



NEWSLETTER

September 2018

President's Message

From Karen Murphy



Let me start out by welcoming you to the 2018-2019 AGA Seattle Chapter new year. It was

through the board votes, which put me into this role, and I feel sincere gratitude for your trust and at the same time a grave responsibility thinking of what we want to accomplish in the next year. By the end of the AGA year, I hope the Chapter will have achieved the following: a) an annual formal Citizen Centric Report, thanks to Karyn Angulo and Tim Dobler, b) an expanded community service program, thanks to Gabrielle Sivage and Katherine King, and c) a complete modular CGFM exam preparation and refresher program thanks to Gabrielle Sivage.

We had two new members join us since June, Katherine King from King County and Vanessa Quiroz Hotz from the University of Washington. I also want to recognize the following valued members who are retiring, or have achieved milestones in their careers; Mary Ann Hardy, who after two terms, is now our 17-18 Past President; Tim Dobler is now a retired member, and Diane MaKaeli, who is now CEO of *Global Business & Financial Services*. I want to welcome those who have decided to join our great chapter and look forward to seeing you get involved in our monthly meetings and other events.

I strongly encourage all members to join us for our first training luncheon of the year on September 11th. Dr. Ken Smith; John Kurpierz, Ph.D. Candidate; and Gabrielle Sivage, MSc, will head up a roundtable discussion about intelligent automation in

Summary of first quarter activities:

- Our annual board dinner was Thursday, August 23, 2018, at the Palomino restaurant in downtown Seattle.
- The first board meeting of the new year was an exciting one. We met on Thursday, August 16, 2018. We accomplished the two big projects of lining up our training luncheons, board meeting schedules, and conceptual planning for CGFM training content at diverse times of the week.
- Sam Lord, Kymi Ingram-Baum, and Karen Murphy attended AGA National's annual PDT (Professional Development Training) held July 21-26, 2018, in Orlando, Florida. The training workshops ran 7:30 in the morning to 4:30 in the afternoon including, breakfast, lunch, entertainment, and at the end of each day, a hosted evening social. The significant "take home" from the PDT was the almost unanimous passage of the new governance structure (we will discuss this in detail in future newsletters). We also brought home four out of seven national awards as follows:
 1. Sandra Starnes – Platinum Regional Vice President Recognition Award
 2. Mary Ann Hardy – Platinum Chapter Recognition Award
 3. Karyn Angulo – Volunteer of the Year Award
 4. Tim Dobler – Newsletter First Place Editor Award
- Our annual board retreat took place on Saturday, June 23, 2018. Tony Eayrs arranged the meeting space at the King County Airport.

We discussed our plan of action for the coming year (mentioned above).

I look forward to the year ahead, and I know we have much to accomplish. If anyone is interested in working on a committee, please contact me at joujie@comcast.net, and I'll put you in touch with the committee chairperson.

Thank you, very much and best regards,

Karen Murphy, MBA, CPA (IA)

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Meet Our Newest Member, Katherine King

Katherine King grew up in Massachusetts just outside of Boston and studied Accounting at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA. After graduating she moved back to Boston for a few years and worked in the Finance Department at the Fund for Public Interest, a national, nonprofit organization that runs campaigns for America's leading environmental and public interest organizations. Katherine then relocated to New Jersey and for several years and worked as a Grant Accountant for HOPES CAP, Inc., non-profit agency that provides programs which respond to the social, educational, and training needs of the local community. She returned to Boston for a few years after accepting a position at Tufts University in their Office of Sponsored Programs Accounting. Her husband is originally from Tacoma and aspired to be back in this region. In March 2017, she accepted a TLT Senior Grant Accountant position with the King County Department of Public Health. In June 2017, she gained career service status with the County when she joined the DCHS Developmental Disabilities Division as a Business and Finance Officer II. After three months, she received a promotion to Business and Finance Officer III supporting the Community Services Division. This fall she will join Cohort 16 at the University of Washington Evans School of Public Policy and Governance Executive Master of Public Administration program.

Training

CGFM Fall News

80 CPE hour biennial deadline is 12/31/2018 for those who earned their CGFM during an odd number year. To learn more information, including filing for exception or reactivation go to: <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/CGFMs/CPE-Requirements/CPE-Requirement-FAQ.aspx>. It is worth noting that Seattle regional AGA members have had CPE's audits, so try to keep careful records if you have not been able to in the past due to moves or whatever life has thrown at you.

Article 1

September Luncheon: 1 CPE

We hope that not having an option to order lunch will not deter you from attending this month's training luncheon. Please join our speakers for a roundtable discussion about how local governments can use intelligent automation to provide better, faster, and more efficient service than ever before. Discussing the article "Welcome to the New School: How Intelligent Automation is Shifting the Way We View Competencies and Professional Development" by Kaizer, Ponce, and Steinhoff, from the Summer 2018 Issue of The Journal of Government Financial Management. Special focus will be on the strengths and weaknesses of the coming wave of automation, and how local governments can best prepare for the future.

