

AGA Phoenix Chapter (www.agaphoenix.org)

PY 2017-2018

December 2017



Message From the President



The next Chapter meeting will be held on December 6th at ASU Sky Song. I am very happy to welcome our Regional Vice President Donna Sandoval, who will present on the topic of Cost Allocation. This will also be our holiday luncheon for the year with feature special chances to win prizes. Lunch begins at 11:30 AM followed by the presentation at 12 PM. We are having our holiday can food drive and toys collection at this meeting.

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On November 15th, the Board held its regular meetings. We had a special guest- Mr. Dennis Green- AGA National Treasurer Elect. He provided highlights of the three potential models for AGA's new governance structure. Dennis reviewed the attributes of each model, and asked us to provide feedback to AGA Nationals through email or feedback form, indicating which model or model elements are the best representation for AGA. The information for the proposed models is available on AGA National website: <https://www.agacgfm.org/About/Leadership/Governance-Review.aspx>, where you can submit your preferences.

I would like to remind our members that the scholarship application is on our website, and the deadline is December 31, 2017. If you or someone you know is currently enrolled in a college or community college as a sophomore or higher, in an Accounting, Finance or Public Administration curriculum, please do not miss the opportunity to obtain a scholarship of \$1,000 as a first place winner, or \$500 as a second place winner.

Thank you for supporting the Phoenix Chapter!

We hope that you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season. Please reach out to us if you have ideas on topics or if you have any feedback for us. We can be reached at e-mail: board@agaphoenix.org.

Happy Holidays!

Gergana Kovatcheva, CPA, CGFM

President

AGA Phoenix Chapter



12/6/17 Meeting (2 CPE)

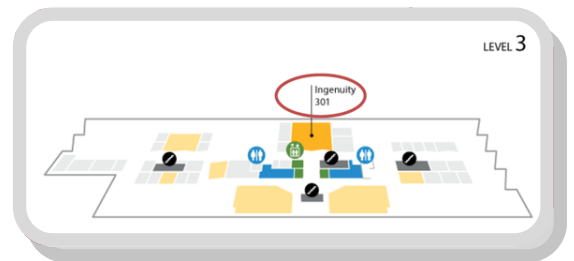
Topic: Cost Allocation

Lunch (11:30 AM)

Education Event (12:00 PM—1:50 PM)



Sky Song 1475 N Scottsdale Rd., Bldg 1, Ingenuity Room 301, Scottsdale, AZ 85257



CGFM Corner

Congratulations to member, Victoria Tafoya for receiving her CGFM designation!

CGFM Resources Available:



For AGA members interested in taking the CGFM please contact our CGFM chair at contact@agaphoenix.org for more information.

AGA Phoenix has study guides available for member check-out. Check here for availability:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Phoenix/CGFM-Certification/CGFM-Study-Materials.aspx>

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

**Association of Government Accountants
Phoenix Chapter
Education and Meeting Plan
2017-2018 Program Year**

| Date | Event | Topic | CPE Credit | Registration Dead-line | Location |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9/13/17 | Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm | Advanced Excel presented by Gregory Cleveland | 2 | 9/8/17 | ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257 |
| 10/11/17 | Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm | Internal Control | 2 | 10/6/17 | ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257 |
| 11/15/17 | Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm | "Who's On Your Bench?" - Tips for Succession Planning presented by Pat Childress | 2 | 11/10/17 | AZ Department of Education Room 312 1535 W Jefferson St. Scottsdale, AZ 85007 |
| 12/6/17 | Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm | Holiday Social—Cost Allocation presented by Donna Sandoval | 2 | 12/1/17 | ASU Skysong Bldg. 3, Synergy II #135 1475 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257 |
| 1/10/18 | Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm | Grants Management | 2 | 1/5/18 | ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257 |
| 1/19/18* | 8:00am-8:30am Continental Breakfast 8:30am-12:00pm-Class | Ethics—ASCPA | 4 | 1/12/18 | ASU Skysong Bldg. 3, Synergy II #135 1475 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257 |
| 2/7/18 | Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm | TBD | 2 | 2/2/18 | ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257 |
| 2/16/18* | Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00p-12:50pm | ASRS | 1 | 2/9/18 | ASU Skysong Bldg. 3, Synergy II #135 1475 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257 |
| | 1:00pm-1:50pm | Deferred Comp | 1 | | |
| | 1:50pm-2:40pm | Federal Tax Update | 1 | | |
| | 2:40pm-3:30pm | State Tax Update | 1 | | |
| | Total | | 4 | | |
| 3/7/18 | Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm | Infrastructure Financing | 2 | 3/2/18 | ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257 |

