



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Professional Development and Certifications

A fulfilling career has multifaceted dimensions which includes continuous learning, interactions with other professionals, and achieving professional certifications. We want to be in a world where we see different points of view, find different approaches to solving problems and looking at situations in a critical manner.

Hopefully, the AGA Chicago Chapter is part of your multifaceted professional life. We want Chapter members to be more involved in Chapter events such as AGA webinars on financial, accounting and auditing areas and our partnership events with the Chicago Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors. These training events offer NASBA certified CPEs so that Chapter members can maintain their CPE requirements as required by their positions.

Part of professional growth is achieving professional certifications. It shows professional credibility, adherence to ethics standards, and attainment of a body of knowledge. The AGA awards the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) which is a nationally recognized certification. The CGFM demonstrates competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, and budgeting at various levels of government. A CGFM must abide by ethics standards, must have a bachelor's degree, pass three CGFM examinations and have government financial management experience. In summary the CGFM certification has value in the financial management community because of the above requirements.

The Chicago Chapter has purchased the three exam manuals for training CGFM candidates. Those members that want to use any of the study guides can contact the Chapter President or the CGFM Director. The Chicago Chapter will also reimburse CGFM candidates for test costs. The CGFM candidates must be registered as a Chapter member. The first five CGFM Candidates that take and pass test with passing grade will be reimbursed for first test. The Chapter encourages all members that are not CGFM certified to take advantage of this opportunity

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FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The chapter has scheduled the following webinar offerings this upcoming program year. Webinars will be free to all active Chapter members. Non-members will be charged National AGA's going rate to participate in these webinars. Registration will be required in advance due to limited capacity. Please contact either Frank Moy or Tiffany McCoy to register for each webinar. Once registered, you will be provided a code to join and view the webinar. **Please do not share the code; the Chapter receives a confirmation of all names who log in and view the webinar.**

The Chapter is presently reviewing the list of upcoming webinars that it will be offering this upcoming year.

April 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> AGA & IIA "Spring into Training", up to 8 CPEs



QUARTERLY MEMBER EVENTS:

The Chapter will be scheduling quarterly zoom calls with all members to share upcoming news, solicit ideas for training or community service events, etc. Please mark your calendar and hope you can attend. We will send out the link and log-in information as we get closer to these dates.

<b>March 31<sup>st</sup></b> CGFM	<b>June 30<sup>th</sup></b> Member Satisfaction	<b>Sept. 30<sup>th</sup></b> Training Events	<b>Dec. 29<sup>th</sup></b> Community Service
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The March 31, 2022, session will focus on the importance of the Certified Government Financial Manager credential and how the Chapter supports members who obtain their CGFM. The Chapter is currently offering reimbursement for the testing costs for any member passes the test and receives their CGFM certification.

2022 CHAPTER GOALS:

- Grow membership by 10%
- Attain 80%-member satisfaction rate
- Provide or co-sponsor training events and exceed prior year attendance
- Hold member networking events
- Provide CGFM information sessions and promote the CGFM
- Updated content on Chapter website and Facebook page, etc.
- Sponsor community service events & contribute to the PDT fundraiser
- Encourage students and participate in college or university fairs, etc.



We have set forth some ambitious goals for the upcoming year and will need your input and support to achieve these goals. We will report our progress in upcoming newsletters, website and on our FB page.

MEMBERSHIP:

We are happy to announce the following new members who joined the Chicago Chapter recently:

- Jaye Williams – Jco Strategic Advisors
- Kimberly Carrillo-Walker – Chicago Board of Elections

Did you know that students can join the AGA free? Electronic student membership in AGA provides you access to resources to develop your skills and expand your knowledge. Become a part of AGA to build professional connections and discover your future career while positively impacting your community and country. To join AGA as an electronic student member, you must:

- Be currently enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited higher education institution.
- Not be employed full-time.

\*AGA may annually request a transcript confirming your full-time student status, and reserves the right to decline membership if documentation of full-time student status is not provided upon request.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

The Chicago Chapter is more than a professional organization. The Chapter is part of the Chicago community and holds events so members can contribute to that community. It is about service to others through contributions to food banks, participating in charity events, or through volunteering at tax assistance sites for low-income taxpayers. For example, the Chapter volunteers at the Ladder Up organization which is an IRS sponsored Tax Assistance Program providing no cost tax preparation services to low-income taxpayers. Chapter volunteers gain access to IRS training and competency tests. There is so much more that we can do! Please send your ideas in. Volunteers gain an immeasurable feeling of self-worth in volunteering.



SPOTLIGHT

Raul Nieto- A CGFM you should know!

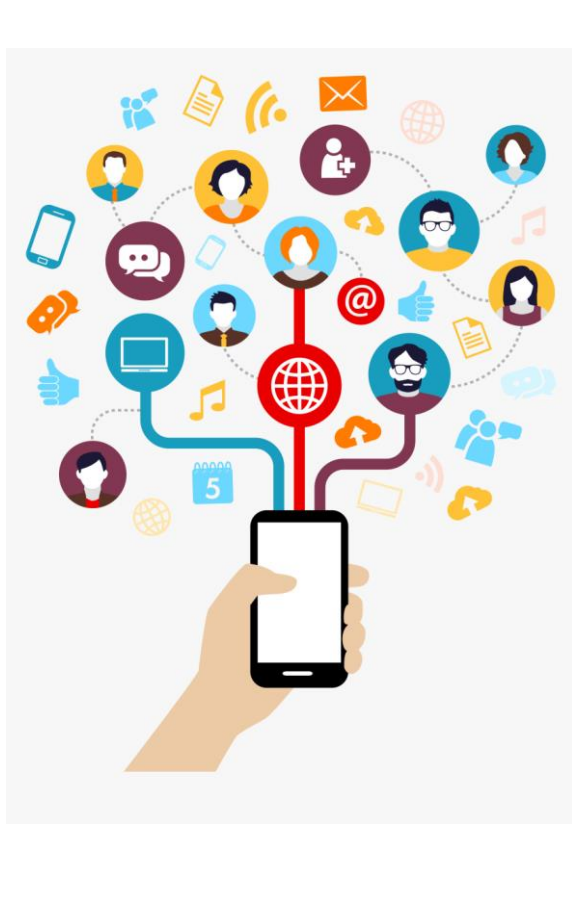
Raul served in the United States Army from August 1965 to July 1967 which included one year in Viet Nam. On June 1967 Raul was wounded and was awarded the Purple Heart. After the service Raul worked at Northern Trust Company in the Tax Department from December 1967 to July 1978. During the time Raul worked at Northern Trust Company and went to college and graduated from Indiana University Northwest in January 1977. On July 1978, Raul started working for the Office of Inspector General, Department of Education and worked until August 2019 when he retired after more than 40 years of service. During his work at ED-OIG he was involved in working on more than 100 audits of states agencies, local agencies, proprietary schools, non-profit colleges and universities and on several investigation cases. The investigation cases required that Raul testify before Federal grand juries in Detroit and Chicago. Raul also performed quality controls reviews on more than 300 audits performed by external auditors. Raul also had to provide formal training to the OIG staff in Chicago and Kansas City. Raul served as President of the Chicago Chapter, Community Service Director, and is the current CGFM Director.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Have you visited the Chapter's website lately? Do you know the Chapter now has a Facebook page (its about time!)? The Chapter will provide up to date information on these two sites to allow members greater access to Chapter activities.

**Website address:** <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Chicago-Chapter/Home.aspx>

**Facebook Page:** AGA Chicago Chapter



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