

AGA Phoenix Chapter (www.agaphoenix.org)

PY 2016-2017

November 2016



Message From the President



The next Chapter meeting is on November 16th at ASU Sky Song. It is a webinar on Tools and Strategies for Fighting Fraud and will provide two CPEs. Seasoned experts will share what free tools are available to prevent and mitigate fraud, during this webinar. Lunch begins at 11:30 AM followed by the webinar at 12 PM. Please register by November 11th. You can register on our Eventbrite site, at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/o/aga-phoenix-chapter-2342352490>

As always, we hope that you will consider joining AGA as a member. There are many benefits to doing so. I would like to tell you about one such benefit. The AGA provides periodic, additional free CPE opportunities for members only. In November, the free webinar will be held on November 1st on the topic of Networking Up, for one CPE. This webinar will cover how to network throughout your career. You can register for this webinar by visiting the AGA National website at this location: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinar-Offerings/Nov-1-networking-up.aspx>. Also, if you would like to apply to become a member of AGA, you can click the Member Application link on our home page, at: <http://www.agaphoenix.org/>. There is no better time than now to become a member!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving, and once again thank you for supporting the Phoenix Chapter! If you have any feedback, please do not hesitate to let us know. We can be reached at e-mail: aga@agaphoenix.org.

Gergana Kovatcheva, CPA, CGFM
President

AGA Phoenix Chapter

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CGFM Study Group: If you are interested in joining a CGFM Study Group, please contact John Schutter at john.schutter@asu.edu

CGFM Study Resources Available:



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

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

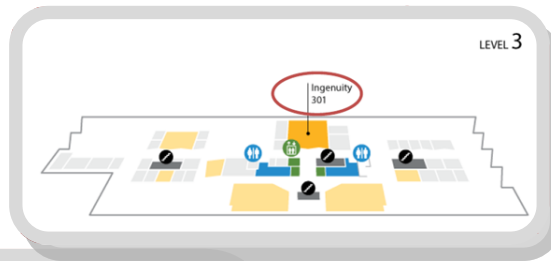
Contact our CGFM chair for step by step instructions on the CGFM process:

cgfm@agaphoenix.org

11/16/16 Meeting (2 CPE)**Topic: Tools and Strategies for Fighting Fraud**

Lunch (11:30 AM)

Audio Conference (12:00—1:50 PM)

Bldg 1, Room Ingenuity 301


Canned Food Drive: Please support your local, greater Phoenix area food banks by bringing in your canned food items to any meeting, for program year 2016-2017

Community Service Update

We would like to set something up to help at Ronald McDonald House in November. If you are interested in helping out with this worthwhile cause, can you please let us know if you will be able to assist on one of the dates below. We are looking for roughly 6-7 people to assist with preparing the meals or after dinner cleanup.

Monday 11/7 Roanoke (Main) Campus Phoenix

Tuesday 11/22 Cambridge (PCH) Campus Phoenix

Monday 11/28 Cambridge (PCH) Campus Phoenix
11/28 Dobson (Mesa) Campus Mesa

Tuesday 11/29 Cambridge (PCH) Campus Phoenix

If you are interested, please contact John Schutter at John.Schutter@asu.edu.

Goals for 2016-2017 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, 2016 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.
- Early Career & Scholarship:
 - 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 2016-2017 Budget	
Education	\$21,250
Membership	\$2,000
Travel	\$3,500
Board Expenses	\$2,000
Scholarship	\$1,500
CGFM	\$1,000
Community Service	\$600
Website	\$500
Early Career	\$100
Total	\$32,450

PY 2016-2017 Committee Members:

- Membership – Mary Adelman
- Newsletter – Michelle Huckabay
- CGFM – Gergana Kovatcheva
- Scholarship – Leslie De’Reche
- Education – Keith Orr
- Programs – Leslie De’Reche/Mary Adelman (back-up)
- Community Service – John Schutter
- Early Career – Open
- Website – Karie Tepper/Josh Consier

**Association of Government Accountants
Phoenix Chapter
Education and Meeting Plan
2016-2017 Program Year**

Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Dead-line	Location
9/14/16	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Avoiding Surprises and Assessing Risks: Building on Today's Internal Controls	2	9/9/2016	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
10/12/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Cyber / Big Data	2	10/7/2016	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
11/16/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Tools and Strategies for Fighting Fraud	2	11/11/16	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
12/7/2016	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	Holiday Social / Presentation TBD	2	12/2/16	ASU Skysong Bldg. 3, Synergy II #135 1475 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/18/2017	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Live 12:00pm-1:50pm	TBD	2	1/13/17	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/20/17*	8:00am-8:30am Continental Breakfast 8:30am-12:00pm-Class	Ethics—ASCPA	4	1/13/17	Maricopa Community College 2411 W. 14th Street Tempe, Arizona 85281
2/8/2017	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	GASB	2	2/3/17	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
2/17/2017	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00p-12:50pm	ASRS	1	2/10/2017	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		
3/8/2017	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	TBD	2	3/3/2017	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257

