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MISSION STATEMENT

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

VISION

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability. AGA defines government accountability as a government's obligation to the people for its actions and use of resources.



THANK YOU OCTOBER LUNCHEON SPEAKERS!



Jay Miller

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Chief Financial Officer
United States Capitol Police



Steve Johnson

Financial Systems Officer
Library of Congress

December Luncheon Speaker



Gwendolyn Sykes

US Secret Service
Chief Financial Officer





President's Message



Greetings Fellow Members,

During the October monthly luncheon we enjoyed Legislative Branch leaders as they shared insights on Financial Management and Shared Services. The passion and institutional knowledge was well received. Thank you, Jay and Steve.

- **Jay Miller, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer, United States Capitol Police**
- **Steve Johnson, Financial Systems Officer, Library of Congress**

The community service focus for October – November is Junior Achievement of Greater Washington. This organization empowers and prepares K-12 students to own their economic success by offering programs on financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and business economics.

September and October Highlights of the 2017 program year include the following:

Month	Highlights
September	Tri-Chapter Picnic: Over 50 members & families attended (DC, Northern Virginia, Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapters)
	Citizen Centric Report (CCR) submitted on 9/30 http://www.agadc.org/aga-dc-chapter-citizen-centric-report/
	AGA Tri-Chapter collaboration at the Internal Control & Fraud Prevention Training – joint recruiting and branding
October	Member Services Happy Hour on 10/25 at Elephant and Castle with over 70 in attendance
	DC Chapter luncheon, over 205 in attendance and Food Donation challenge
	Participated in the 10/29 FANTastic March 5k (run/walk) fundraiser and raised \$1,067 to support Amidon-Bowen Elementary school in Washington, DC - Great job, Christy Beck & team!

Thank you to our Sponsors, Officers, and Directors for your support, volunteer time, and dedication to AGA and the profession. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next luncheon on Wednesday, December 7th at the Hamilton – Keynote speaker is Gwendolyn Sykes, US Secret Service Chief Financial Officer.

Best Regards,

Wendy Morton-Huddleston, CGFM, PMP

2017 AGA Washington, DC Chapter President

Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence.

– Sheryl Sandberg



Get to Know December Luncheon Speaker: Gwendolyn Sykes



Gwendolyn Sykes is the United States Secret Service Chief Financial Officer. In this role, she is responsible for the execution, development, and stewardship of the Secret Service's resources which include budget, financial management, relocation, travel, procurement, facilities, and financial systems.

Ms. Sykes began working with the Secret Service in May 2012, bringing with her a wealth of financial management skills and talent for organizational transformation and enhancement. Among her many accomplishments, Ms. Sykes is the first African American female to serve as the Chief Financial Officer at NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Nominated by the President of the United States and confirmed by the United States Senate, she was responsible for the financial management and health of this \$16 billion agency. Ms. Sykes led more than 500 finance professionals, located across ten geographically dispersed locations throughout the United States, in the development and execution of financial policies, processes, and procedures.

She has also served as Yale University's Chief Financial Officer, the first in that university's 306-year history, and Chief Financial Officer for Morehouse College. Previous government experience includes working within the Department of Defense and in the office of U.S. Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska.

Gwendolyn Sykes holds a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from Catholic University and a Master of Public Administration from American University, where she also serves as an adjunct professor in the School of Public Affairs. She has been recognized for her achievements by Black Enterprise, Newsweek, the Today Show, and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.



2016 - 2017 AGA DC Audio Training Schedule

The AGA DC Chapter will host the following National audio trainings throughout this program year at the Ford House Office Building, 441 2nd Street SW, 3rd Floor, Room #H2-396, Washington, DC 20515. Registration links will be distributed to members the week before each training.

Cost:

There is no charge for AGA members in good standing for these events and attendees will earn two (2) CPE credit hours.

When:

November 16 - Fraud Toolkit Cases Study
December 7 - Ethics
January 18 - Blended and Braided Funding
February 22 - Fraud/Risk
March 8 - Uniform Guidance
March 29 - CFO/CIO Collaboration
May 17 - Data Act
June 14 - Fraud/Data Analytics



Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Review session is scheduled for December 20, 2016.

Module 2, (Part 1 of 2) is at 6pm at KPMG's Tysons Corner Office

Please contact Kevin.Shers@morganfranklin.com if interested (sponsored by the Northern Virginia Chapter).



Community Service Committee

Call to Action! Chapter Challenge Food Drive



The AGA DC Community Service Committee (CSC) is participating in the Chapter Challenge to collect food and household items until November 18, 2016.

Just imagine the positive impact we can have, all across the country, in every city—big and small—when the Washington, DC Chapter and AGA National work together!

Following the collection period, AGA DC will donate the collected items to **S.O.M.E (So That Others Might Eat)**. A photo of the winning chapter will be posted on AGA's National website and in *Topics*.

