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The Bottom Line

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The First Professional Development Meeting
County Procurement: "The Art of the Process"

with Laurie Rozko

is on September 14, 2016

See details on page 5.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Sep 14, 2016

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Hall of Records (3rd floor)

222 W. Hospitality Lane,

San Bernardino

OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Oct 12, 2016

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Hall of Records (3rd floor)

222 W. Hospitality Lane,

San Bernardino

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About The Bottom Line:

AGA Inland Empire Chapter's monthly newsletter, *The Bottom Line*, covers member and AGA activities at both the Chapter and National levels. *The Bottom Line* features Chapter news, developments within the profession and articles of interest to members. Opinions and beliefs expressed in *The Bottom Line* are those of the contributors and do not necessarily reflect those of the AGA.

We welcome and encourage members to send us original or reproduced articles that may be of interest to our members for publication in our newsletter. Articles are due by the end of the second week of each month.

Editorial contributions, ideas, or suggestions should be sent to the Newsletter Chair at events@aga-ie.org.

President's Message

Greetings our AGA Inland Empire Chapter family,

On behalf of our new CEC team, I would like to welcome all of our chapter active members, potential members, speakers, and friends. We look forward to serving you for another successful AGA learning year.

I am glad to share with you the highlights of the year 2016/2017:

Education: Three seminars will be offered this year to meet your education and certification needs throughout the year as follow:

Seminar 1: Wednesday November 09, 2016 - Fraud and GASB Updates with Chuck Hester

Seminar 2: Wednesday February 08, 2017 – IT Audit, Governance and Accountability with Mark Edmead

Seminar 3: Wednesday May 10, 2017 – Ethics and Regulatory with Chuck Hester

Recognition & Awards: In addition to the Member of the Year and the Outstanding Contribution to Government Accounting awards, we are bringing back the member of the month award this year, so in total 11 awards will be granted.

Prizes: Two prizes will be given every meeting this year. The door prize that we normally give for the past many years, and a new one we are introducing this year called the "Quiz Prize". Your attendance will qualify you for the door prize, and your attention to what the speaker presents will qualify you for the second prize.

Scholarships: Our focus this year will be on encouraging our members to pursue the CGFM certification. To defray some of the cost of the preparation, the exam and the certification we are leading to increase the amount of the CGFM scholarship. Stay tuned we will let you know soon the new scholarship amount.

I can't let this opportunity go without introducing our **CEC team** for this year. I am so excited to work with such dedicated, energized and professional group:

David Bobbitt – Membership Chair, Diana Atkeson – Award Chair, Evelyn Bobbitt- Historian, Lena Crowley – Community Services Chair, Linda Tostado – Newsletter and Hospitality Chair, May Guan – Secretary, Sakura (Shay) Younger – Past President and CGFM Chair, Sydnie Harris – Treasurer, Tobi Babalola – Education Chair, Rhonda Neill – Employment Chair

As the chapter president for the 2016/2017 year, I look forward to working with the CEC team and all AGA Inland Empire members to make the most out of this year, to reach our education, networking and professional development

goals. Please share with us all of your ideas, feedback, speaker interest, topic interest or any other input you think is pertinent to the success of the chapter.

See you all at our upcoming PDM on Wednesday September 14, 2016. The topic is County Procurement: The Art of the Process, and the speaker is Laurie Rozko, County of San Bernardino Purchasing Director.



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PDM REPLAY

on May 11, 2016 ...

CONGRATULATIONS!!

