



**Message from the President**



I want to wish each of you a **Happy New Year** and hope that you were able to enjoy all that the Holidays offer with family and/or friends! It is hard to believe that it is already 2023!!

The ongoing COVID pandemic has required our Chapter to look for ways to deliver high quality CPE training online through AGA Headquarters. We plan to continue to use their platform for virtual events. However, we also plan to sponsor

four (4) live events this year. The first will be on **February 24th** at the ASU SkySong and the topic will be Tax and Retirement Updates among other issues. On **March 22nd** we will have our yearly Chapter Lunch Meeting at ASU SkySong. On **April 28th** at ASU SkySong, we will have our Professional Development Training (PDT). On **May 24th** we will have our final Chapter Lunch Meeting at the ASU SkySong. To register for these events, visit our website at: <http://www.agaphoenix.org>.

We regularly check our event feedback, and we are constantly working to improve the variety and content of our Education and Meeting Plan for each Program Year. **Keith Orr** is the head of our Education Committee and I know he would appreciate your suggestions and recommendations for topics and content! So, give him your recommendations for speakers and topics for our PDT and what you would like to participate in next year's Education & Meetings Plan. I hope each of you will make that one of your New Year's Resolutions. In addition, you may want to **Volunteer** to serve on our Board or Committees!

I would like to welcome our newest members, **Cindy Ensign, Karen Thompson, Allison Priest, and Karina Myles** to our Chapter! I hope to see each of you at one of our live events and if there is any way I can help you just let me know at [charleshester@msn.com](mailto:charleshester@msn.com)! If you are not a member of AGA, or have let your renewal lapse and are interested in joining go to the AGA website and click on **join or renew**. Also, in **February**, AGA and our Chapter will hold its annual election of officers. If you are interested in running for a position, please email me.

Thank you for your continued support of the Chapter and AGA!

Sincerely,

*Charles W. Hester*, President

AGA Phoenix Chapter

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## AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2022-2023

**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	Charles W. Hester Sr., CGFM, CPA, CFE
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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](mailto:contact@agaphoenix.org)



## Goals for 2022-2023 and Beyond

### • Membership & Education:

- Provide 40 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.
- Send out survey to members annually.
- Provide student members the option to attend three meetings for free.

### • Accountability:

- Prepare chapter's Citizen Centric Report (CCR) by September 30, 2022 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. Purchase two new sets this year.
- Seek State proclamation for March as CGFM month and provide recognition to CGFM members.

### • 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.

2022 & 2023 Spend through 11/30 (estimate)		
Budget Category	'22 Spent	'23 Spent
Education	\$8,780.32	\$3,357.16
Membership	\$1,185	\$0
Travel	\$1,075	\$0
Board Expenses	\$0	\$0
Scholarship	\$0	\$0
CGFM	\$445	\$0
Com. Service	\$0	\$0
Early Career	\$0	\$0
Audit	\$150	\$200
Misc.	\$257.20	\$22
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,892.52</b>	<b>\$3,579.16</b>

### PY 2022-2023 Committee Members:

#### *Accountability*

- Kimberly Prendergast, CGFM

#### *CGFM/Professional Certification*

- Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA
- Jordan Dale, CGFM

#### *Communications Committee*

- Charles Hester (Webmaster)
- Jordan Dale, CGFM (Webmaster)
- Myrna Lopez, CGFM, CPA (Newsletter)

#### *Community Service*

- Paola A. Julio De Matson

#### *Education*

- Keith Orr, GFM
- Michael Baumert, CPA
- Robert Hardwood, CPA

#### *Membership*

- Vacant

#### *NCC Representative*

- Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

#### *Programs*

- Daniela Kunova
- Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA

#### *Scholarships*

- Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

#### *Young Professionals*

- Getzmany Aragon
- Joshua Jumper, CGFM

## Events & Reminders

### Upcoming Events:

- AGA National will be offering the following events/webinars:
  - **Webinar: How to Become a CGFM (FREE), 0 CPE**
    - This FREE virtual information session for individuals interested in pursuing the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) credential will take place on January 26, 2023, 2-3pm ET via Zoom. Members of AGA's CGFM team will discuss the value and benefits of CGFM, certification requirements and process. For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).
  - **National Leadership Training on February 22-23, 2023, 14 CPEs in Washington, DC**
    - For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).
  - **ERM Workshop on April 18, 2023, 5.5 CPEs in Washington, DC**
    - This event provides participants with practical insight from Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) leaders. The workshop includes presentations as well as facilitated table discussions, where we move from academic discussions to "how-to" explanations and examples. The small, facilitated groups enhance opportunities for both hands-on work and Q&A. For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).

### Reminders:

- **Amazon Smile**
    - Support the AGA Phoenix Chapter on Amazon Smile. At no additional cost to you, 0.5% of the money from all of your Amazon transactions can be donated to the AGA Phoenix Chapter. Go to our [AmazonSmile page](#) and select the Association of Government Accounts, Phoenix, Arizona as your charity.
  - **AGA Membership**
    - Key membership benefits include:
      - Connect, Collaborate & Network
      - Continuous Learning
      - Stay Informed & Find Solutions
- For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).



#### **CGFM Study Resources Available:**

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

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

Contact our CGFM chair for step by step instructions on the CGFM process: [contact@agaphoenix.org](mailto:contact@agaphoenix.org).

### Education & Meeting Plan - 2022-2023 Program Year

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Type/Times</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>CPE Credit</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Location</b>
9/28/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Communications	2	9/23/2022	Virtual
10/19/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Internal Controls	2	10/14/2022	Virtual
11/2/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Live)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Ethics	2	10/28/2022	Virtual
12/14/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Risk Management	2	12/19/2022	Virtual
1/11/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Uniform Guidance and Grant Accounting	2	1/6/2023	Virtual
1/27/2023	<i>Special Event*</i> Class: 8:30am-12:00 pm	Professional Ethics for AZ CPAs	4	1/22/2023	Virtual
2/1/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	GASB Update	2	1/27/2023	Virtual
2/24/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Live)</i> Lunch: 11:30am-12:00pm Meeting: 12:00pm-3:50pm	Tax & Retirement Updates: ASRS, Nationwide Deferred Comp, IRS, AZDOR	4	2/20/2023	ASU SkySong 3 130 Synergy 1 1365 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event Type/Times</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>CPE Credit</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Location</b>
3/1/2023	Chapter Meeting <b>(Audio)</b> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	RPI/AI	2	2/24/2023	Virtual
3/22/2023	Chapter Meeting <b>(Live)</b> Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Live Speaker TBD	2	3/17/2023	TBD
4/12/2023	Chapter Meeting <b>(Audio)</b> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Ethics	2	4/7/2023	Virtual
4/26/2023	Chapter Meeting <b>(Audio)</b> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	CARES Act/ARPA	2	4/21/2023	Virtual
4/28/2023	Special Event*/ Professional Development Training 8:00am - 4:30pm	Professional Development Training	8	4/24/2023	ASU SkySong 3 130 Synergy I 1365 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
5/10/2023	Chapter Meeting <b>(Audio)</b> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Fraud/Data Analytics	2	5/5/2023	Virtual
5/24/2023	Chapter Meeting <b>(Live)</b> Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am Meeting 11:00am-12:50pm	TBD	2	5/19/2023	TBD
		<b>Total Program Year CPEs</b>	<b>40</b>		

\* 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

(<http://www.agaphoenix.org/events/>).



## 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/Tools-Resources/Intergov/Home.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](mailto:contact@agaphoenix.org)



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# 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](http://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\*\*