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Message From the President

February was another busy month for Phoenix AGA. We had two new members join the Chapter, Stephen from REDW and Thomas a Department Manager from Colorado. Welcome to the Chapter, Stephen and Thomas! We started off the month on February 5th, with an education event on GASB Updates, at ASU Skysong, worth two (2) CPEs. Then, on February 28th, we held our annual Tax and Retirement Seminar. This event was worth four (4) CPEs, and was held at ASU Skysong. At this meeting, we also voted in our Chapter officers for the upcoming 2020-2021 year: President – Jordan Dale, Vice President – Matthew Turgeon, Treasurer – Marvin Mendieta and Secretary – Joshua Jumper. Thank you to all of you that attended these events!

In March, the Chapter will hold two events. The first event will be March 4th on the topic of Improper Payments, at ASU Skysong. This event is worth two (2) CPE. At this event, we will also recognize our Chapter CGFMs, since the month of March 2020 was declared CGFM Month by Governor Doug Ducey. Congratulations to all of our CGFMs! Then, later in the month on March 25th, the Chapter will hold another education event on Cybersecurity. This event will be held at ASU Skysong and will be worth four (2) CPEs.

Also, I have just two reminders for the upcoming month to share. First, please check out the details for our upcoming Annual Professional Development Training that will be held on April 24th, [here](#). Registration is now open. Second, do not forget to renew your AGA membership for the upcoming year. Renewals are due by March 31st. You can follow these easy steps to renew:

- Go to agacgfm.org/renew
- Login using your AGA ID and password
- Click “Proceed to Checkout”
- Verify AGA membership dues and/or CGFM renewal amount(s)
- Click “Check Out” and enter credit card payment
- Click “Submit Payment”

Also, please do not forget to check out all of our upcoming events on our website, [here](#).

Again, thank you for your continued support of the Phoenix Chapter

Michelle Huckabay, CPA, CGFM—President of the AGA Phoenix Chapter

AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2019-2020

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	Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA
President Elect	Cindy Smith, CPA
Past President	Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA
Secretary	Paola Matson
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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



Goals for 2019-2020 and Beyond

- Membership & Education:
 - Provide 42 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.
 - Send out survey to members annually.
 - ✓ • Provide student members the option to attend three meetings for free.
- Accountability:
 - ✓ • Prepare chapter's Citizen Centric Report (CCR) by September 30, 2018 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. Purchase two new sets this year.
 - ✓ • Seek State proclamation for March as CGFM month and provide recognition to CGFM members.
- 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.

2019 & 2020 Budget and Spend through 12/31			
Budget Category	'19 Spent	'20 Budget	'20 Spent
Education	\$19,328.16	\$19,050	\$4,088.62
Membership	\$680	\$750	\$0
Travel	\$2,873.47	\$1,000	\$700.60
Board Expenses	\$100	\$100	\$87.75
Scholarship	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$500
CGFM	\$125	\$1,550	\$922.25
Community Service	\$695	\$500	\$150
Website	\$0	\$0	\$0
Early Career	\$0	\$750	\$510.14
Audit	\$150	\$150	\$150
Misc.	\$180.56	\$200	\$36.25
Total	\$25,132.19	\$25,050	\$7,145.61

PY 2019-2020 Committee Members:

Membership – Mary Adelman, CGFM, CPA

Education – Keith Orr, CGFM, Jerry Snyder, CGFM, CPA and Robert Harwood, CPA

Programs – Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA and Daniela Kunova

Accountability—Kim Prendergast, CGFM, CPA

CGFM – Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA, Jordan Dale, CGFM

Young Professionals / Early Career – Getzamany Aragon and Marvin Mendieta, CGFM

Scholarship – Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Community Service – Cindy Ensign

Communications Committee – Myrna Lopez, CGFM, CPA and Jordan Dale, CGFM

CGFM Month

March is CGFM month. During this month we will recognize all of those who attained their CGFM license, attending the meeting, and will share the benefits of the CGFM license. Join us at the March 4, 2020 Chapter luncheon meeting at Skysong for the annual March as CGFM month celebration. There will prizes for all CGFM members in attendance. We look forward to seeing you there. In conjunction with CGFM month, check out this proclamation from the Governor, proclaiming March CGFM month:

https://www.agacgfm.org/CMSSiteImages/Chapters/Chapters/Phoenix-Chapter/libraries/files/SKM_C754e20022607580.pdf

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, who are members, can apply for reimbursement of the application and examination costs.

