

IDAHO CENTENNIAL CHAPTER May/June 2019 Newsletter

May Luncheon

Luma Project Manager Steven Detton

Steven Detton is leading the Luma Project Team alongside Sheena Coles in the Occupational Change Management role. Luma will serve as the backbone of all government spending, providing a statewide, standardized experience illuminating each dollar as it works its way through the complexities of state government.



Mr. Detton gave an update on Project Lumas timeline, procurement activities, and contract negotiations with software provider Infor Public Sector. As contract negotiations continue with the software provider, Luma is currently evaluating the responses from integration firms. Once contracts have been signed with software provider and integration firms, the state will begin Phase 1 Implementation (Budget, Finance, and Procurement).

Ms. Coles spoke about change management efforts she will be leading throughout the state to ensure open communication and understanding. As Luma ramps up Ms. Coles recommends every agency designate a change agent to stay engaged with project activities.

If you are interested in being a change agent contact Ms. Coles at luma@sco.idaho.gov.

Welcome New Board Members!

Join us in welcoming the newest Board Members to our Ranks:

Mackenzie Smith, State Controller's Office - Historian Kirsten Pruett, State Controller's Office - Professional Certification Patrick Hodges - State Controller's Office - Programs Justin Powell - State Controller's Office - Awards

We are thrilled that you have come to serve and look forward to hearing your ideas throughout the next year!

If you are interested in helping, please speak to ANY board member and we will be glad to share information about the AGA and available opportunities to serve. The AGA relies on a group of volunteers to ensure we continue to meet our Mission, Goals, and Objectives.

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About Our Chapter

The Idaho Centennial Chapter has a diverse membership base of both active and retired professionals from local, state, and federal government; the private sector; and academia. Many chapter members hold professional certifications including Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

Our Mission

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) serves professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, as well as supporting standards and research to advance government accountability

Professional Development Training 2019

We had an amazing PDT with excellent speakers and over 190 attendees that raised \$906.00 for The Idaho Foodbank's Backpack Program! Presentations slides are still available on our website for download in case you need them for your reference. Also, CPE certificates will be posted to our website by the end of June. For your convenience, we will send an e-mail notification as soon as they are available.

CGFM



Celebrating 25 years of CGFM

CGFM Scholarship Program

The Idaho Centennial Chapter is now offering a new program for those who are currently in the process of obtaining their CGFM. See our website for more details.

New Study Guides

Good News for anyone interested in the CGFM program. The AGA board has a new set of study guides available for check out. To get on the list, contact Raelynn North at:

Raelynn.north@isp.idaho.gov

CGFM and PDT

If you are attending PDT you have a chance to attend the CGFM Intensive Review Course offered by AGA on the 19th and 20th of July. With this course you get the new CGFM Beta examinations. For information please see the website below.

https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Candidates/Preparing-for-Exams/CGFM-Intensive-Review-Course-Exams.aspx

NEW Exams and Study Guides Coming

Update for CGFM Candidates- New Exams coming with new Study Guides. Please visit the website below with any questions

https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Candidates/CGFM-Process/Examination-Requirements/Examinations-Update.aspx

Not sure about the CGFM?

Check out AGA National video of how the CGFM certification can help to expand career opportunities: https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx

If you have any questions, need additional resources, or have any issues please feel free to reach out to the CGFM chair Raelynn.

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Presidential Note

As my term as president comes to a close, I need to share my appreciation for each person who has made a difference and contributed toward the success of YOUR Idaho Centennial Chapter. It has been a fantastic year - and the board members who gave so much of their time, talent, and energy are the reason why.

Thank you all for your commitment to government transparency, accountability, and excellence. Next year's slate of officers are fantastic, and I'm thrilled at having so many new members step up and take a role on the board. Congratulations to all of you, and I'll be cheering for your success.

Have a fantastic summer, and we will see you again in the Fall!

Sincerely, Michael Pearson



Open Board Positions

Please consider giving back to AGA by helping to lead our great organization. We have positions open and we need your help!

- Education The Education Chair(s) identifies topics and confirms speakers for the monthly luncheons, coordinates audio conferences, and assists the PDC Chair(s). The Education Chair(s) is also responsible for maintaining Chapter compliance continuing professional education criteria and providing documentation as needed to assist Chapter members in tracking and reporting CPE's.
- Young Professionals Chair The Young Professionals Chair is responsible for attracting students and other young professionals "under 30" who might be pursuing a career in government.

If you are interested in helping, please speak to ANY board member and we will be glad to share with you any information about AGA and volunteering.

Calendar of Training Events

LINK TO CALENDAR

The AGA Board is diligently working on 2020 Training content and will update our Calendar of Events soon so stay tuned and Have a GREAT Summer!

Luncheons and Webinars - Start at noon and are hosted at the Idaho State Controller's Office, 4th Floor Conference Room. Invitations/RSVP and Lunch orders will be sent out in advance.

Citizen Centric Report



AGA's Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) initiative is intended to simplify communication between governments and their citizens. We believe accurate government financial information should be provided to citizens, in a simple and understandable format, which is updated regularly, and available to all. We are all AGA!

LINK: <u>CCR 2017-2018</u>

Chapter Reports

For those of you who like to keep informed of our Chapter Meetings and ongoing financial condition, we update our website each month with: Board Meeting Minutes & Treasurer Reports. From our homepage, select Our Chapter, navigate to Chapter Board Reports, and select the 'Minutes' or 'Treasurer' link next to the Month-Year of your choice.

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