



Message from the President



Well, we are coming out of the Pandemic and have weathered our Monsoon Season! We are now early into our 2022-2023 Program Year. Amber Loyce Hill was selected to be our Chapter President for the year but had to step down for personal reasons and I for one will miss her. Amber has agreed to stay with the Chapter as our Vice President, and I have agreed to take on the challenges as President!

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First, I would like to thank **Jordan Dale** our Chapter President for 2021-2022 Program Year for the great job he has done and his commitment to the Chapter. Jordan has agreed to continue participating in the Chapter as our Webmaster. I would also like to thank the rest of the Chapter Board and Committee Chairs for their support. I know that I will need it. Many of them have also agreed to continue participating and I also value their contribution and dedication to the Chapter. However, we could still use more help. The Chapter will need to select a Chair for the **Membership Committee** and the **Accountability Committee**. All the Committees are also looking for other Members to actively participate so that we can get back to being the great Chapter we have always been! If you are interested, you can contact me at charleshester@msn.com or the Chapter Committees and their Chair are listed on our website at www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Phoenix.

Our first Board Meeting is scheduled for **September 28th** at which we hope to finalize our Education and Meeting Plan Agenda for the rest of the Program Year. We anticipate that the Chapter will provide Chapter Members with at least forty (40) hours of current and technically informative continuing professional education (CPE) at an affordable cost throughout the Chapter’s year. We will also be finalizing our Chapter Budget for the Program year. In addition, we will be updating our Chapter’s Bylaws to make them compatible with AGA Nations Bylaws. Just another opportunity for you to help us grow and thrive.

Lastly, I wanted to give a shoutout and “**THANK YOU**” to **Emily Harmon** who has just past the CGFM exams and has offered some Mometrix Flashcards for the exam. She tells us that they helped her to achieve this milestone in her professional career. The Flashcards will be available to any of our Member through our CGFM/Professional Certification Committee.

Well, that’s about all I have for now, but know that I and the Board are here to support **YOU, AGA, and Government Accountability!**

Sincerely,

Charles Hester
 President of the AGA Phoenix Chapter

AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2022-2023

PURPOSE: Consists of chapter officers, past president, committee chairs, and other members appointed by the chapter president. Responsible for all chapter business and planning.

OFFICERS:

President	Charles W. Hester Sr., CGFM, CPA, CFE
Past President	Jordan Dale, CGFM
Vice President	Amber Loyce Hill, CGFM
Secretary	Joshua Jumper, CGFM
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Our Purpose

Mission Statement

AGA Phoenix Chapter serves Arizona professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality, low-cost continuing education, promoting professional development and interaction among members, and fostering a commitment to community involvement as well as a sense of responsibility for advancing government accountability.

Vision

AGA Phoenix Chapter actively creates an avenue for membership to share ideas with each other, to share knowledge and time with the community, and to promote the advancement of government standards and accountability within the profession.

We'd Love Your Input!

Please remember to send in any articles of interest, including any that you may have written on the subjects of management, accounting, or auditing. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

In addition, please send us any special announcements in relation to promotions, marriages, births, anniversaries, certifications achieved, or any other significant event for any of our chapter members. Any article submitted by the second week of the month will be included in the next month's newsletter.

Please email your news for forthcoming newsletters to:

contact@agaphoenix.org



Goals for 2022-2023 and Beyond

• Membership & Education:

- Provide 40 education credits throughout the program year. Audio conferences and live speakers.
- Reach out to new members within first month of membership.
- Reach out to all non-renewing members in May/June.
- Provide social/recruiting event in spring.
- Send out survey to members annually.
- Provide student members the option to attend three meetings for free.

• Accountability:

- Prepare chapter's Citizen Centric Report (CCR) by September 30, 2021 and post to website.
- Submit chapter's CCR to AGA's Certificate of Excellence Review Program.

• CGFM Goals:

- Continue reimbursements for chapter members who pass all three sessions of the CGFM tests. Reimbursement includes the cost of the three exams and application fee.
- Communicate and promote CGFM designation to Chapter members.
- Provide CGFM study guides to members on a first come first serve basis. Purchase two new sets this year.
- Seek State proclamation for March as CGFM month and provide recognition to CGFM members.

• Young Professionals:

- Reach out to college accounting clubs to present about jobs in governmental accounting and discuss what AGA is and how it can impact students' careers.
- Annually award up to two scholarships for students enrolled in an Accounting, Finance or Public Administration curriculum.

2021 & 2022 Budget and Spend through 6/30			
Budget Category	'21 Spent	'22 Budget	'22 Spent
Education	\$10,157.41	\$15,109	\$8,780.32
Membership	\$1,225	\$1,250	\$1,185
Travel	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,075
Board Expenses	\$0	\$100	\$0
Scholarship	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
CGFM	\$0	\$1,000	\$445
Com. Service	\$250	\$500	\$0
Early Career	\$0	\$250	\$0
Audit	\$150	\$150	\$150
Misc.	\$223	\$200	\$257.20
Total	\$13,505.41	\$21,059.00	\$11,892.52

PY 2022-2023 Committee Members:

Accountability

- Vacant

CGFM/Professional Certification

- Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA
- Jordan Dale, CGFM

Communications Committee

- Jordan Dale, CGFM (Webmaster)
- Myrna Lopez, CGFM, CPA (Newsletter)

Community Service

- Paola A. Julio De Matson

Education

- Keith J. Orr, CGFM
- Robert Hardwood, CPA

Membership

- Vacant

NCC Representative

- Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Programs

- Daniela Kunova

Scholarships

- Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Young Professionals

- Getzamani Aragon

Events & Reminders

Upcoming Events:

- AGA National will be offering the following events/webinars:
 - **National Leadership Training on February 22-23, 2023**, 14 CPEs
For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).