Contact our CGFM chair for step by step instructions on the CGFM process: contact@agaphoenix.org.

Association of Government Accountants					
Phoenix Chapter					
Education and Meeting Plan					
2019-2020 Program Year					
Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
9/11/19	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Education Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	Lean Six Sigma in Government	2	9/6/19	AZ Department of Education Room 311 1535 W Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
10/23/19	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Education Seminar 11:00am-12:50pm	How Automation Can Take the Robot Out of the Human	2	10/18/19	AZ Department of Education Room 311 1535 W Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
11/20/19	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Education Seminar 12:00pm-1:50pm	Trends in Budgeting and Forecasting	2	11/15/19	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
12/11/19	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Internal Control: Controlling Your Bots	2	12/6/19	AZ Department of Education Room 311 1535 W Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
1/8/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Uniform Guidance	2	1/2/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
1/17/20*	8:00am-8:30am Continental Breakfast 8:30am-12:00pm Class	Ethics—ASCPA	4	1/10/20	MCCCD Governing Bd Rm 2411 W. 14th Street, 2nd Floor Tempe, AZ 85281
1/22/20	Chapter Meeting- Education Seminar 2:00pm-4:00pm	Cybersecurity and Ransomware—Lealan Miller, CPA, CGFM	2	1/17/20	Mission Possible Cafe— 1516 W. Van Buren St. Phoenix, AZ 85007
2/5/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	GASB Update	2	1/31/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
2/28/20*	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Education Seminar 12:00p-12:50pm	ASRS	1	2/23/20	ASU Skysong Bldg 3, Synergy I #130 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		

Association of Government Accountants					
Phoenix Chapter					
Education and Meeting Plan					
2018-2019 Program Year					
Date	Event	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
3/4/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 11:30am-12:00pm, Audio Conference 12:00pm-1:50pm	Improper Payments	2	2/28/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
3/25/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-	Cybersecurity	2	3/20/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/8/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-	Ethics	2	4/3/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
4/24/20*	8:00am-4:00pm PDT	Preparing for the Future of Accountability	1	4/17/20	Rio Salado College 2323 W. 14th St. Tempe, AZ 85281
		Controls Audit	1		
		New Financial Reporting Model for Governments	1		
		Cybersecurity	1		
		2020 State Treasurer's Updates	1		
		GAS/SAS Updates	1.5		
		Panel Discussion on Challenges and Opportunities in Government Finance	1.5		
		Total	8		
5/12/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Audio Conference 11:00am-12:50pm	Fraud Data Analytics	2	5/8/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
5/27/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Education Seminar 11:00am-	Advanced Excel Functionality	2	5/25/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
6/10/20	Chapter Meeting-Lunch 10:30am-11:00am, Education Seminar 11:00am-	TBD—Brittney Williams, CPA, CGFM	2	6/5/20	ASU Skysong Global Room 301 1475 N Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
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Announcements - Job Postings

Budget Supervisor—Valley Metro, Salary Range(\$61,014-\$91,521). The Budget Supervisor is responsible for supervising the comprehensive budget development process for the annual Valley Metro operating and capital budgets along with the five-year operating forecasts and capital programs. Under the direction of the Budget and Operations Financial Controls Manager, this position will supervise budget department staff, develop annual budgets, mid-year adjustments, monitor budgets, and prepare documents and presentations for management and Boards.

An ideal candidate will have a strong background in budget development, analysis, and supervision. They will also have strong communication skills as this position must be able to communicate with directors, managers, and external stakeholders. They will thrive in an environment where accountability, fiscal responsibility, and great customer service are critical to success.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Management, Finance or a related field, and five (5) years of professional level experience, including 2 years of supervisory experience, in budgeting, accounting and project management or an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties such as those listed. Government experience desirable.

An ideal candidate will have a strong background in budget development, analysis, and supervision. They will also have strong communication skills as this position must be able to communicate with directors, managers, and external stakeholders. They will thrive in an environment where accountability, fiscal responsibility, and great customer service are critical to success.

Apply online at: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/valleymetro>

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

Please email AGA Phoenix Webmaster, 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/Tools-Resources/Intergov/Home.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.****