The recipients of the 24th Annual Richard Curtis Memorial Scholarships are:

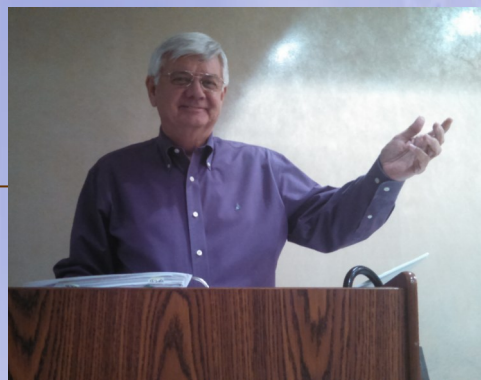
Clayton Neill (not pictured) and



Tanya Harris (top left) and Sakura Younger (top right)

Thank you to all the students for attending our May PDM!
Best of luck with all your endeavors!!

A very special Thank You to all our members!



Chuck Hester (Seminar speaker)



Diana Atkeson (lunch speaker)

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benefits of AGA membership:
trainings, publications, and more...

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Annual Training Calendar

| Date | Location | Subject | Speaker/Agency |
|---------|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Sep. 14 | Hall of Records San Bernardino | County Procurement: "The Art of the Process" | Laurie Rozko, San Bernardino County |
| Oct. 12 | Hall of Records San Bernardino | Data Transparency | Doug Glenn, AGA National President |
| Nov. 9 | Hall of Records San Bernardino | Fraud and GASB updates TBD-Lunch | Charles Hester -Seminar TBD-Lunch |

Internet Resources

Local Chapter Website: <http://www.agacgfm.org/InlandEmpire>

National Website: <http://www.agacgfm.org>

Also, look under "Government Financial Management Resources" on the Internet. This section has links to most of the accounting organizations, standards setting bodies and federal agencies.

Also check out these websites:

<http://www.gfoa.org/>

<http://www.specialdistrictcareers.com>

<http://www.govexec.com/>

<http://www.accountingweb.com/>

<http://www.csac.counties.org/>

<http://www.governing.com>

AGA offers FREE, online ToolKits and guides to help financial professionals working at all levels of government do their jobs better.

agacgfm.org



-Fraud Prevention, Risk Assessment,
etc...

Share the good news! If you or someone in your office has reached a career milestone, completed training or received certification, earned a promotion, or accomplished a personal goal, please forward the information to events@aga-ie.org to be posted in *The Bottom Line*.

The Bottom Line

Professional Development Meeting

From Linda Tostado

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Hall of Records (3rd floor) 222 W Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino

(Directions on page 10)

County Procurement: “The Art of the Process”

Speaker: Laurie Rozko, Purchasing Director , County of San Bernardino

Cost: \$25.00 Members
\$30.00 Non-Members
\$10.00 Student Members
\$14.00 Student Non-Members

Reservations: call (909) 383-9658 or
email ltostado@hss.sbcounty.gov

Deadline: Friday, September 9, 2016, 5:00 pm

Menu: Chef's Choice

IMPORTANT:

Please remember if a reservation is made but unattended, then the attendee is responsible for payment. (But if you let me know before the meeting that you will be unable to attend, I might be able to sell your ticket to someone who requests a reservation after the deadline.)

SORRY - NO REFUNDS FOR LUNCH CANCELLATIONS

About Our Speaker



After more than a decade in private sector sales, marketing and contracting, Laurie Rozko began her career with San Bernardino County in various administrative roles. As a finance analyst, she focused on law enforcement agencies with complex budgets, capital projects and contracts. In 2007, Laurie became the Director of Purchasing, including surplus property, countywide mail operations and printing services.

She has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and the designations of Certified Purchasing Manager from the Institute for Supply Management and Certified Public Procurement Official by the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council.

Under Laurie's direction, the County has earned the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement award every year; implemented electronic procurement and performance measurement; adopted "best value" procurement as County policy; endorsed Cal-State University's development of a public procurement certificate program; established a regional vendor show; served on various committees for policy development, budgetary streamlining and interdepartmental projects; and the Purchasing Department has achieved cost savings related to numerous contract initiatives.

She is active in the California Association of Public Procurement Officials, currently serves on the Legislative and Position Committee of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing and was recently a panel member discussing Global Best Practices at the Institute for Public Procurement annual conference.

