented our chapter by attending my first PDT and LEAD training. Due to Covid-19, it was held virtually from 10pm – 7am our time, which made it hard to stay awake and networking was severely curtailed as it was done via chat, but I did get a close up of a sponsored Cigar Rolling and Cocktail Mixing activity. I heard from our National President Wendy, her goals for this year are to, "Focus on Legacy, Leadership and Transformation." She mentioned the AGA is celebrating its 70th year milestone, and I shared that our chapter in September celebrates our 50th year.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. CONTINUED

Our Strategic Plan was submitted to National on August 1. In it we laid out a strategy to commemorate our 50th Anniversary. Our first activity went very well, we received over 60 nominees for the **50 Under 40 Emerging Leaders** and we will need your help to achieve more of our 50 themed endeavors.

- 50 CPEs for Continuing Education Opportunities
- 50 Campaign to Government Officials to Support CGFMs
- 50 New Members Recruitment Drive
- 50 Minutes of Community Service
- 50 Compilation of Who's Who in Government Accountability

If you would like to read the plan it can be found on our website (or click here for the strategic plan).

September is our founding month, we will recognize the Professor John Phillips Excellence in Government Accountability nominees and award a winner, plus we have a CPE opportunity on GASB Updates and the Cares Act. Hope to see you there on September 23.



Best Regards, **Pilar Pangelinan**Chapter President



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

With the rising case numbers and the island placed back in Pandemic Condition of Readiness (PCOR) 1, we will continue to host Zoom meetings to ensure safety of our members and speakers.

Meetings are held every fourth Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Meeting invites will be sent to members at least two weeks in advance.

The AGA Guam Chapter will be holding its August 2020 General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 via Zoom at 12:00 p.m. Please download the free Zoom app on your desktop computer, laptop, mobile phone, etc. to make attending the virtual meeting easier. The Zoom link will be provided beforehand.

Our guest speaker is the General Services Agency Chief Procurement Officer Claudia Acfalle regarding Challenges in Government of Guam Procurement. One (1) CPE will be provided for all attendees.



"Challenges in Government of Guam Procurement"

SPEAKER
Claudia Acfalle, Chief Procurement
Officer (General Services Agency)
One (1) CPE will be provided for attendees.

Update: Due to technical difficulties, we will have our August speaker present at a later meeting.

Presented are the dates of the upcoming General Membership Meetings and the tentative topics to be covered. Please note these are planned topics, subject to the availability of speakers, and may change. The AGA Guam Chapter is working hard in offering CPEs for these meetings.

Email reminders will be sent prior to the meetings and will indicate the confirmed speaker and subject matter to be covered.

Should you have any questions or have any recommendations or feedback, please contact Dr. Doreen Crisostomo (Programs Director) or Pilar Pangelinan (Chapter President).

Date	Tentative Topic
07/22/2020	GGRF / My Total Retirement ☑
08/26/2020	Overview / Challenges in GovGuam's
	Procurement – To be rescheduled
09/23/2020	GASB Updates / CARES Act
10/28/2020	Candidate Forum Senator / Congress
11/25/2020	ERP Computer Software and Application
12/23/2020	AGA Christmas Party (coordinated by JAS)
01/27/2021	Robotics Process Automation / Blockchain
02/24/2021	Tax Updates / What You Should Know for Tax
	Year 2020
03/24/2021	CGFM Month / Professional Development
04/28/2021	Economic Outlook / State of Our Island's
	Economy
05/26/2021	Ethics in Government / Increasing Trust in Our
	Government
06/23/2021	Oath of Office / End of Year Celebration

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEC) MEETINGS

CEC Meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month at noon. If you are interested in joining discussions for Chapter events or joining a committee, feel free to contact Pilar Pangelinan.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS. CONTINUED

SAVE THE DATE: GUAM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE





@agaguamchapter

05.24.21 to 05.28.21





FLASHBACK TO THE 2018 GPDC AT THE WESTIN RESORT GUAM





UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS. CONTINUED

Thank you for your Submissions!

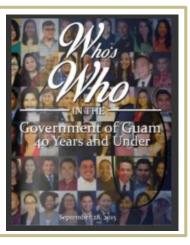
We received your nominations and are now going through the process of reviewing and verifying the submissions. An evaluation committee has been established to rate the nominees and we will be sharing the results at our upcoming meetings. We thank you for your input and we look forward to sharing with you all soon.



Click <u>here</u> to watch the AGA Guam Chapter's 45 Years of Excellence Video.



Click here
to view the
AGA Guam
Chapter's
Who's Who
in the Gov't
of Guam: 40
Years and
Under.



