

# AGA CHICAGO CHAPTER

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## CHAPTER NEWS

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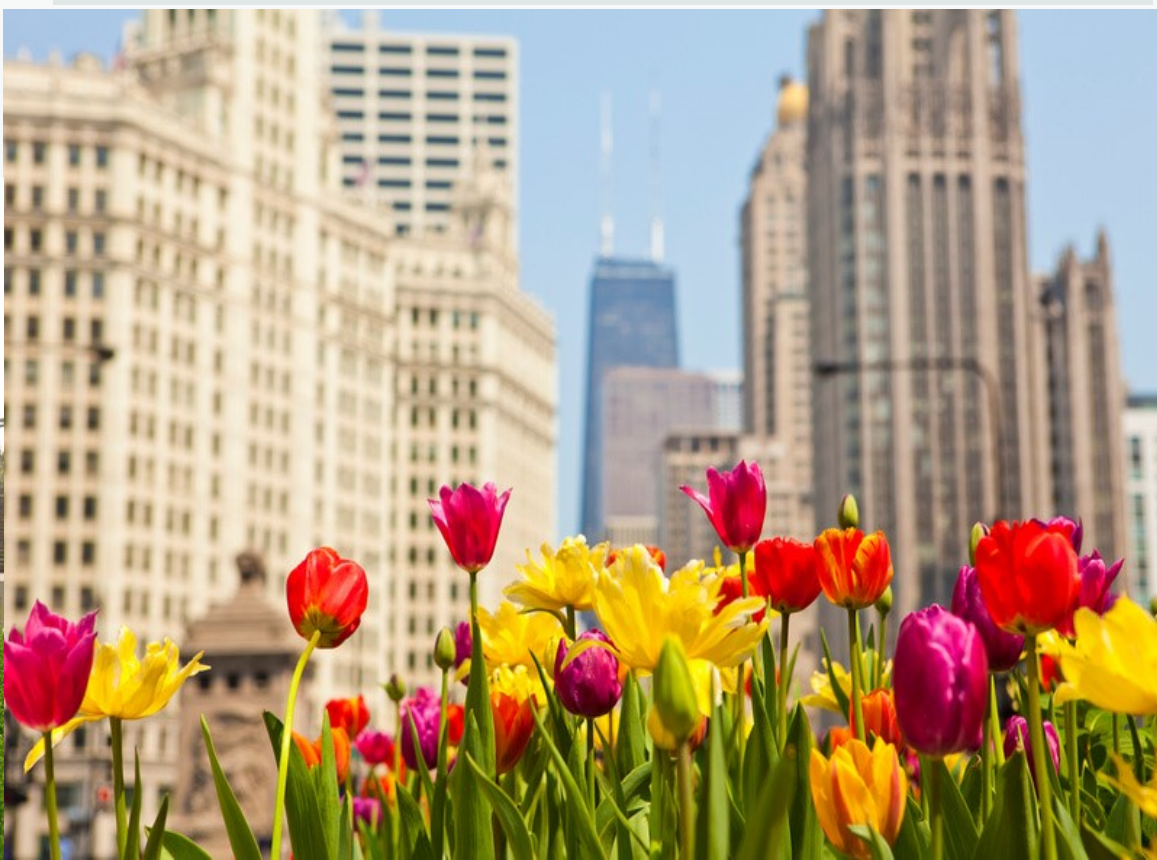
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### We Achieved Platinum Status!!!!

Category	Earned	Category Maximum
Leadership	4025	5000
Education	5425	4000
CGFM	6625	4000
Communications	6400	3000
Membership	1800	4000
Community Service	1200	2000
Awards	300	1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,875</b>	<b>25,000</b>





## AGA CHICAGO CHAPTER OBSERVATIONS

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE YEAR IN REVIEW



I have had the honor of leading the Chicago Chapter during the 2016-2017 fiscal year and am very proud of our accomplishments. Among them are:

1. Platinum Status Award for the Chapter
2. Education Award for the consistent quality education delivered to membership including the very successful PDT

I want to thank our Membership and Board for an award winning partnership. I will be accepting both awards on behalf of the Chapter at the National Conference in Boston, carrying the pride of our year-long shared journey.

True to the commitment made, this year's PDT sponsored by Southern Illinois University Systems was a Public-Private-University partnership reflective of the need of our times. Our diverse speakers brought so much interest and learning opportunity to those we serve. Our educational topics ranged from IL Pension Matters Round Table, Robotics and AI in Public Sector Accounting, Innovative Fiscal Problem Solving in Public Safety, Call for Mindful Leadership, Fraud Risk Mitigation, to State of our State while the collective call to action was public sector leadership through innovation and change management. Here are some pictures that celebrates our successful Annual PDT.







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As I close my term, as your Chapter President, I salute each and every one of you who joined me on a year-long journey to embrace change, welcome innovation and engage in the Public-Private-University partnership to broaden our horizons!



I officially pass on the leadership of Chicago Chapter Service to Thomas DiLisio, wishing him and the new 2017-2018 Board the very best.

It is in Service to others that we find our true character and purpose. I look forward to working with you in service of our mutual cause as the need for Public-Private-University Partnership continues to be the calling of our time of shared responsibility to shape our collective future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kasthuri Henry, PhD, MBA, CTP, Six Sigma Black Belt





## MEMBER PROFILES

The AGA Chicago Chapter would like to ensure we keep you up-to-date on all of the Chapter events, educational opportunities and career resources. Please take a moment to [verify your professional profile on the AGA website](#). We don't want you to miss any of the important communications that we share with our members!

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

We have several members that are up for renewal on their memberships this month, are you one of them? Please do not waste anytime and renew! We have a jam packed year for our members and we do not want anyone to miss any of our events.

