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MISSION STATEMENT

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

VISION

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability. AGA defines government accountability as a government's obligation to the people for its actions and use of resources.



Thank you March Luncheon Speaker!
The Honorable Kathleen Tighe,
Department of Education, Inspector General

Thank you April Luncheon Speaker!
Wendy M. Payne, CPA, CGFM, MPA
Executive Director, Federal Accounting
Standards Advisory Board

May Luncheon Speaker



Alan Evans, Principal
Deputy Comptroller, Bureau
of the Comptroller and
Global, Finance Services,
Department of State



President's Message



Greetings Fellow Members,

We had the pleasure of hearing from Wendy Payne, Executive Director, Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) in April and look forward to insights from Alan Evans, Principal Deputy Comptroller, Bureau of the Comptroller and Global Financial Services, Department of State this month.

As I reflect on this past year, I'm excited to share the following highlights of the DC Chapter:

- Provided over 32 hours of **Continuing Professional Education** (CPE) training
- Promoted **Certified Government Financial Manager** (CGFM) certification 17 new CGFM's
- Honored to receive **Awards of Distinction** for Community Service and CGFM
- **Chapter Recognition Program** (CRP) – on track for achieve Platinum level = 19,501-22,000 points (21,875 achieved as of the end of March)
- **Community Service** – raised \$2,400 in monetary donations to support the community, achieved 55 volunteer hours, collected 150 pounds of food, and 23 toys
- Launched the **History Moments** at monthly chapter luncheons
- **Social Media** – 102 new followers of @AGA_DC on Twitter
- **Mentoring** – 30+ individuals participated in mentor/protégé pairing and networking sessions
- **Newsletter** – Published 5 issues to showcase chapter activities, members and speakers
- **Accountability and Outreach** – Hosted 10 year Citizen Centric Reporting (CCR) Celebration
- **Program speakers** – keynotes included Executive, Legislative and Local level government
- **Meetings** – executed 8 monthly luncheons at the Hamilton (new venue)

Thank you to Members, Sponsors, Officers, and Directors for your support, volunteer time and dedication to AGA and the profession. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next monthly luncheon on Wednesday, May 17th. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have served as your Chapter President and appreciate the contributions of my amazing leadership team. We are fortunate to have President-Elect Mr. Salim R. Mawani, CPA, CGFM take office on July 1, 2017.

Best regards,

Wendy Morton-Huddleston, CGFM, PMP

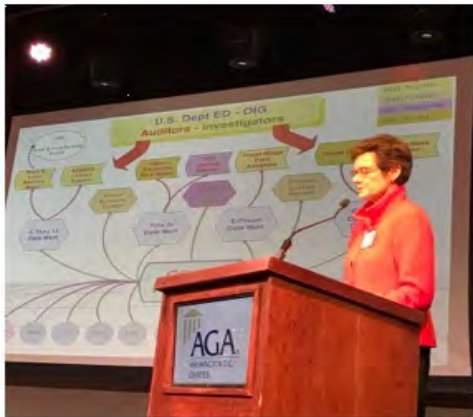
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“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality”

Warren Bennis

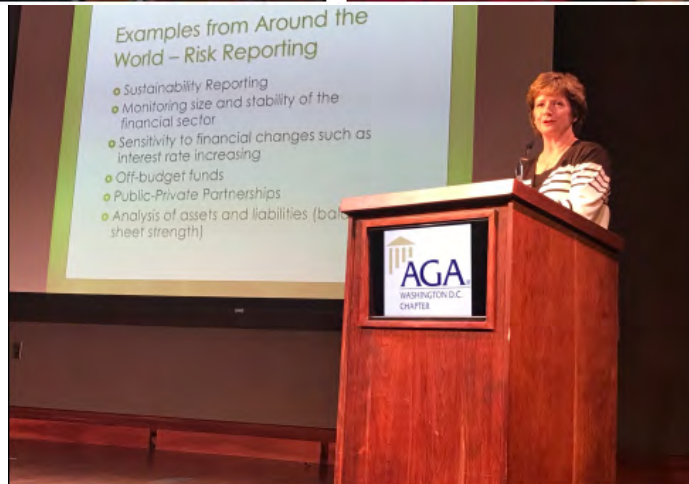
March & April Highlights!

Thank you to all AGA members for attending the March luncheon! Thank you especially to our March speaker Kathleen Tighe! Below are some snapshots from the event!



April Luncheon Highlights!

Thank you to all AGA members for attending the luncheon. Thank you especially to our April speaker Wendy Payne! We look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon on May 17th!



Get to Know May Luncheon Speaker!

Topic: Global Business Intelligence: Data and Analytics as a Resource at the Department of State



Alan Evans, Principal Deputy Comptroller, Bureau of the Comptroller and Global Financial Services, Department of State

Alan Evans is the Principal Deputy Comptroller in the Bureau of Comptroller and Global Financial Services at the Department of State. In this capacity, Mr. Evans is responsible for:

- Worldwide development, deployment, and support of the Department's resource management systems;
- Preparing the Department's Agency Financial Report including the Department's financial statements;
- Financial Policy; and
- Federal Assistance Financial Management

Mr. Evans has served in other positions at the Department including Managing Director, Global Resource Management Systems and Chief Accounting Officer. Prior to the Department of State, Alan spent seven years with the Department of the Treasury's Financial Management Service. He has over 37 years of Federal financial management experience. Alan received the President's Meritorious Executive Award in 2003 and 2016 for his sustained superior accomplishment in management of State programs.

Alan graduated from the University of Florida majoring in Accounting. He resides in Alexandria, Virginia. Alan has been a member of the Senior Executive Service since 1997 and a member of AGA.



Save the Date!

Washington Nationals Game June Outing!