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| Date | Event | Topic | CPE Credit | Registration Deadline | Location |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3/28/18 | Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm | Cybersecurity | 2 | 3/23/18 | ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257 |
| 4/11/18 | Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm | Lisa Grace (ASU) | 2 | 4/6/18 | ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257 |
| 4/27/18* | 8:00am-4:00pm PDT | AGA President | 1 | 4/20/18 | Rio Salado College 2323 W. 14th St. Tempe, AZ 85281 |
| | | | 1 | | |
| | | State Treasurer—DeWit | 1 | | |
| | | GASB Updates | 2 | | |
| | | SAS Updates | 1 | | |
| | | | 2 | | |
| | | Total | 8 | | |
| 5/16/18 | Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm | Fraud Data Analytics | 2 | 5/11/18 | ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257 |
| 6/13/18 | Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm | Leadership | 2 | 6/8/18 | ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257 |
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*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.

Prospective members are welcome to learn more about us by attending a monthly chapter meeting. Registration per monthly chapter meeting date, which includes lunch, is as follows:

Members:

\$25 each monthly chapter meeting, or package deal—\$220 for all sessions*

Non-Members

\$40 each monthly chapter meeting

*excludes special events (Ethics, Tax Update and Professional Development Training—PDT)

To RSVP, please go to our online registration site: <http://agaphoenix.eventbrite.com> . Thank you for your interest!

Goals for 2017-2018 and Beyond

- Membership & Education:
 - Provide 36 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.
- Accountability:
 - ✓ • Prepare chapter’s Citizen Centric Report (CCR) by September 30, 2017 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.
 - Seek State proclamation for March as CGFM month and provide recognition to CGFM members.
 - ✓ • Hold CGFM Review Course in October 2017
- 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.

| PY 2017-2018 Budget through Oct 2017 | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Budget Category | Budget \$ | Spent @ 10/17 |
| Education | \$21,250 | \$2,201.62 |
| Membership | \$1,000 | \$0 |
| Travel | \$3,500 | \$0 |
| Board Expenses | \$1,000 | \$323.42 |
| Scholarship | \$1,500 | \$0 |
| CGFM | \$1,000 | \$0 |
| Community Service | \$750 | \$0 |
| Website | \$150 | \$0 |
| Early Career | \$100 | \$0 |
| Audit | \$100 | \$0 |
| Misc. | \$100 | \$0 |
| Total | \$30,450 | \$2,525.04 |

PY 2017-2018 Committee Members:

- Membership – Mary Adelman
- Education – Keith Orr, Jerry Snyder, John Schutter, Anthony St. George
- Programs – Michelle Huckabay
- Accountability—Kim Prendergast
- CGFM – Gergana Kovatcheva
- Young Professionals / Early Career – Jessica Leal
- Scholarship – Kelly Alkhoury
- Community Service – John Schutter
- Website – Josh Consier
- Newsletter – Michelle Huckabay

AGA Phoenix Chapter, Treasurer's Reports - October 2017

Treasurer's Report

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| Book Balance 9/30/2017 | \$13,778.38 |
| Receipts | \$6,504.74 |
| Disbursements | \$111.42 |
| Book Balance 10/31/17 | \$20,171.70 |
| Outstanding Checks | \$100.00 |
| Outstanding Deposits | \$0.00 |
| Adjusted Book Balance | \$20,271.70 |
| <u>Account Balance</u> | |
| Cash on Hand | \$50.00 |
| Savings Balance | \$5.00 |
| Your Savings Balance | \$494.04 |
| Money Market Account | \$1,165.13 |
| Checking Balance | \$18,557.53 |
| | \$20,271.70 |
| Difference Adjusted Book vs Bank | (\$0.00) |

