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## President's Message

AGA President's Message –  
September 2017

Saying goodbye to a Seattle summer, especially one as sunny and warm as this one was, is always difficult. Fortunately, our AGA program year begins in September, and our board has been hard at work planning an exciting and rewarding year for our members to keep you fully engaged until next summer rolls around. We began our planning efforts for the year at our annual board retreat in June, developing our strategies for education, CGFM promotion, community outreach, and Early Career member support. Three of our board members (Sam Lord, Sandra Starnes, and I) had the opportunity to attend the annual Professional Development Training conference in Boston, Massachusetts in July to learn about best practices in chapter development and compare notes with our fellow AGA chapter leaders from around the country.



In August, the board met with Bobby Derrick, AGA **Field Representative & Chapter Consultant**, and Judy Shock, AGA Senior Vice President for Section III, to enhance our understanding of how other AGA chapters successfully serve and support their members. I look forward to seeing all of you on September 12, 2017 for our first monthly luncheon meeting of the year. Welcome back!

Mary Ann Hardy,  
Chapter President

### Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome to the Seattle Chapter:

*Daniel Verburg*  
*Seattle University*  
*Student*

### Upcoming Events

**September 12 AGA:**  
“Ethics and Protecting Government Data ”  
**presented by** Diane MaKaeli, CEO of Global Business & Financial Services

### September 13 AGA Webinar:

Covering effective leadership and communication skills and techniques

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## **THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS**

<b>Speaker</b>	<b><i>Diane MaKaeli, CEO of Global Business &amp; Financial Services</i></b>
<b>Topic/Time</b>	<b>“Ethics and Protecting Government Data”</b> <b>12:00 – 12:50 pm</b> Please join us at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and networking prior to the presentation.
<b>Place</b>	GAO Training Room, 701 – 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Floor 37, Seattle, WA 98104
<b>Cost</b>	<b>MEMBERS - \$0 AND NON-MEMBERS - \$5</b>
<b>Menu Choices</b>	Bring your own lunch, or purchase a box lunch from Specialty’s Café and Bakery for \$15.00. Choose from the following box lunch options:  Smoked Ham Sandwich Chicken Cobb Salad Spinach, Strawberry, and Goat Cheese Salad (vegetarian)
<b>RSVP Required</b>	Please <b>RSVP</b> to attend and provide your choice for lunch by <b>Friday, September 8, 2017</b> to Mary Ann Hardy, <a href="mailto:hardym@gao.gov">hardym@gao.gov</a> .
<b>CPE</b>	1 CPE awarded.

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## AGA Seattle Chapter's Monthly Meeting Schedule for Program Year 2017-2018

Save the dates for our monthly education events for program year 2017-2018! Please join us at these luncheon and brown bag events and help us make this program year a success.

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at the GAO Training Facility on the 37th floor of the Columbia Tower.

Topics will be announced as they are finalized. Dates are subject to change.

**Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - GAO 37th Floor Training Facility, Columbia Tower.**

Diane MaKaeli, CEO of Global Business & Financial Services, who will speak on "Ethics and Protecting Government Data". Diane is the Past President of the Seattle AGA Chapter, current Seattle Chapter AGA Education Chair, and serves on AGA National's Professional Ethics Board.

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017 - GAO 37th Floor Training Facility, Columbia Tower.**

**Tuesday, November 14, 2017 – GAO 37th Floor Training Facility, Columbia Tower.**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017 – GAO 37th Floor Training Facility, Columbia Tower.**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018 – GAO 37th Floor Training Facility, Columbia Tower.**

**Monday, February 13, 2018 – GAO 37th Floor Training Facility, Columbia Tower.**

**Tuesday, March 13, 2018 – GAO 37th Floor Training Facility, Columbia Tower.**

**Tuesday, April 10-11, 2018 – Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference**

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018 – Emerald Award Luncheon**

## ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS WEBINAR SCHEDULE

The national office has scheduled monthly webinars to make receiving CPE as convenient as possible. The Seattle Chapter may incorporate some of the webinars into our monthly meetings. For further information on signing up individually, go to <https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars.aspx>

Sept. 13 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET  
**Managing 90 Percent of Your Job**

Oct. 11 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET  
**Auditing Relevance and Reliability of Performance Information**

Nov. 15 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET  
**Ethics Relating to Fraud**

Dec. 6 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET  
**Best Practices for Auditing & Quality Assurance**

Jan. 10 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET  
**Grants Management**

March 28 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET  
**Cybersecurity**

May 16 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET  
**Fraud/Data Analytics**

June 13 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET  
**Leadership**

## Events during the Summer

### Board members Meet with AGA National leaders

Bobby Derrick, from AGA National along with Judy Shock, from the Boise, Idaho Centennial Chapter and the current Western AGA Sectional Vice President, met with our Seattle Board on Monday, August 14th, at the downtown Ivar's Restaurant. Bobby and Judy discussed the current affairs at National, what a wonderful job the Seattle Chapter is doing, and made notes of suggestions thrown out by the board members present.



Board Members (L to R) Gabrielle Sivage and Mary Ann Hardy were among the board members joining Field Representative Bobby Derrick (right side of photo) for dinner.

### Annual Board Member Retreat

Each summer, our board gets together to plan out the next year's events. This year, (as they appear in the photo on right) Board Members (L to R) Karen Murphy, Diane Makali, Gabby Sivage, Sam Lord, Mary Ann Hardy, Karen Angulo and (behind the camera) Sandra Starnes met at Mary Ann Hardy offered her home in the Magnolia neighborhood for the meeting.