Let us know what you think!!

Share your thoughts with us at our Facebook page:
Association of Government Accountants - Inland Empire Chapter

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Association-of-Government-Accountants-Inland-Empire-Chapter/242852859088346>.

Member notes of AGA PDT JULY 2016

Truly worthwhile - Mary Barber

The AGA Professional Development Training was one of the best training events I have ever attended. The keynote speakers were captivating! I highly recommend this training to all accountants and auditors who would like to improve their technical and soft skills.

My experience - Tobí Babalola

I've been a member of the AGA for about 4 years, and this year I was able to attend the PDT at Anaheim, California. It was an eye-opening experience in that I met a lot of federal and state government employees who perform various functions ranging from budgeting to auditing to controllership to accounting for covert agencies like the CIA.

I was particularly impressed with opening morning sessions featuring the current Comptroller-General of the United States as well as an Under-Secretary from the Department of Homeland Security. The fact that the immediate past Comptroller General of the U.S. was a speaker at one of the sessions I attended was also mind-blowing because I simply felt surrounded by giants of government finance.

In spite of the presence of financial 'stars', I quickly realized at the PDT that the AGA was adequately committed to the professional development of attendees from the millennial generation. This commitment was evident in the inclusion of several sessions on the program geared towards issues affecting young government finance officers. Topics discussed in these sessions include: "How to succeed in your Multi-generational workplace", "Certified Government Financial Manager", and "Workforce of the future" amongst others.

In all, I must state that I am extremely grateful to Shay Younger and David Bobbitt who encouraged me to attend the Professional Development Training. I learned a lot about professional relationships as well as upcoming changes in the arena of government finance.

Employment Opportunities

From Rhonda Neill

Agency: California State University San Bernardino
Job Title: Accountant III
Closing Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$58,788 to \$98,820 annually
Website: www.csusb.edu



Agency: California State University San Bernardino
Job Title: Executive Director Procurement & Support Services
Closing Date: Until Filled
Salary: Depends on Qualifications
Website: www.csusb.edu

Agency: SBCERA
Job Title: Account Auditing Supervisor
Closing Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$60,724 to \$90,232 annually
Website: www.sbcera.org

Agency: City of Riverside
Job Title: Utilities Senior Analyst
Closing Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$64,688 to \$95,347 annually
Website: www.riversideca.gov

Agency: City of Riverside
Job Title: Principal Management Analyst
Closing Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$78,408 to \$120,852 annually
Website: www.riversideca.gov

Agency: County of San Bernardino
Job Title/ Salary: Staff Analyst II / \$4,430.40 to \$6,090.93 monthly
Accountant III (ATC) Contract / \$54,246.40 - \$74,547.20 annually
Systems Accountant II (ATC) - Contract / \$59,758.40 - \$82,305.60 annually
Human Capital Management Functional Analyst I and II / \$64,313.60 - \$97,635.20 annually
Internal Review Accountant II, III, and IV / \$46,820.80 - \$84,260.80 annually
Closing Date: Until Filled
Website: www.sbcounty.gov/hr

Riverside County Jobs
www.rc-hr.com/careers/howtoapply.aspx

Nominate the next Member of the Month

If you would like to nominate someone for Member of the Month, please complete the form on page 11.



Visit AGA's Career Center at
<http://aga.careerbank.com>

National and Regional AGA News

Federal CxOs and the private sector come together at the Shared Services Summit

Oct. 4 | Washington | 7 CPEs

Join us for this first-of-its-kind event co-hosted by AGA, ACT-IAC and the Shared Services Leadership Coalition.

[Learn more](#) | [Register](#)

How is AGA governed?