Balance Sheet

10/31/2017

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cash and Bank Accounts | |
| Cash on Hand | \$50.00 |
| Savings Balance | \$5.00 |
| Your Savings Balance | \$494.04 |
| Money Market Fund | \$1,165.13 |
| Checking Balance | \$18,557.53 |
| TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts | \$20,271.70 |
| Inventory | 0.00 |
| Speaker Gifts | \$50.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$20,321.70 |
| TOTAL Liabilities | 0.00 |
| TOTAL Equity | \$20,321.70 |

Announcements - Job Postings

Accounting Intern—Arizona Department of Administration. \$18/hour. Gain valuable, marketable skills in the workforce, before graduation, by participating in this internship. Objectives of internship include:

- Gain and understanding of government fund accounting and the application of Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) principles while engaged in the preparation of accrual basis financial statements for internal service funds.
- Understand the State of Arizona banking process, while assisting with reconciliation efforts for Health Insurance Trust Fund (HITF) Non-sufficient funds (NSF) activity and electronic funds transfers (EFT) coming through our Treasury Department.

Ideal Candidate: A Junior or Senior at an accredited 4-year College or University with a focus in accounting, and have completed their intermediate accounting coursework. The ideal candidate should maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better. Candidate must have the unrestricted right to work in the US without requiring sponsorship.

Apply through website: www.azstatejobs.gov

Senior Audit Associate—Maricopa Community Colleges. \$63,394-\$75,280. Responsible for planning and performing a variety of complex internal audits and special projects throughout the District. Coordinates and conducts fraud investigations and communicates results and prepares reports.

Minimum Qualification: Bachelor's degree in accounting, auditing, business, and/or finance or directly related field, certification as CPA, CIA, CFE, CISA, CISSP, CISM, or CCSA and two years of experience in internal or governmental auditing, accounting and business practices is required.

Apply through website (job ID 310177): www.maricopa.edu/about/?jobs

Chief Financial Officer—Arizona Department of Corrections. \$90,000—\$105,000. The Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) is seeking qualified individual to lead a Bureau of 42 positions in the performance of departmental support functions that include Accounting, Payroll, Asset Inventory of almost \$100,000,000, and Inmate Trust Accounting unit which manages \$40,000,000 in deposits annually, Divisional Finance functions and the Central Office Mail Room. The ADC is an agency of approximately 10,200 positions with a \$1.2 billion budget.

Ideal Candidate: A Bachelor's degree in Business Administration or Accounting and a Master's in Business Administration, Accounting or Public Administration or related field; or Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or related field and Certified Public Accountant. At least five years progressively responsible in supervising and directing employees performing accounting and payroll duties.

Prefer at least ten years progressively responsible accounting and budget experience, at least five of which are in the public sector. Must have experience in management capacity of at least five years, involving multiple areas of expertise with ability to coordinate these functions.

Apply through website: www.azstatejobs.gov

Would you like to post your organization's job postings on our website?

Please email AGA Phoenix Webmaster, Josh Consier, at joshc@agaphoenix.org

AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2017-2018

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:

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| President | Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA |
| President Elect | Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA |
| Past President | Josh Consier |
| Secretary | Kim Prendergast, CGFM, CIA, CPA, CFE |
| Treasurer | Anthony St. George (appointed to complete Josh Neidigh's term) |

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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!

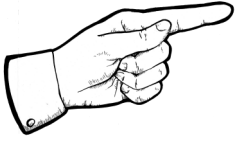
Please remember to send in any articles of interest, including any that you may have written on the subjects of management, accounting, or auditing. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

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





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/Resources/Tools-To.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

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.****