



Message From the President



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February was a busy month. We had two meetings, the first on February 7th, where Lealan Miller presented on the topic of Fraud Awareness. Lealan is a phenomenal speaker and we are fortunate to have had him speak for a number of years now. The second meeting of the month was our very popular ASRS and Tax Update event, which was held on February 16th. During that meeting, we also held our officer elections for the 2018-2019 year. Our slate of officers voted in,

are: Michelle Huckabay, President; Cindy Smith, Vice President; Gergana Kovatcheva, Treasurer; and Paola Matson, Secretary. Thank you to those who attended the February meetings, and a special thank you to the members of this chapter that voted during the election.

March is a very exciting month in AGA. We not only again have two meetings, one on March 7th on Infrastructure Financing, and one on March 28th on Cyber Security, both at Skysong, but it is also CGFM Month. This is a time during the year, where we especially want to recognize those who have attained this proud level of certification, as Certified Government Financial Managers. In honor of CGFM Month, we will have special recognition for our CGFM's at the March 7th meeting. We are also pleased to announce that we were able to, once again, receive the Governor's proclamation, certifying March 2018 as CGFM Month.

I also pleased to share more good news. During this year's scholarship contest, we had excellent participation in our scholarship contest and some really good scholarship nominees. I would like to thank Kelly Alkhoury, our Scholarship Chair, for her hard work and dedication on this event. Great job! Now that the results are in, I would like to announce the 2017-2018 \$1,000 scholarship winner as Getzamany Aragon, and the \$500 scholarship winner as Elliana Grow. Congratulations Getzamany and Elliana! Good luck in your journeys.

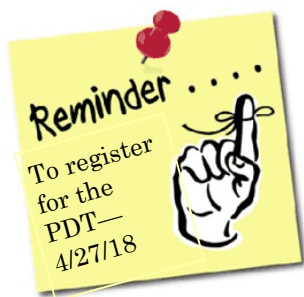
Additionally, I do have a couple of reminders for everyone.

- The annual PDT will be held on April 27th at the Rio Salado Conference Center. Registration is now open and full details are available at: <http://agaphoenix.eventbrite.com>.
- AGA membership renewals must be made by March 31, 2018. Remember to renew.

Thank you for your continued support of the Phoenix Chapter! Please let us know if you have any comments, suggestions, or you would like to participate on the Board, by e-mailing us at: contact@agaphoenix.org. Thank you.

Gergana Kovatcheva, CPA, CGFM
AGA Phoenix Chapter President

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March 2018 - CGFM Month

March is CGFM month. We would like to congratulate Phoenix AGA's newest certifying members:

- Jay R. Judson
- Jared M. Mazza
- Maureen E. Bell
- Shawntela L. Martinez
- Victoria Tafoya
- Jared M. Hansen

During this month we will recognize all of those who attained their CGFM license, attending the meeting, and encourage all to the benefits of the CGFM license. Join us at the March 7, 2018 Chapter luncheon meeting at Sky-song for the annual March as CGFM month celebration. There will be door prizes and giveaways for all CGFM members in attendance. The topic will be Infrastructure Financing. Lunch will be served at 11:30am and the Web conference will start at noon through 1:50pm for 2 CPE credits. We look forward to seeing you there.

In conjunction with CGFM month, check out this proclamation from the Governor, proclaiming March CGFM month: <http://www.agaphoenix.org/march-2017-proclamation/>

Also, if you are interested in taking the CGFM certification exam, contact us at CGFM@agaphoenix.org . We have study guides available for check-out, and reimbursement opportunities for those completing their CGFM.

What is CGFM?

- CGFM is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers.
- It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels.

For details on CGFM, go to the CGFM Certification section on AGA National's website.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/About-CGFM.aspx>



CGFM Study Resources Available:

For AGA members interested in taking the CGFM please contact our CGFM chair 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

2017-2018 Scholarships Awarded

We are pleased to announce that we awarded two scholarships for 2017. Getzamany Aragon was awarded \$1,000 and Elliana Grow was awarded \$500.

