



CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

The Association of Government Accountant's Chicago Chapter is committed to ensuring that its members have high quality training opportunities available to them and support community service events that benefit our members, as recognized again in 2021 by the National Association of Government Accountant's Platinum chapter award. Also, we partner with organizations such as the national AGA and IIA who are NASBA certified to offer you accredited CPEs.

During this time of year we want to focus our chapter on a variety of community service projects we are supporting. This includes voluntary tax preparation, scholarship opportunities, pantry food drives and supporting homeless shelters. We need volunteers in this area! If you are interested in participating in any of these events, please contact us for more information.

We are happy to announce our upcoming 2022 training schedule which includes webinars. We again will not be hosting any in-person training sessions this year due to continued pandemic restrictions and safety of our members and their families. So mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you in the upcoming year.



Chapter President 2021-2022

FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The chapter has scheduled the following webinar offerings this upcoming program year. Webinars will be free to all active Chapter members. Non-members will be charged National AGA's going rate to participate in these webinars. Registration will be required in advance due to limited capacity. Please contact either Frank Moy or Tiffany McCoy to register for each webinar. Once registered, you will be provided a code to join and view the webinar. **Please do not share the code; the Chapter receives a confirmation of all names who log in an view the webinar.**

The Chapter is presently reviewing the list of upcoming webinars that it will be offering this upcoming year.

February 2 nd	Government Accounting Standards Board Updates, 2 CPEs
March 2 nd	Improper Payments, 2 CPEs
April 6 th	Ethics, 2 CPEs
April 20 th	Cares Act, 2 CPEs
April 26 th – 28 th	AGA & IIA "Spring into Training", up to 8 CPEs



QUARTERLY MEMBER EVENTS:

The Chapter will be scheduling quarterly zoom calls with all members to share upcoming news, solicit ideas for training or community service events, etc. Please mark your calendar and hope you can attend. We will send out the link and log-in information as we get closer to these dates.

March 31st CGFM	June 30th Member Satisfaction	Sept. 30th Training Events	Dec. 29th Community Service
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The March 31, 2022, session will focus on the importance of the Certified Government Financial Manager credential and how the Chapter supports members who obtain their CGFM. The Chapter is currently offering reimbursement for the testing costs for any member passes the test and receives their CGFM certification.

2022 CHAPTER GOALS:

- Grow membership by 10%
- Attain 80%-member satisfaction rate
- Provide or co-sponsor training events and exceed prior year attendance
- Hold member networking events
- Provide CGFM information sessions and promote the CGFM
- Updated content on Chapter website and Facebook page, etc.
- Sponsor community service events & contribute to the PDT fundraiser
- Encourage students and participate in college or university fairs, etc.



We have set forth some ambitious goals for the upcoming year and will need your input and support to achieve these goals. We will report our progress in upcoming newsletters, website and on our FB page.

MEMBERSHIP:

We are happy to announce the following new members who joined the Chicago Chapter recently:

- Bradley Washington – USDA
- Marcie Ibizugbe - HUD
- Matthew Williams – student
- Carron Johnson – IL Circuit Courts
- Tyhani Hill – City of Homewood
- Cynthia Fierro – HUD
- Hannah Ilie – student
- Tiffany Rogers - DOE



Did you know that students can join the AGA free? Electronic student membership in AGA provides you access to resources to develop your skills and expand your knowledge. Membership in AGA to build professional connections and discover your future career while positively impacting your community and country. To join AGA as an electronic student member, you must:

- Be currently enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited higher education institution.
- Not be employed full-time.

*AGA may annually request a transcript confirming your full-time student status, and reserves the right to decline membership if documentation of full-time student status is not provided upon request.

RETIREMENTS:

We are happy to announce the retirement of Tom DiLisio (Past President), from the UDOL Employment Training Administration in Chicago after spending 30+ years with the Region 5 office, later moving on to Region 6 San Francisco in 2019. We wish Tom success in his new journey and he will continue to in his role with the Chicago AGA CEC in their endeavors.

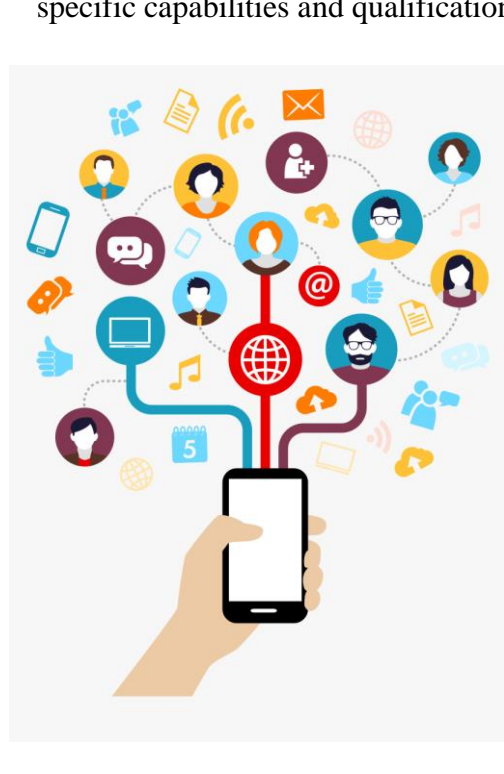
COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

We are also seeking individuals who can assist low income workers in their tax return preparations. If you are interested, please contact Frank Moy.

The Chapter also seeks financial support to local non-profits as part of our overall community service plan strategy; so if you know of a worthy recipient, please let us know how we can help! The Chapter donated \$300 towards the National AGA fundraising efforts in 2021.



Chicago AGA CEC member Tom DiLisio received his CGFM certification on October 1, 1995, shortly after taking a position with the US Department of Labor Employment Training Administration. Starting as a Systems Accountant conducting financial reviews of State training programs eventually being promoted to the Chief of the Division of Financial Management & Administrative Services. Being the CGFM credential demonstrated that I possessed a level of competency, expertise & related knowledge needed to be successful in more challenging financial positions within the Federal government. It's also a commitment to ongoing continuing professional education required to maintain my certification. Similar to the CPA, CIA, and ACFE certifications, the CGFM adds professional value because it brings specific capabilities and qualifications to your current or future employer.



SOCIAL MEDIA:

Have you visited the Chapter's website lately? Do you know the Chapter now has a Facebook page (its about time!)? The Chapter will provide up to date information on these two sites to allow members greater access to Chapter activities.

Website address: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/Chicago-Chapter/Home.aspx>

Facebook Page: AGA Chicago Chapter

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