Please find the article for the training on September 11th online at: Article begins on page 12: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Research-Publications/Journal-of-Government-Financial-Management/Read-the-Latest-Journal.aspx> Download the article by signing in with your AGA ID and login. Or, you can request a copy be sent directly to you when you RSVP.

We welcome three speakers to this event. Dr. Kenneth Smith, Professor, Central Washington University and previously the U of WA Evans Graduate School, among other schools of higher learning. Dr. Smith is recent former Seattle AGA Board President and continues service as a board member. John Kurpierz, PhD Candidate, Schulich School of Business at York University, Seattle AGA Board member since 2013, MPA from University of Washington's Evans School of Public Policy and Governance. Gabrielle Sivage, Grant Oversight

Manager, City of Seattle. Seattle AGA Board member since 2012, CGFM, and holds a Masters in Science from the London School of Economics.

Logistics:

RSVP required by **Friday, September 7, 2018** call (425-931-6279) or send to Karen Murphy's email address joujie@comcast.net. And, please bring your own lunch for this session.

The roundtable runs from 12:00 – 12:50 pm. Please join us at 11:30 a.m. for a brown bag lunch and networking prior to the presentation.

GAO Training Room. 701 5th Ave., Floor 37, Seattle, WA 98104

THE COST IS MEMBERS - \$0 and NON-MEMBERS - \$5

Article 2 on Training:

This month's AGA Luncheon features a deeper focus on one of the AGA Journal articles. For the future, remember for those considering mobile and affordable CPE opportunities, you can earn CPE's online after reading the AGA Journal. Quizzes are open-book whether you get your Journals online, in paper or both. Purchase one quiz or a subscription of four. Quizzes are available from the eight most recent issues at any given time.

1. The rates are as follows:

- Members-only rates: \$30 per quiz or \$109 for four quizzes.
- Non-member rates: \$56 per quiz or \$204 for four quizzes. Non-member rates do not include a copy of the *Journal*.

2. Read the quarterly *Journal of Government Financial Management*. Plan on spending about three hours to read the applicable information and take the quiz.

3. Take the quiz! After reading the *Journal*, [log in](#) to take the 25-question quiz. Earn three (3) CPEs for each quiz you complete with a score of 80% or better. Important: *If you take the quiz and do not pass, you must purchase another opportunity to take that quiz.*

4. Print your certificate. From the Quiz Results page, click on the button labeled "Click Here to Receive Your Certificate" and print your certificate.

Pssst, hint, hint: Generally, once per year AGA will run a special price for the quizzes. So, if you're not on

deadline to make your 80 CPE's in December, you can keep an eye out for specials between now and April 2019, if you're on a student budget or otherwise looking for a steal.

Article 3 on Training

Looking for convenient and affordable training? AGA webinars make earning CPE hours easy. All of AGA's webinars, unless denoted with a members-only icon, are open to anyone. They feature experts speaking on emerging issues to help you stay informed on topics including auditing, ethics, governmental accounting, internal controls and performance measures. AGA members pay just \$49, while non-members pay \$69. [Group registration](#) options are available. The schedule below only includes the topic of the webinars. Titles may change as we get more details from speakers.



Denotes members-only webinar.

The Seattle AGA Chapter expects to host a group CPE viewing for a 1 webinar this year and 1 webinar in 2019. Check back later this September for a tentative training schedule update to the local Chapter Website

here: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Seattle/Training-Events.aspx>. We have rebuilt the website and look forward to adding content throughout the fall, as we begin the Chapter's 2018-2019 operating year.

In closing, we genuinely look forward to connecting with you, whether in person or virtually, on the 11th of September 2018. Please stay tuned-in. In our next chapter newsletter, we'll discuss AGA's new governance structure. If you have a news article or announcement to include in the October issue, please contact Karyn Angulo angulok@gao.gov



September 12 | 2–3:50 PM ET
Communications



October 10 | 2–3:50 PM ET
Internal Control



November 28 | 2–3:50 PM ET
Ethics



December 5 | 2–3:50 PM ET
Internal Control



December 20 | 1–2:00 PM ET
Social Media



January 9 | 2–3:50 PM ET
Grants Management



February 6 | 2–3:50 PM ET
GASB Update



March 6 | 2–3:50 PM ET
Finance



March 27 | 2–3:50 PM ET
Cybersecurity



April 10 | 2–3:50 PM ET
Ethics



April 24 | 2–3:50 PM ET
DATA Act



May 15 | 2–3:50 PM ET
Fraud/Data Analytics



June 12 | 2–3:50 PM ET
Leadership