## SPREAD THE WORD!

Have friends and/or coworkers who are not members yet? Tell them about the endless opportunities, networking events and training sessions that you have experienced and have them join.

*If you have questions or concerns about these matters, please contact your Membership Director below:*

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The final community service participation for the 2016-2017 chapter year was for this wonderful community center. This center is located in the heart of Rogers Park.

I had the pleasure of visiting this center and saw everything that it had to offer to their community. They had a full running kitchen in which the students made me a healthy and delicious smoothie as well as a cupcake that I took to go in the car and devoured it as I drove.

## **Community Service**

### ***Howard Area Community Center***



They also have a great library and quiet area for their preschool so that the children have a quiet place to read. They have another area where they can learn their colors, ABC's and numbers. This preschool is offered to families either at a very low cost or no cost to those who qualify.

Another great service that this center offers to their community is free dental care to those that qualify! They provide cleaning, annual exams for children when they go back to school and much more!



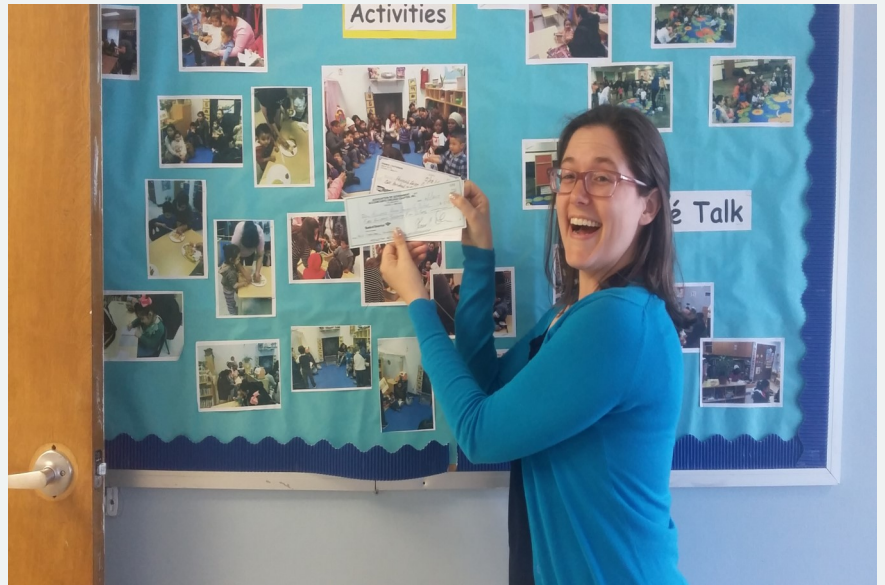




Through our 2017 PDT, some of our members donated money and food. Also, the Chicago Chapter made a donation. The total amount was \$675! Thank you to everyone who donated, this money will go a long way!

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## **I Bid To Thee Farewell!**

Everyone, my time is up as being your Community Service/Newsletter/Social Media Director. It has been an absolute pleasure and mostly an honor to have been able to bring you the latest news, post the Chapter's timelines, accomplishments and give back to communities in the name of the AGA!

**Please always try and give back to your community in anyway that you can. I promise you that you will always have a little bit of more love in your heart when you do!**

Della Hernandez

## CGFM CERTIFICATION

### The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM®)

The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification is awarded by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA). AGA is a national professional association of some 15,000 members who represent every level of government financial management. This professional designation is designed specifically to recognize the unique skills and special knowledge required of professionals who specialize in government financial management. In addition to meeting the program's education and experience requirements, those awarded the designation agree to abide by AGA's strict

Code of Ethics and complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

### \*Updates\*

1. New Study Guides and book store
2. Multi-User online guide  
\*with admin features
3. Track and progress your profile
4. Cheaper pricing when buying in bulk



**Did you know?** The Chicago Chapter of the AGA maintains a copy of the study materials to prepare for the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) exam. These materials are available for check out to members of the AGA Chicago Chapter upon request.



Study Guide 1: Governmental Environment  
 Study Guide 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting  
 Study Guide 3: Governmental Financial Management and Control

**Want to request a copy? Want more information? Contact the Chapter's CGFM Director, Raul Nieto, at (312) 730-1634 or [raul.nieto@ed.gov](mailto:raul.nieto@ed.gov).**

# AGA NATIONAL NEWS

## Can you POGO?!

Pass one CGFM test this summer and get one free

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## Free Webinar!

August 22nd: Planning and Events

[https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars/2015-2016-Offerings/082217-ChapterEvents.aspx?utm\\_source=Informz&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=AGA+Communications](https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars/2015-2016-Offerings/082217-ChapterEvents.aspx?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=AGA+Communications)

## Article!

[“Why I Serve the Public; Mary Lou Goins](http://aga.informz.net/admin31/content/template.asp?sid=55835&ptid=2658&brandid=4890&uid=1073916471&mi=6725617&ps=55835)

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## Important News: GASB-77 Tax Abatement Disclosures!

<https://www.agacgfm.org/My-AGA/utilities/Sign-in.aspx?RET=/Resources/Journal-of-Government-Financial-Management/Read-the-Latest-Issue.aspx>

## Headed out of Town?

If your headed out of town and want to stay connected with AGA, find an event near you!

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Event-Calendar/Chapter-Regional-Events.aspx>





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**For information on the AGA Chicago Chapter's financial condition, please see the [Financial Statements](#) posted to the website.**

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## CHICAGO CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Chicago Chapter is to carry out an educational responsibility of enhancing public financial management and accountability.

AGA through its chapters, is a leading advocate for improving the quality and effectiveness of financial managers and auditors from local, state and federal governments from the Chicago area. The chapter provides an opportunity for accountants and auditors to meet on a regular basis for training and networking.