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Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Dead-line	Location
3/31/2017*	8:00am-4:00pm PDC	TBD		3/24/2017	Rio Salado College 2323 W. 14th St. Tempe, AZ 85281
		Total	8		
4/12/2017	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Ethics	2	4/7/2017	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
5/17/2017	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	TBD	2	5/12/2017	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
6/14/2017	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Fraud / Data Analytics	2	6/9/2017	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:

\$20 each monthly chapter meeting, or package deal—\$180 for all sessions*

Non-Members

\$35 each monthly chapter meeting

*excludes special events (Ethics and Professional Development Conference—PDC)

To RSVP, please go to our online registration site: <http://agaphoenix.eventbrite.com>

Thank you for your interest!

AGA Phoenix Chapter, Treasurer's Reports - September 2016

Treasurer's Report

Book Balance 8/31/2016	\$6,947.91
Receipts	\$2,550.20
Disbursements	\$807.04
Book Balance 9/30/16	\$8,691.07
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
Outstanding Deposits	\$0.00
Adjusted Book Balance	\$8,691.07
<u>Account Balance</u>	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Your Savings Balance	\$424.06
Money Market Account	\$3,163.99
Checking Balance	\$5,048.02
	\$8,691.07
Difference Adjusted Book vs Bank	\$0.00

Balance Sheet

9/30/2016

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Cash on Hand	\$50.00
Savings Balance	\$5.00
Your Savings Balance	\$424.06
Money Market Fund	\$3,163.99
Checking Balance	\$5,048.02
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$8,691.07
Inventory	\$22.98
Donated Gift Cards	\$25.00
Speaker Gifts	\$20.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,759.05
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
TOTAL Liabilities	\$0
Equity	\$8,759.05

Announcements - Job Postings

Audit Associate—City of Tempe. Salary \$61,294—\$82,747 The Accounting Associate position supports the Internal Audit Office through performing a variety of professional duties assisting with internal audits of the City's departments, divisions and functions. Duties include: assist the administration of the City of Tempe's Contract Management System; assisting and supporting audits of departments, divisions programs and contracts to determine legal and financial compliance; audits related to financial and operational efficiency and effectiveness of various functions, programs, policies, and procedures throughout City divisions and departments; audits of various City departments, programs, functions and systems to determine whether adequate and appropriate internal controls are in place; assist in administration, development and continuous improvement of various Internal Audit operations and programs, such as the employee suggestion and reporting system, continuous auditing, newsletter and data mining; and performs wide variety of research assignments related to Internal Audit function under the direction of the City Auditor.

Ideal Candidate: Requires the equivalent to a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in accounting, auditing, information technology, or a degree related to the core functions of this position. Requires the equivalent to one year of increasingly responsible full-time accounting, auditing and/or database management experience.

Apply for Job #900632 online at:

https://apply.tempe.gov/psc/hr910prd/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_CE.GBL

Assistant Controller—Arizona State Retirement System. Salary up to \$85,000 DOE. The Assistant Controller is responsible for planning, directing and coordinating the day to day accounting functions in the General Accounting unit, which includes supervising and developing five direct reports. Key functions for which the Assistant Controller is responsible includes: general ledger accounting/reconciling and external financial reporting (including CAFR, PAFR and GASB 68 Reporting). Further, the Assistant Controller has key responsibilities for external audit management. This position is also charged with reviewing internal controls and internal processes to ensure unit efficiencies.

Ideal Candidate: Bachelor's degree in accounting or closely related field from an accredited college or university is highly preferred. The ideal candidate will have a CPA certification. Seven to ten years of accounting experience, which include three to five years as a supervisor. A comprehensive knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles, governmental fund accounting, financial statement preparation, accounting systems and internal controls. Strong computer skills, with an emphasis on Excel and Access. Strong analytical problem solving skills and demonstrated ability to be flexible and able to adapt quickly to change. Proven ability to handle multiple projects simultaneously and use good judgement in decision making and in prioritizing work. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with subordinates, colleagues and managers. Support the agencies PRIDE initiative. Familiarity with MUNIS financial management system is a plus.

Apply for Job #22761 online at: <https://azstatejobs.azdoa.gov/>

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

Please email AGA Phoenix Webmaster, Karie Tepper, at webmaster@agaphoenix.org.

AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2016-2017

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	Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA
President Elect	Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA
Past President	Josh Consier
Secretary	Kim Prendergast, CGFM, CIA, CPA, CFE
Treasurer	Josh Neidigh

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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:

newsletter@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: aga@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.****