Past award recipients include:

- Guam Department of Education Superintendent Jon Fernandez (2019)
- Former Port Authority of Guam General Manager Joanne Brown (2018)
- Public Auditor Benjamin J.F. Cruz (2017)
- Chief Justice Robert Torres (2016)
- Former Guam Department of Education Superintendent Taling Taitano (2015)
- The Late Speaker Vicente Pangelinan (2014)
- Guam Community College
 President Mary Okada (2013)
- Former Public Auditor Doris Flores
 Brooks (2012)

RECOGNIZING YOUNG, DYNAMIC LEADERS

CRITERIA



Current, Full-Time GovGuam Employee for at least Five Years



40 Years or Younger by 12/31/2020



Demonstrated Skills and/or Promise to be an Outstanding Leader

Email agaguamchapter@gmail.com to submit a nomination.



FRIENDLY REMINDER...

Be sure to update your member profile for any changes in personal, work, and contact information. This will ensure you receive all your benefits and notifications.

MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

congratulations!

22 YEARS
GILDA M. MAFNAS
GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY

16 YEARS
JOCELYN LLAMAS PASCUA
GUAM POWER AUTHORITY
MARIETTA PAEZ VICENTE
GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY

14 YEARS
FELINA DALINDA CONCEPCION
GUAM POWER AUTHORITY
13 YEARS

GAUDENCIO A. ROSARIO
GUAM DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

11 YEARS
JOE SAN NICOLAS
GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY
10 YEARS

PILAR O. PANGELINAN GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

7 YEARS
MICHELLE S. BRILLANTE
GUAM OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

<u>5 YEARS</u> Adriana ursula quitugua

GUAM OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

CHRISTIAN S. RIVERA

GUAM OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

AMACRIS V. LEGASPI, CGFM

PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM

4 YEARS

IRA MARIE P. PALERO

GUAM OFFICE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

VANESSA D. VALENCIA

OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET

3 YEARS

YUKARI BUCCAT

DELOITTE AND TOUCHE LLP

MERCEDES F. POLIARCO, CGFM

GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY

1 YEAR

SEE LEUNG

HOTEL NIKKO GUAM

NEW YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

THOMAS BATTUNG
GUAM OFFICE OF PUBLIC
ACCOUNTABILITY

ODETH IGNACIO
GUAM DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATION

MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS. CONTINUED

MEET THE MEMBERS (OFFICERS EDITION)

Last month, we featured President Pilar Pangelinan and Treasurer Fierce Catoc. In this month's edition, we highlight our *President-Elect*, *Maripaz Perez*.

- Name, nickname, designations Maripaz N. Perez, CGFM, CGAP, CICA, CIA, CFE Nickname – Paz
- Why did you join AGA? I initially joined AGA because my former employer signed me up.
- What do you like most about being in AGA? I love the camaraderie and support I receive and offer to our officers and members.
- 4. Tell us a bit about yourself?
 - Graduated from George Washington High School
 - Earned degree in International Business and minored in Human Resources Management at the University of Guam
 - Received her Masters of Arts in Organizational Management at the University of Phoenix
 - Worked for the Guam Office of Public Accountability for more than 8 years
 - Worked at the at the University of Guam as an adjunct instructor teaching Principles of Financial Accounting for two years from Spring 2017 thru Fall 2018
 - Currently works at Guam Power Authority as the Internal Auditor
- What do you like most about what you do? Meeting new people and learning about what they do.
- Interesting fact about yourself... No dressing (at all) in my salad. Loves to eat it plain.
- Three words to describe yourself Friendly, Resourceful, Helpful

Tell us a few of your favorites (song, food, and movie; or show, color, holiday; or

If you didn't get into auditing, what job

- SONG: Don't You Forget About Me (by Simple Minds)
- COLOR: Dark (navy) Blue
- SHOW: Futurama

I'm thinking Teaching or Nursing

would you have done?

any mix of favorites)

- FOOD: Dim Sum
- DESSERT: Anything chocolate

10. Advice to members to get the most out of their membership.

Do not hesitate to introduce yourself to other members and build on your networking. It will be very helpful to you both in your personal and professional growth!



L-R: Fierce Catoc (Treasurer), Llewelyn Terlaje (Treasurer-Elect), Maripaz Perez (President-Elect), Pilar Pangelinan (President), Pamela Aguigui (Secretary), and Yuka Hechanova (NCC Rep)

'E WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! PLEASE CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT A GOOGLE FORM TO BE FEATURED IN OUR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS! PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A RAFFLE FOR AN AGA PRIZE PACKAGE!

CGFM CORNER

Want more career OPTIONS

Become a CGFM

Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

Learn more about the value and benefits of CGFM through a short video here.

Get started today!