### Board Members Receive Platinum Award at Professional Development Training in Boston

Sandra Starnes, Sam Lord and Mary Ann Hardy (as pictured L to R) attended the PDT last July. Besides the benefit of the offered training, our trio represented the Seattle Chapter in accepting the highest level (Platinum) Chapter Recognition award.



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## Show your team AGA spirit and support our National Community Service Fund by purchasing your jersey today!

Team AGA jerseys are now available for purchase. The deadline to order is September 8, 2017.

Just click on link: <http://www.allwrappeduppromos.com/pres/997098>



### National Community Service Fundraiser: Team AGA Jersey Shirts

Proceeds from the sale of each shirt will go to the AGA National Community Service Fund, which supports the community service efforts of AGA's 100 chapters

All orders must be submitted on or before September 8, 2017.

**Need it faster? Contact All Wrapped Up for express/priority shipping rates via USPS or UPS**

**Order will ship within 10-12 business days, and arrive 3-5 business days after the order ships.**

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Adult Stanza Jersey

\$35.00



Ladies' Diamond Jersey Shirt

\$39.00

Book review by Tim Dobler

## QUIET

(The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking)

by Susan Cain

Published by Broadway Books, New York in 2012, 333 pages

Publisher's Price \$26.00, Kindle \$9.99, Seattle Public Library (paper or digital): Free

Ms. Cain's objective in this book is to celebrate introversion. She identifies several famous and successful introverted people in various walks of life to demonstrate the positive aspects of the introverted personality over an extrovert. She also goes on to suggest strategies to be successful in an extrovert-oriented world while remaining true to one's introverted soul.

I found Quiet to pretty much define my personality, and that of many auditors and accountants I'm familiar with. To find out if you belong to the introvert club, please consider the following True/False questions from the book:

1. I prefer one-on-one conversations to group activities.
2. I often prefer to express myself in writing.
3. I enjoy solitude.
4. I seem to care less than my peers about wealth, fame, and status.
5. I dislike small talk, but I enjoy talking in depth about topics that matter to me.
6. People tell me that I'm a good listener.
7. I'm not a big risk-taker.
8. I enjoy work that allows me to "dive in" with few interruptions.
9. I like to celebrate birthdays on a small scale, with only one or two close friends or family members.
10. People describe me as "soft-spoken" or "mellow".
11. I prefer not to show or discuss my work with others until it's finished.
12. I dislike conflict.
13. I do my best work on my own.
14. I tend to think before I speak.
15. I feel drained after being out and about, even if I've enjoyed myself.
16. I often let calls go through to voice mail.
17. If I had to choose, I'd prefer a weekend with absolutely nothing to do to one with too many things scheduled.
18. I don't enjoy multitasking.
19. I can concentrate easily.
20. In classroom situations, I prefer lectures to seminars.

According to Cain, the more often you answered "true" the more introverted you are. Welcome to the club.

## Financial Condition as of July 31, 2017

Checking Savings	\$ 1,989.69
12 Month Certificate of Deposit	\$ 3,065.41
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 4,664.00</u>
	<b>\$ 9,719.10</b>
 Liabilities	
Members' Equity	\$ 0.00
<b>Liabilities &amp; Members' Equity</b>	<u>\$ 9,719.10</u>
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### Cash Flow Report, Month Ending July 31, 2017

<b>Beginning Cash Balances</b>		\$10,079.04
National Symposium Silent Auction Gift	\$ 16.99	
Board Dinner	\$ 526.67	
<b>Cash Expended</b>		<u>\$ 543.66</u>
Chapter Dues	\$ 50.00	
Board Dinner Reimbursements for guests	\$ 31.94	
Interest Income	\$ 1.78	
<b>Subtotal Cash Deposits</b>		<u>\$ 183.72</u>
<b>Net Cash Change</b>		<u>\$ 359.94</u>
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>		<u>\$ 9,719.10</u>



## Financial Results Year Ended June 30, 2017

	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017
Checking	\$ 3,225.33	\$ 2,351.23
Savings	\$ 2,703.75	\$ 3,065.15
12 Month Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$ 4,646.42</u>	<u>\$ 4,662.66</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$10,575.50</b>	<b>\$ 10,079.04</b>
Liabilities	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Members' Equity	<u>\$ 10,575.50</u>	<u>\$ 10,079.04</u>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Members' Equity</b>	<b>\$ 10,575.50</b>	<b>\$ 10,079.04</b>
<b>Net Change</b>	<b>\$496.96</b>	

### INFLOWS

Joint Conferences	\$2,537.32
Chapter dues	\$325.42
Interest income	\$22.65
Other Income-Board dinner reimbursed for significant others	\$162.69
Luncheon Receipts	<u>\$900.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$3,948.08</b>

### OUTFLOWS

Board Dinner Costs	\$435.70
Retreat Costs	\$98.62
Speaker Gifts	\$25.23
Emerald Award	19.43
Monthly lunch costs	\$2,111.51
Other Expenses (Non-profit report to Sec. WA State)	\$10.00
PDT travel costs for Board Members	\$897.40
Other Educational Events & Scholarships-Early Career	\$150.00
2016 GAAC-PDT Co-Chair	\$360.00
Symposium Silent Auction Gift	\$35.77
Web Conference Trainings	\$289.00
Website annual fee	<u>\$11.88</u>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$4,444.54</b>
<b>Net Change in Cash on Hand</b>	<b>\$496.46</b>



## The Sounder

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AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

The purpose of the Association and the Chapter is to be an international, professional organization dedicated to the advancement of government financial management. The Association shall serve its members by providing or sponsoring appropriate educational programs, encouraging professional development, influencing governmental financial management policies and practices, and serving as an advocate for the profession. The Association shall serve government officials and the public by sponsoring efforts to ensure full and fair accountability for all public monies, and by providing a variety of pro bono services throughout the United States and its territories that support that end.

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