2017 AGA DC Audio Training Schedule

The AGA DC Chapter will host the following National audio trainings throughout this program year at the Ford House Office Building, 441 2nd Street SW, 3rd Floor, Room #H2-396, Washington, DC 20515. Registration links will be distributed to members the week before each training.

Cost:

There is no charge for AGA members in good standing for these events and attendees will earn two (2) CPE credit hours.

When:

May 17 - Data Act
June 14 - Fraud/Data Analytics

Join the Washington DC AGA Chapter for a baseball game outing featuring the Atlanta Braves vs. Washington Nationals! Registration details regarding this event are forthcoming.

When:

Wednesday, June 14th at 4:05 PM

Where:

Nationals Park, 1500 S Capitol St SE, Washington, DC 20003

Email David Baskin at david.b.baskin@us.pwc.com & Crystal Wolf at crystal.l.wolf@us.pwc.com for more information.



AGA Annual Awards Gala!

A special thank you to Eveka Rodriguez, Jennifer Nielsen, Kerrey Olden, and the Awards, Training, and Gala Committees for a job well done!

<u>Award</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
Achievement of the Year Award	The Achievement of the Year Award recognizes a government employee who has demonstrated leadership or outstanding achievement in developing, implementing, and improving financial management in government service in the past year	Alaleh Jenkins
Educator Award	The Educator Award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the education and training of government financial managers.	Scott Bell
Einhorn- Gary Award	The Einhorn-Gary (Chapter) Award recognizes an active AGA member or organization that has, over a sustained period of time, made major contributions to advancing government accountability at the federal, state, and/or local level.	John Hummel
Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award	The Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award recognizes a government employee who has demonstrated sustained outstanding leadership and notable contributions to financial management, and to encourage increased interest, growth, development and distinctive leadership in the field of financial management.	Tony Scardino Ira Goldstein
Emerging Leader Award of Excellence	The Emerging Leader award recognizes a government financial manager with five to ten years of experience who has provided notable contributions toward excellence in financial management.	Malena Brookshire
Government Transparency Award	The Government Transparency Award recognizes outstanding reporting by a government in the past year through the generation of a report, website, dashboard, or information display, etc. for the public and/ or government officials.	Christina Ho and Team
International Achievement Award	The International Achievement Award recognizes a government employee who has exhibited leadership or outstanding achievement in international government financial management.	Doug Webster
Robert W. King Memorial Award	The Robert W. King Memorial Award recognizes superior service that enhanced the AGA's national prestige and stature.	David Miller
Chapter Lifetime Appreciation Award	The Chapter Lifetime Appreciation Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated significant and continuous contributions to governmental financial management throughout their career. The award recognizes the individual's cumulative achievements.	Evelyn Brown

AGA Annual Training & Awards Gala!





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AGA Early Careers U.S Capitol Tour Highlights!



Don't Get Left Behind Professional Development Workshop Highlights!



Inside the Black Box

by Simcha Kuritzsky, CGFM CPA

Integrating the General Ledger

Background

The U.S. Standard General Ledger (USSGL) has always had a split personality, or perhaps it might be better to say that the budgetary and proprietary accounts are twins that sometimes act closely in concert and other times act with total independence. I have described, in a number of articles, the relationships between proprietary and budgetary balances, and even assisted Treasury with developing elimination groups. In 2007, Treasury's Financial Management Service (FMS) initiated tie points to better integrate these two parts of the SGL.

Tying It All Together

The aforementioned elimination groups were designed specifically to help with intragovernmental eliminations. However, even transactions with the public need to be shown consistently in both the budgetary and proprietary accounts. So FMS introduced tie-points in 2007. There are twenty tie-points, and over half of them relate budgetary accounts to proprietary accounts. They tie together budgetary and proprietary cash, accounts payable, expenditures (to expenses/purchases and to appropriations used), advances (in and out), receivables, exchange collections, appropriations received, and net position. The other tie-points ensure that proprietary accounts balance, beginning balances equal last year's post-close balances, anticipated resources equal statuses in the budgetary accounts, and there is no activity in USSGL 310000, 331000 or 420100. Some of the latter type of tie-points were incorporated as edits in the Governmentwide Treasury Account Symbol Adjusted Trial Balance System (GTAS). However, the tie-points not included in GTAS are still very useful for preparing financial statements. Agencies that haven't already looked at the tie-points should download the spreadsheet workbooks from the Treasury website www.fiscal.treasury.gov/fsreports/ref/ussgl/tie-point_project/archives_tiepoints.htm.

Unfortunately, the tie-points workbooks haven't been updated in a decade. For example, they include only 370 of the 550 FY2017 USSGL accounts, but they include 27 accounts that are no longer USSGL. Many of the new accounts are specialized, so most agencies won't use them. In cases where an old USSGL account was split up into several, more specialized, accounts, it is easy to map the new accounts to where the old one is in the tie-points.

For the other new accounts, it should be possible to determine which new accounts need to be included in which tie-points by reviewing the associated posting models.

Conclusion

Last year, the USSGL turned thirty. While it has enabled many agencies to improve accounting practices and financial management, it still has room for improvement. Better integration of existing budgetary and proprietary USSGL accounts will help move agencies forward.



Comments and critiques, as well as specific questions or suggestions for future topics, are always welcome. Send them to Simcha.Kuritzky@CGI.com, and not to the AGA.



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Whether you're looking for more information, or you'd like to give us your suggestions or comments, you'll find easy ways to contact us right here.

The most direct way to get your question answered is to send an email to the AGA DC Board Member via agadc.org. Check out the Officers and Directors for their contact information. For example, if you have a question about the AGA DC monthly luncheon, contact Eric Schaefer at eschaefer@kpmg.com.

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