A national network of dedicated and passionate volunteers is responsible, and they gain personal and professional benefits along the way. [Learn more in AGA Governance 101](#)

AGA & Industry News

What are the five great benefits of blended funding? Find the answer. | [View all intergovernmental reports](#)

AGA Past National President wins Outstanding CPA in Government Career Contributor Award Sam McCall, 2005–06 National President, was honored for his contributions to the efficiency, effectiveness and delivery of services in government finance. [Learn more](#)

Need to determine fiscal and program requirements? Use these essential "decision tools." [Discover them](#) | [View all Intergovernmental Reports](#)

"Financial Numbers Aren't the Only Measures of Government Performance" It's easy to rely solely on traditional financial data — but are you truly painting an accurate picture of performance? [Read more](#)

Want to reduce improper payments? Use this handy [checklist](#) to determine relationships and stay in compliance.

AGA Calendar:

Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training

Sep. 20 - 21, 2016

Washington, D.C.

Federal Financial Systems Summit

Jan. 13, 2017

Washington, D.C.

National Leadership Training

Feb. 15-16, 2017

Washington, D.C.

Professional Development Conference

July 9 - 12, 2017

Boston, MA

July 22 - 25, 2018

Orlando, FL



Are you prepared for AGA's CGFM Exams?

The CGFM Training Series

Consists of three courses, offered throughout the U.S.

- ★ Develop a broad base of knowledge in government auditing, accounting, financial management and budgeting
- ★ Get up-to-date information on the latest policies and procedures
- ★ Discover how to work more effectively in government environments and on related projects



Upcoming Audio/ Web Conferences 2016-2017

- Sep 14** Avoiding Surprises and Assessing Risks: Building on Today's Internal Controls
- Oct 12** Cyber/Big Data
- Nov 16** Fraud Toolkit Case Studies
- Dec 7** Ethics

The audio/web conferences are held on
Wed 2–3:50 p.m. ET





YOUR LOCAL AGA CHAPTER IS HOSTING A PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE CHARITY DRIVE

Let's help promote economic growth throughout the County! We will be accepting suits and business clothes. All items will be donated to the County of San Bernardino Department of Workforce Development.

If you would like to participate, please give slightly used or new professional attire to your local AGA representative before September 30, 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact Lena Crowley at:
Lena.Crowley@atc.sbcounty.gov or (909) 382-3108



Volunteer and Community Services

Members interested in helping the community are encouraged to participate in a community event of their choice and provide information to the chapter for inclusion in the newsletter.

Please donate whole blood, plasma, or platelets. It's the gift of life!

Our chapter has an ongoing blood drive with the Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties for the community blood plan. Please write "GCAG" in the donor group. If you have questions, donor centers are located in San Bernardino (909-885-6503), Riverside (951-687-2530), Ontario (909-987-3158), and High Desert (760-949-6344), Upland (909)920-0625.

Nominate the next Outstanding Contribution to Government Accounting Award

If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please complete the form on page 12.

2016 - 2017 Chair Members Nominations

If you would like additional information or would like to nominate someone for the following positions please contact ali.chemkhi@atc.sbcounty.gov

