

## President's Message "Strategic Themes"

Greetings fellow chapter members!

While working on my message for this month's newsletter, I could not help but think of the current Presidential race—each candidate has a unique theme and message that they want the American people to hear. At my daughter's school, they have strategic elements of learning that they repeat each morning. It got me thinking about AGA Atlanta and what I see as our strategic themes for this year and beyond. The themes that I see for AGA Atlanta are as follows:



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1. Professionalism
2. Competence
3. Leadership
4. Service

But how do these themes apply to our chapter? In my mind they are seen in the following ways:

1. We exhibit professionalism by modeling it for our fellow members and coworkers.
2. We strive for competence by inviting experts to speak with our members and by providing training opportunities to our members.
3. We display leadership by serving the chapter, its members, and the larger financial management community.
4. We engage in service via community service drives, study groups, and by acting as mentors.

In an era where professionalism, competence, leadership and service often appear to be in short supply, I hope each of you think of these themes and that you let them become a beacon in your professional lives. I can promise that as we move forward into the coming year, I will work to ensure that the Atlanta chapter highlights these themes and that it provides opportunities and events that put these concepts into action.

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## AGA NOVEMBER MEETING

### Professional Growth

The Atlanta Chapter conducts weekday luncheon seminars to provide continuing professional education for its members and the public. [Click to read about speakers and register today.](#)



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Georgia State University  
Director, Center for State and Local  
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We would like your input regarding the services and resources that are offered. [Click here to complete a brief survey.](#)

## AGA MEMBER SERVICES

### AGA's Mission:

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

If this aligns with your professional goals contact Laura Weston and discover how we can support you and you can support us.

We need to hear from you! We are searching for members to feature in our AGA Atlanta communications. Please take a moment and give yourself the credit you deserve. This is a good time to reflect on your accomplishments and we want to hear about them! Please include a photo along with your biography.

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Laura Weston  
Membership  
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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Support the Cause (Oct-Dec 2016)

The **Salvation Army Angel Tree** is the largest Christmas assistance program in Atlanta. AGA members will adopt a specific child (Angel) or senior (Silver Bell) from the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program for the holiday season and buy gifts for them, to be delivered to the charity in early December. We will receive age and size information, along with some general guidelines for selecting gifts for children and senior citizens. By contributing to this worthy cause, we will be partnering with the Salvation Army to bring joy to those who would otherwise have nothing on Christmas. [See Brochure](#)



In addition, let me know if you are interested in volunteering at the warehouse. There are only 2 warehouse volunteer opportunities on a Saturday, both are for set up on Saturday, December 17th from 10:00 AM to noon, one is at Peachcrest (Decatur), the other is at Kroc (South Atlanta). The only other opportunity that would be during non-work hours is on Tuesday, December 20th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for Re-set for distribution at Kroc (South Atlanta).

Contact [Belinda Riley](#) for this and other opportunities to serve.

## Chapter Recognition Program

The objective of the Chapter Recognition Program (CRP) is to support, encourage and promote AGA's mission, and to provide flexible guidelines for a well-rounded chapter.

AGA -Atlanta: Chapter Recognition Totals (as of 10/01/2016)				
Area	Points	Maximum	Percentage	Points
Chapter Leadership, Planning & Participation	3,425	3,000	114%	3000
Education & Professional Development	1,100	4,000	28%	1100
Certification	350	4,000	9%	350
Communications	1,876	3,000	63%	1876
Membership	1,925	4,000	48%	1925
Accountability	50	2,000	3%	50
Community Service	250	2,000	13%	250
Awards	0	1,000	0%	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8,976</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>8551</b>

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