Reminders:

- **Mentoring Program**
 - We all have a responsibility to leave this world better than we found it and to have a positive impact on the next generation of government leaders. Mentoring is important, not only because of the knowledge and skills young professionals can learn from mentors, but also because mentoring provides professional socialization and personal support. For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).
- **Why hire a CGFM?**
 - The Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®) credential exemplifies experience and proficiency, distinguishing individuals who have made a significant commitment to their professional development. For more information on how to become a CGFM click [here](#).



CGFM Study Resources Available:

For AGA members interested in taking the CGFM please contact our CGFM chair at cgfm@agaphoenix.org for more information. Currently there is 3 complete set of materials available for check out.

Also, successful CGFM candidates, who are members, can apply for reimbursement of the application and examination costs.

Contact our CGFM chair for step by step instructions on the CGFM process: contact@agaphoenix.org.

Education & Meeting Plan - 2022-2023 Program Year

Date	Event Type/Times	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
9/28/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Communications	2	9/23/2022	Virtual
10/19/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Internal Controls	2	10/14/2022	Virtual
11/2/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Live)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	TBD	2	10/28/2022	Virtual
12/14/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Risk Management	2	12/19/2022	Virtual
1/11/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Uniform Guidance and Grant Accounting	2	1/6/2023	Virtual
1/27/2023	<i>Special Event*</i> Class: 8:30am-12:00 pm	Professional Ethics for AZ CPAs	4	1/22/2023	Virtual
2/1/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	GASB Update	2	1/27/2023	Virtual
2/24/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Live)</i> Lunch: 11:30am-12:00pm Meeting: 12:00pm-3:50pm	Tax & Retirement Updates: ASRS, Nationwide Deferred Comp, IRS, AZDOR	4	2/20/2023	ASU SkySong 3 130 Synergy 1 1365 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257

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Date	Event Type/Times	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
3/1/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	RPI/AI	2	2/24/2023	Virtual
3/22/2023	Chapter Meeting (Live) Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Live Speaker TBD	2	3/17/2023	Virtual
4/12/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Ethics	2	4/7/2023	Virtual
4/26/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	CARES Act/ARPA	2	4/21/2023	Virtual
4/28/2023	Special Event*/ Professional Development Training 8:00am - 4:30pm	Professional Development Training	8	4/24/2023	ASU SkySong 3 130 Synergy I 1365 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
5/10/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Fraud/Data Analytics	2	5/5/2023	Virtual
5/24/2023	Chapter Meeting (Live) Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am Meeting 11:00am-12:50pm	TBD	2	5/19/2023	Virtual
		Total Program Year CPEs	40		

* These events are not monthly chapter meetings and will be at an additional cost. Details will be provided in future newsletters and/or on the Calendar of Events page on our website

(<http://www.agaphoenix.org/events/>).



Check out AGA's Free Toolkits & Guides:

- Sub-recipient vs. Contractor Checklist
- Blended and Braided Funding
- Leveraging Government Resources in Challenging Financial Times
- Risk Assessment Monitoring Toolkit
- Cooperative Audit Resolution and Oversight Initiative
- Fraud Prevention Toolkit
- Candidate Assessment Toolkit for Grant Managers
- How Federal, State and Non-Profit Collaboration Improved Efficiencies in Delinquent Debt Collection
- Citizen Centric Report: How To

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Tools-Resources/Intergov/Home.aspx>

Membership Referral Program

Did you know that you can gain \$50 if you get two individuals who are not currently members to join our chapter? All you have to do is have them put your name down on the sponsor section of the membership form.

It is always nice to have new faces become members to our growing organization!

Board Members Wanted

If you are interested in volunteering for a committee and to be on the Board, please contact AGA at the following e-mail: contact@agaphoenix.org



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We Are Always Looking for People Interested in Joining Our Organization

NOTE: Excerpts and links below are from AGA's national website at www.agacgfm.org.

What is AGA?

Briefly, AGA has been serving the government financial management profession for over 50 years. As a not-for-profit educational organization, AGA serves the professional interests of financial managers from the local, state and the federal governments, as well as public accounting firms, responsible for effectively using billions of dollars and other monetary resources everyday. Members are accountants, auditors, contract, financial and performance, budget analysts, chief financial officers, information systems managers, finance directors, inspectors

general, professors, students. Membership in AGA is like tapping into a reservoir of actual real-world knowledge and experience of government financial management experts.

Benefits of Joining

If you asked a member which of the benefits they value the most, they probably would say education and networking, which often occur at the same time and place. Here are some of our members' favorites: Continuing Professional Education and Networking Opportunities Keep Up-to-Date on Current Issues Keep Abreast of the Latest Technologies and Financial Systems Professional Guidance and Certification

How Can You Join?

Click the links below to access the Membership Application and to find out membership types and dues.



Click

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

to complete the online AGA Membership Application.

Did an AGA member inspire you to join? Don't forget to enter your AGA Sponsor's Name and Member ID on the application