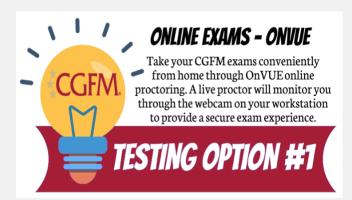
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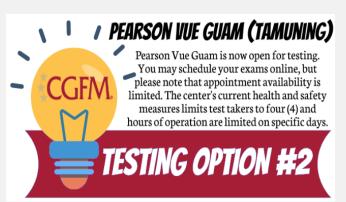


Proclamation Signing at Adelup

READY TO TAKE THE EXAM...

With the pandemic ongoing, there are currently two available testing options: 1) Online Exams – OnVUE and 2) Pearson Vue Guam (Tamuning). *Please be sure to check for updates as changes occur due to the ever-changing situation.* Should you have any questions, please contact our certification directors, Maripaz Perez or Mercedes Poliarco.





CGFM CORNER. CONTINUED

The CGFM Certification Process

- 1. Read AGA's Code of Ethics
- 2. Apply for the CGFM Program
- 3. Submit Required Degree Documentation
- 4. Receive an Eligibility Letter
- 5. Prepare for the CGFM Examinations
- 6. Schedule the CGFM Examinations
- 7. Take the CGFM Examinations
- 8. Submit a Work Verification Form
- 9. Receive your CGFM Award Letter
- Receive your CGFM Certification and Maintain Your Certification

Visit this **link** or more Information:

Preparing for the CGFM Examinations

AGA offers several avenues to prepare for the CGFM examinations.

- Examination 1: Governmental Environment (GE)
- Examination 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting (GAFRB)
- Examination 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control (GFMC)

Candidates can take the Instructor-led training courses; use CGFM Study Guides; and avail the AGA Guam Chapter's CGFM Scholarship programs.

Requirements to Maintain Your CGFM Certification

To retain the CGFM certification, all CGFMs must adhere to the AGA's Code of Ethics. In addition, to continue using the CGFM designation after their name, CGFMs must be in an active status.

- Pay the CGFM renewal fee by the due date every year.
- Complete at least 80 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) every two years in government financial management topics or related technical subjects (within the designated two-year cycle).
- Maintain and, if requested by AGA, provide detailed information on CPE hours completed.
- By submitting their annual renewal payment, CGFMs affirm that they have and will continue to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and that they have fulfilled the minimum CPE Requirements.

Visit this link or more Information:

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Visit the Guam Chapter webpage for details or click here.

AGA Guam's CGFM Initiatives

The Chapter has been committed and continues to promote and market the CGFM designation to Government of Guam professionals in the fields of accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting, and academia.

The CGFM Committee has various **CGFM** initiatives of the Chapter's continuous commitment to promote the CGFM designation. The following are initiatives that the Certification Committee has in place in its continued efforts to achieve their core mission.

- CGFM Scholarship Reimbursement: Members can receive registration fee plus costs for the three CGFM exams.
- CGFM Review Exam Questions Reimbursement
 Scholarship: Members can be reimbursed for cost of review exam questions.
- 3. **Study Guides Loan:** Members can borrow study guide materials as they prepare for their examination.
- 4. *E-Book (Online) Study Guides Scholarship Reimbursement:* Members can be reimbursed for the purchase cost of CGFM online study guides.
- 5. **CGFM Mentorship Program:** Provide encouragement to members who signed up in the program to take the exams and attain their CGFM designation.
- 6. **Study Group:** Committee can facilitate/coordinate a study group upon members' requests.
- 7. Monthly or Quarterly Meetings: Committee can facilitate/coordinate monthly or quarterly meetings with members who are actively pursuing their CGFMs. The meetings will provide s support environment where participants can share their progress, issues they encounter committing to their target goal, study or test taking tips, etc.





and other member benefits







LINKS AND RESOURCES

The following is a summary of a few of the many helpful resources available on AGA National's website.

Free Members-Only Webinars

... free learning opportunities throughout the year. Members-only webinars are one hour long and offer one CPE.



SAVE the DATE: November 18, 2020

The Financial Systems Summit (FSS) is now the Technology & Transformation Summit (TTS), renamed to better reflect the broader scope of topics included in the program!



	Virtual
AGA member	
Government Employees	Comp
Private Employees	Comp
Nonmember	
Government Employees	\$125
Private Employees	\$249

Every year, this event brings more than 1,300 government leaders and industry experts together to discuss ways to improve government services through technology modernization and business transformation in a budget-constrained environment.

As new forms of advanced technology are introduced to government users, there are many questions about what to pursue, what to invest in, and what to simply observe for a while. Hear about what is working in government and listen to the experiences of others at agencies that may be further along in the development process. Gain the insights, inspiration and information you need to tackle existing and upcoming challenges! [Click here for details.]

