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CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greeting and Happy Holidays from the Chicago Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants! It's that time of year when we can give thanks and share our good fortunes with family, friends, and colleagues.

On December 8th, the Chapter co-hosted another successful holiday luncheon with both the ACFE and the IIA at Maggiano's featuring Joseph Ferguson, Inspector General for the City of Chicago. The event was a great success and we look forward to partnering next year with both the ACFE and IIA.

We look forward to a successful 2018 so please visit our website to learn more about upcoming events and to join us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. [unclear]".

AGA Chapter President 2017-2018

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Our next Chicago Chapter event is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2018:

**Grants Management - Breaking Down the Complexities:
Speaker: Douglas Godesky, Senior Grants Officer
Corporation for National & Community Service**

2 CPEs (FOS: MGMT)

1:00 pm - 2:50pm CST

77 West Jackson, Suite 327 (Ralph Metcalfe Federal Building)

(\$10 students/retirees; \$15 members; \$30 Non-members) - Lunch Provided

The idea that grants management is a profession or at least a specialty within the accounting profession, too often this is not understood by an organization's management. The complexities and risks associated with acceptance of federal funding are often not understood by decision makers. Thus, the webinar will focus on training participants to understand some risks and findings from audits and reports, what was done to resolve them, how it relates to GONE/ Grant Acts, UGG - who is required to follow/understand terms, difference between a vendor and sub-recipient, and what types of resources and tools are available to help. Participants will be able to identify:

- The types of deficiencies that can lead to audit findings
- The important steps to take in developing a corrective action plan to respond to findings
- The key provisions of federal laws and regulations related to grants
- The resources and tools available to assist in the management of grants

Registration can be accomplished by contacting either:

Frank Moy at franklin.moy@gsaig.gov

or

Tom DiLisio at dilisio.thomas@dol.gov. by December 9th.



Highlights from the December Luncheon



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- Thursday January 4th – Executive Committee Meeting
- **Wednesday January 10th - Webinar - Grants Management**
- Thursday February 1st – Executive Committee Meeting
- **Wednesday February 7th - Webinar - GASB Updates**
- Thursday March 1st – Executive Committee Meeting
- Thursday April 5th – Executive Committee Meeting
- **Monday April 9th - IIA Audit Excellence Conference**
- Thursday May 3rd – Executive Committee Meeting
- **Tuesday May 22-23rd - Chicago Chapter Professional Development Conference**
- **Saturday July 21st - National AGA Professional Development Conference**

RECAP OF PAST EVENTS:

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CEC MINUTES:

An AGA Chicago Chapter Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday December 8th at the GSA Conference Center located at the Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building (77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604). No quorum was achieved, so no official business was conducted.

FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE:

Consider attending the AGA National Leadership Training held February 27-28, 2018 in Washington DC. A virtual attendance option is also offered. The chart below lists the registration fee. For more information, please see the AGA National website at <https://www.agacgfm.org>.

AGA Member	Online	Email/Mail
Early (On or before Feb. 2)	\$525	\$550
Standard (After Feb. 2)	\$625	\$650
Non-member	Online	Email/Mail
Early (On or before Feb. 2)	\$700	\$725
Standard (After Feb. 2)	\$800	\$825

CGFM:

Are you planning on obtaining the CGFM professional certification this chapter year? If so, there are resources available to help make this goal a reality! The AGA Chicago chapter has a copy of the official AGA CGFM study guides, that chapter members can borrow for free. For additional details, or to check out a study guide, contact CGFM Director Raul Nieto at raul.nieto@ed.gov.

CGFM Intensive Review Course

The next CGFM Intensive Review Course (IRC) will be held in Alexandria, Virginia from April 26-27, 2018. The class will run from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM both days, and offers participants up to 18 CPEs. The cost of the course is as follows:

- \$375 for AGA members
- \$425 for non-members

Additional information on the AGA Intensive Review Course, such as how to register, can be found at www.agacgfm.org/

Bonus: The CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to the April 2018 Intensive Review Course attendees — a \$375 savings!

Community Service:



The AGA Chicago Chapter is again participating in the U.S. Marine Corps Toys For Tots toy drive!

Please consider donating a toy to help ensure all children in the Chicagoland area will receive a toy this holiday season. Your toy donation will bring holiday cheer to a child who might otherwise not receive any gift this holiday season.

To donate, please bring your toy donation to the December luncheon on December 8th (luncheon details provided earlier in this newsletter), or contact Frank Moy at franklin.moy@gsaig.gov no later than December 15th to arrange toy pickup.

The United States Marine Corps kindly asks that all toy donations:

- Are new toys only
- Are not wrapped
- Are not real or toy weapons

Awards / Scholarships

This academic year, the Association of Government Accountants, Chicago Chapter, announced two scholarship awards, the Excellence in Accounting or Finance and the Matthew Matczynski Leadership/ Community Involvement Awards. Both scholarship awards are open to current college students (undergraduate or graduate students) in the field of Accounting and Finance studies for \$1,000 each. Please share with any student you may know who may be interested in applying for these scholarship opportunities.

- The Excellence in Accounting or Finance Award will be awarded to a student with at least an overall GPA of 3.0/ 4.0 scale and has completed an essay question and provided two non-family references.
- The Matthew Matczynski Award in Leadership/ Community Involvement will be awarded to a student with at least an overall GPA of 2.5/ 4.0 scale and has demonstrated strong leadership qualities and community service involvement through an essay question.

The awards are restricted to students from Illinois or Greater Chicagoland Area higher education institutions.

The scholarship application forms have been posted on the AGA Chicago Chapter website at: <http://www.chicagoaga.org/early-career/scholarship-award/>

For more information about the two awards and the required paperwork and guidelines, please contact Chanel Castaneda (ccastaneda@agachicago.org)



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