Volunteers Needed for Junior Achievement - Finance Park

The AGA DC chapter will team up with **Junior Achievement of Greater Washington** to help 8th grade middle school students address aspects of individual and family budgeting, housing, transportation, food, utilities, health care, investments, philanthropy, and banking. The on-site activities are designed to allow students the opportunity to “put into action” what they have learned in the classroom and to understand the basic steps of maintaining a realistic personal budget.

When: Monday, November 14, 2016

Time: 8:15AM - 1:25PM

Location: 4099 Pickett Road Fairfax, VA

Prerequisite: Just bring your real world experience.

Please contact Christine Bang at cbang@deloitte.com directly if you can volunteer by Monday, November 7.

Sincerely,

The DC Chapter CSC





AGA DC Citizen Centric Report for 2016-2017

AGA's Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) initiative is intended to foster an innovative means of communication between chapters and their citizenry or membership. AGA believes financial information should be provided in a clear, concise, easy to understand, and transparent manner. Check out the DC Chapter CCR <http://www.agadc.org/aga-dc-chapter-citizen-centric-report/> that highlights strategic goals, accomplishments, finances, and a look ahead to upcoming initiatives. Special thanks to **James Gallagher** (Director of Accountability and Outreach) for spearheading the CCR effort.

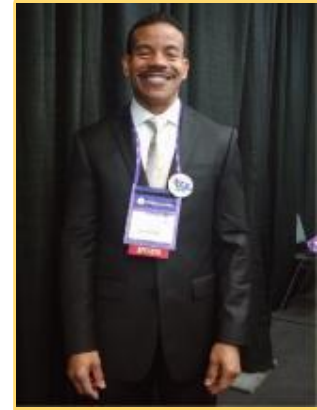




AGA DC Chapter Bylaws

Review chapter governance, mission, vision, core values and code of ethics.
View the 2016 AGA Washington, DC Chapter approved Bylaws here at:
<http://www.agadc.org/about/chapter-bylaws/>.

Special thanks to **Ross Simms**, Immediate Past President of the Washington, DC Chapter for spearheading the Bylaws revisions, coordination, and approval process.



Mentorship Committee

Dear AGA DC Members,

The Mentorship Program is in need of more mentors!! We have a high demand of mentees. Mentoring is a great way to give back within your profession!

See the testimonial from one of our recently paired mentees:

"I am very grateful for having my first SES mentor from the AGA DC Mentoring program. My mentor shared valuable career guidance and advice at our first meeting. Thanks again to you and the committee for making this mentoring relationship happen."

If you have any questions about the Mentorship Program, please reach out to Sharnell Montgomery at Montgomery.Sharnel@dol.gov.





Early Careers, Tri-Chapter

2016 AGA Tri-Chapter Program Year Kickoff Picnic!

As with prior years, Early Careers from the Tri-Chapters hosted their annual FY 2016 Kick-Off Event at Hains Point Picnic Area. The event included collaboration between the DC, NOVA and Montgomery/Prince George's County Chapters along with delicious BBQ catered by Famous Dave's. An average of 50 members attended the picnic with another 20+ family members. The food, fellowship, recruiting, games, and the 50/50 raffle (the donations will go to charity). This event was a great success! Thank you **Susanne Selk** and **Margaret Sullivan** for your hard work!



Clockwise: Erica Williams (MPGC – Early Careers Committee); Karl Boettcher (DC – Special Advisor), Reza Mahbod (NOVA Chapter President), Corrine Dougherty (MPGC Chapter President), Wendy Morton-Huddleston (DC Chapter President); Kia Lor (National – Meetings and Registration Manager), Jessica Boucher (NOVA – Chapter Recognition Committee), Susanne Selk (DC – Early Careers Committee), Margaret Sullivan (DC – Early Careers Committee); Myriam Galvan-Zambrana (DC – Awards Committee)



Clockwise: Members arriving to the picnic, serving up some of Famous Dave's BBQ, enjoying the games, and group photos!



Alexander Yow congratulating the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle – CJ Carter!



Member Services

October 25th Elephant and Castle Networking Event



AGA DC Chapter members gathered at the Elephant and Castle Pub & Restaurant on October 25th to network and enjoy a happy hour. The food and household items drive was a great success! Thank you **Caitlin McGurn** (Member Services) and **Sakiyna Washington** (Community Service)!



October Chapter Luncheon at the Hamilton

The AGA DC October Chapter Luncheon highlighted the Legislative Branch with insights on Financial Management and Shared Services. Jay Miller, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the United States Capitol Police and Steve Johnson, Financial Systems Officer of the Library of Congress shared their passion and insitutional knowledge. There was a great turnout, as we had 205 in attendance! Thank you to the **AGA National President, Doug Glenn** and members for attending.





Contact Us

Whether you're looking for more information, or you'd like to give us your suggestions or comments, you'll find easy ways to contact us right here.

The most direct way to get your question answered is to send an email to the AGA DC Board Member via **agadc.org**. Check out the Officers and Directors for their contact information. For example, if you have a question about the AGA DC monthly luncheon, contact Eric Schaefer at **eschaefer@kpmg.com**.

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