Need CPEs?

Aside from the free members-only webinars, AGA National offers at cost (discounted for members), the following:

- Journal CPE Online Quizzes
- Self-Learning Training
- Discounted CPEs from <u>Becker Professional Education</u> <u>Resources</u>
- Webinars
- Other in-person events

Refer to the <u>Trainings & Events</u> page on AGA National's website.

LINKS AND RESOURCES. CONTINUED

CITIZEN-CENTRIC REPORT (CCR)



With the enactment of Public Law 30-127, An Act Relative to Adopting the Association of Government Accountants'
"Citizen-Centric Report"
Initiative, CCRs are mandated by law to be completed by each government of Guam entity no later than sixty (60) calendar days after the independent audit report for a government entity has been released by the Guam Office of Public Accountability.

Furthermore, Title 1 Guam Code Annotated Chapter 19 §1922(a), every director, administrator, president, or head of a Government of Guam agency, including line agencies, autonomous and semi-autonomous agencies, public corporations, the Guam Mayors' Council, the Courts of the Judiciary of Guam and the Guam Legislature shall submit an annual Citizen-Centric Report: (1) via .pdf email attachment; (2) to the Public Auditor of Guam and the Speaker of the Guam Legislature; (3) no later than 60 calendar days after the release of the entity's independent audit report; and (4) to be posted on the entity's website.

Standards & Guidance - CCR

AGA National provides guidance on how to prepare a visually appealing CCR as well as some samples of completed CCRs.

Completed CCRs can be emailed to ccr@agacgfm.org, and a team will review and provide constructive feedback on ways to make your report more informative and meaningful. Additionally, AGA National recognizes well designed and informative CCRs with an AGA Certificate of Excellence.

For more information on the Certificate of Excellence in CCR, click here.

Locally, the Guam Chapter holds the **Best CCR Contest** in which eligible government of Guam entities can submit nominations. Contact our Accountability Director Dr. Doreen Crisostomo or Co-Director Michelle Puno for details.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES FOR RECEIVING THE CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE FROM AGA NATIONAL*

Guam Waterworks Authority Guam Visitors Bureau
Guam Housing Corporation Guam Economic Development Agency

* Note these agencies have had their CCRs reviewed and awarded, others may be pending review. For CCRs submitted to National click <u>here</u>.



UOG AND GCC SCHOLARSHIPS

AGA Guam Chapter Herminia Dierking Scholarship University of Guam

FALL 2020 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Due Date: SEPTEMBER 18, 2020



Overview

The Herminia Dierking Scholarship program is sponsored and funded jointly by the Guam Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and private sector contributors in recognition of the achievements of the late Herminia H. Dierking, a Legislator, Educator, Humanitarian, Past President of AGA Guam Chapter, Past Regional Vice President of AGA Pacific Rim, and a past recipient of the AGA National Chapter Service award. This Scholarship is open to students who intend to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Business Administration, Finance and Economics or Public Administration at the University of Guam (UOG).

Benefit

A total of \$2,000 in scholarship funds will be awarded to **two (2) undergraduate students (\$1,000 for each recipient)** at UOG who exhibited academic excellence in the Accounting, Business Administration, Finance and Economics or Public Administration disciplines. (Subject to availability of funds).

AGA Guam Chapter Scholarship Guam Community College FALL 2020 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION Due Date: SEPTEMBER 18, 2020



Overview

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Guam Chapter Scholarship program is sponsored and funded jointly by AGA and Private sector contributors in order to "advance government accountability" and transparency in all government levels by reaching out to all accountability professionals from Accounting Technicians to Accountants. This Scholarship is open to students who intend to pursue an Associate's Degree in Accounting at the Guam Community College (GCC).

Benefit

A total of \$1,000 in scholarship funds will be awarded to two **(2) undergraduate students (\$500 for each recipient)** at GCC who has exhibited academic excellence in the Accounting discipline. (Subject to availability of funds).

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Visit the Guam Chapter webpage for details.

allebrating 50 years



Did You Know...





The AGA Guam Chapter's first president was Floyd W. Fagg, a federal government comptroller for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. He was 1 of 20 charter members and his term was from 1970-1971.

Celebrating our Past, Igniting our Future...







WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 50 YEARS!

Do you have any interesting AGA trivia to share?

How many AGA 5k shirts do you have? Think you have the most? Send us a picture of you and your shirt collection.

Have any pictures you want to share from past AGA events? Email us and we can feature it in our future newsletters (be sure to identify who is in the picture, when it was taken and what the event was for).

Have a favorite memory of AGA, tell us all about it.

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