Getzamany Aragon obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting in 2014. It was during that time, she found a love for governmental accounting. In 2016 she was able to immerse herself in this new interest by joining the Accounting team at the AZ State Department of Education. Since then she has been promoted to a Manager and is now working on her Master's Degree in Accounting at Grand Canyon University. When she completes this journey, she will also have earned her CPA. She is eager to join AGA and explore even more possibilities in how she can make a positive impact on others.

Elliana is from Olympia, Washington and currently attends NAU. She is a member of the Business Leadership Program in the W.A. Franke College of Business and has served as Vice President of Academic Development for Alpha Omicron Pi, Theta Omega Chapter. She is following in the footsteps of her uncle and working on a degree in Accounting, with a minor in Political Science. She is very excited to be a part of AGA and make a difference in public accounting.

2018-2019 Election Results

Congratulations to those elected to represent the chapter during 2019. Members, thank you for voting!

President—Michelle Huckabay

Vice President—Cindy Smith

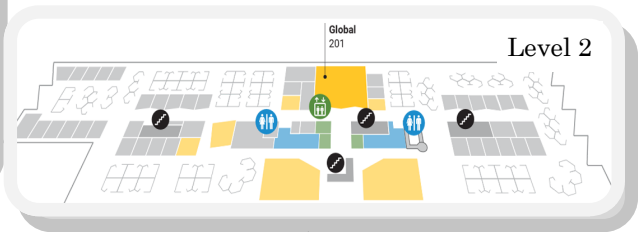
Treasurer—Gergana Kovatcheva

Secretary—Paola Matson

3/7/18 Meeting (2 CPE)
Topic: Infrastructure Financing
Lunch (11:30 AM)
Education Event (12:00 PM—1:50 PM)



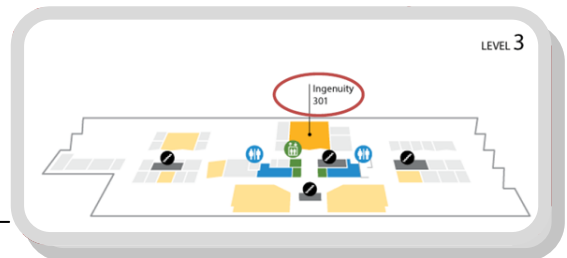
Sky Song 1475 N Scottsdale Rd., Bldg 1, Ingenuity Room 201, Scottsdale, AZ 85257



3/28/18 Meeting (2 CPE)
Topic: Cyber Security
Lunch (10:30 AM)
Education Event (11:00 AM—12:50 PM)



Sky Song 1475 N Scottsdale Rd., Bldg 1, Ingenuity Room 301, Scottsdale, AZ 85257



**Association of Government Accountants
Phoenix Chapter
Education and Meeting Plan
2017-2018 Program Year**

Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
9/13/17	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	Advanced Excel presented by Gregory Cleveland	2	9/8/17	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
10/11/17	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Internal Control	2	10/6/17	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
11/15/17	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	"Who's On Your Bench?" - Tips for Succession Planning presented by Pat Childress	2	11/10/17	AZ Department of Education Room 312 1535 W Jefferson St. Scottsdale, AZ 85007
12/6/17	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	Holiday Social—Cost Allocation presented by Donna Sandoval	2	12/1/17	ASU Skysong Bldg. 3, Synergy II #135 1475 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/10/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Grants Management	2	1/5/18	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/19/18*	8:00am-8:30am Continental Breakfast 8:30am-12:00pm Class	Ethics—ASCPA	4	1/12/18	MCCCD Governing Bd Rm 2411 W. 14th Street, 2nd Floor Tempe, AZ 85281
2/7/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	Fraud Awareness—How much do you really know?	2	2/2/18	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
2/16/18*	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Seminar 12:00p-12:50pm	ASRS	1	2/9/18	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		
3/7/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Infrastructure Financing	2	3/2/18	ASU Skysong Global Room 201 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257

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3/28/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Cybersecurity	2	3/23/18	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/11/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	Audit Risk and Other Considerations by Lisa Grace (ASU)	2	4/6/18	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/27/18*	8:00am-4:00pm PDT	Professional Resiliency—AGA President John Lynskey	1	4/20/18	Rio Salado College 2323 W. 14th St. Tempe, AZ 85281
		Government Revenue—GASB 33	1		
		Arizona Management System—Ryan Allison	1		
		IT Cyber Security—M. Gardner	1.5		
		Treasurer's Updates—Treasurer DeWit	1		
		GASB Updates—Donna Miller	1		
		Issues in Implementing Accounting Sys-	1.5		
		Total	8		
5/16/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Fraud Data Analytics	2	5/11/18	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
6/13/18	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	Presented by Heinfeld, Meech & Co., P.C.	2	6/8/18	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
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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:

\$25 each monthly chapter meeting, or package deal—\$220 for all sessions*

Non-Members

\$40 each monthly chapter meeting

*excludes special events (Ethics, Tax Update and Professional Development Training—PDT)

To RSVP, please go to our online registration site: <http://agaphoenix.eventbrite.com> . Thank you for your interest!

Goals for 2017-2018 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, 2017 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.
 - ✓ • Hold CGFM Review Course in October 2017
- 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.

PY 2017-2018 Budget through Jan 2017		
Budget Category	Budget \$	Spent @ 1/18
Education	\$21,250	\$7,994.71
Membership	\$1,000	\$0
Travel	\$3,500	\$0
Board Expenses	\$1,000	\$223.42
Scholarship	\$1,500	\$0
CGFM	\$1,000	\$15,265.08
Community Service	\$750	\$0
Website	\$150	\$0
Early Career	\$100	\$100.00
Audit	\$100	\$100.00
Misc.	\$100	\$0
Total	\$30,450	\$23,683.21

PY 2017-2018 Committee Members:

- Membership – Mary Adelman
- Education – Keith Orr, Jerry Snyder, John Schutter, Anthony St. George
- Programs – Michelle Huckabay
- Accountability—Kim Prendergast
- CGFM – Gergana Kovatcheva
- Young Professionals / Early Career – Jessica Leal
- Scholarship – Kelly Alkhoury
- Community Service – John Schutter
- Website/Newsletter – Michelle Huckabay

AGA Phoenix Chapter, Treasurer's Reports - January 2018

Treasurer's Report

Book Balance 12/31/2017		\$6,316.20
Receipts		\$2,850.64
Disbursements		\$4,068.61
Book Balance 1/31/18		\$5,098.23
Outstanding Checks		\$3,168.00
Outstanding Deposits		\$0.00
Adjusted Book Balance		\$8,266.23
 <u>Account Balance</u>		
Cash on Hand		\$50.00
Savings Balance		\$5.00
Your Savings Balance		\$10.00
Checking Balance		\$246.52
Checking Balance		\$7,954.71
		\$8,266.23
Difference Adjusted Book vs Bank		(\$0.00)

Balance Sheet

1/31/2018

Cash and Bank Accounts		
Cash on Hand		\$50.00
Savings Balance		\$5.00
Your Savings Balance		\$10.00
Checking Balance		\$246.52
Checking Balance		\$7,954.71
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts		\$8,266.23
Inventory		0.00
Speaker Gifts		\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$8,266.23
TOTAL Liabilities		\$3,168.00
TOTAL Equity		\$5,098.23

Announcements - Job Postings

No jobs currently posted—check back soon

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

Please email AGA Phoenix Webmaster, michelle@agaphoenix.org

AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2017-2018

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	Anthony St. George (appointed to complete Josh Neidigh's term)

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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!

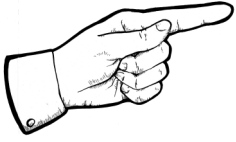
Please remember to send in any articles of interest, including any that you may have written on the subjects of management, accounting, or auditing. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

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





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: contact@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.****