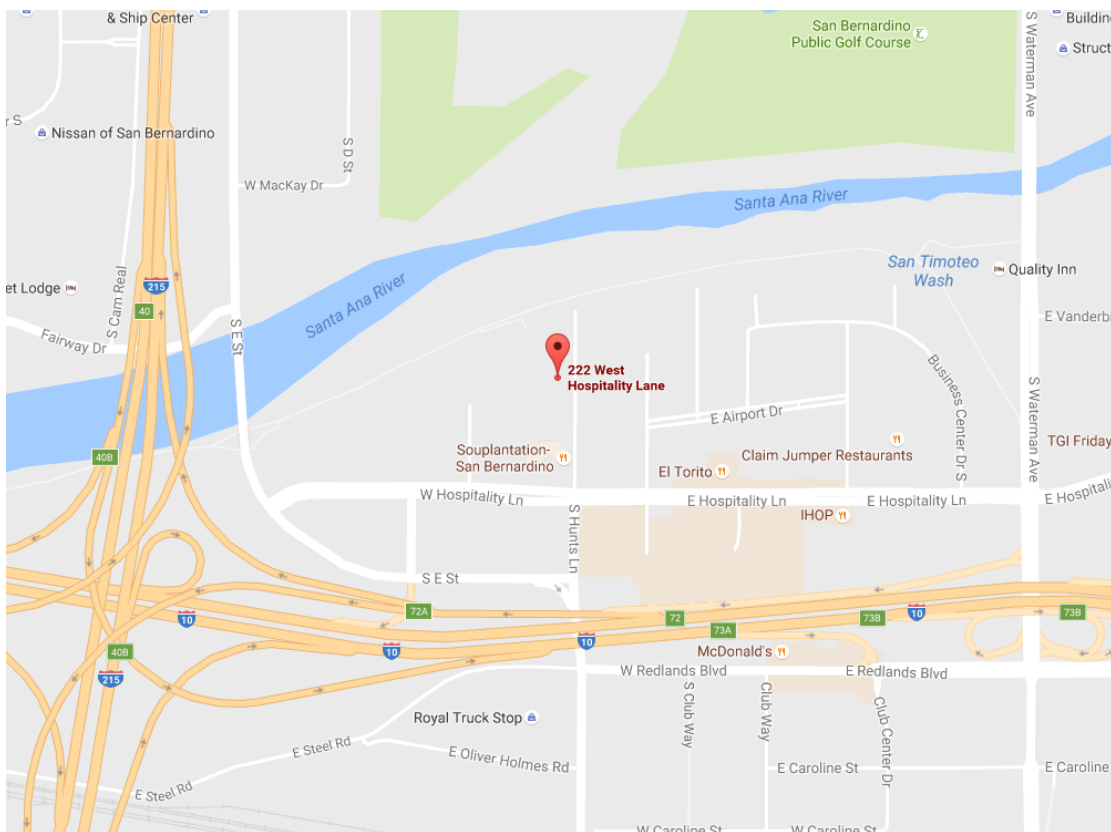
The following are open Chapter Officer positions:

Board Positions

—President Elect —Webmaster

Chapter Chair Positions

—Accountability —Early Careers —Research



Professional Development Meeting

Hall of Records
222 W. Hospitality Lane
San Bernardino, CA

From the I-215 FWY,
East on I-10, North on
S. Waterman Ave,
West on Hospitality
Lane, and on west
side of street



MEMBER OF THE MONTH NOMINATION FORM

DATE: _____

TO: AGA CEC

NOMINATOR: _____

Nomination Month: _____

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Employer: _____

Department: _____ Job Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Reason (s) for Nomination:

Nomination Criteria: In order for Chapter members to be considered for the Member of the Month award, they should meet criteria #1 in addition to either criteria #2 or #3:

1. Attendance of Chapter meetings: Attended more than half of the AGA Chapter meetings for previous year.
2. Contribution(s): Made recent contribution(s) to the Accounting field and/or AGA Chapter, including:
 - a. Participated in mentoring others
 - b. Participated in AGA presentations
 - c. Published on Accounting articles/newsletters or websites
 - d. Provided significant assistance to the Chapter with the Scholarship Fundraiser etc.
 - e. Contributed to Society (volunteer work, mentoring in general, and serving on board of directors and/or committees of not-for-profit organizations).
3. Accomplishment(s): Had recent accomplishment(s), including :
 - a. Passed CPA or CGFM or any other related professional exam
 - b. Completed graduate school
 - c. Promoted

NOMINATION FORM: OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING

Date: _____

To: AGA CEC, PO Box 692, San Bernardino, CA 92402-0692 or e-mail events@aga-ie.org.

Nominator: _____

Contact Info: _____ (email address)

_____ (phone - optional)

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Employer: _____

Department: _____

Job Title: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Reason(s) for Nomination:
