



Message from the President



This month I would like to talk about **Accountability!** In my opinion, accountability is the action of being held responsible for the results obtained after performing a given activity. It is a situation where what is being delivered is reviewed, evaluated and action is taken. Basically, it is an obligation or willingness to accept responsibility or to account for one's actions! A **Responsibility** is a particular obligation for which an individual is to be

held accountable, to remain an upstanding member of a group or community. I firmly believe that your current and previous Board and Committee Members have been Accountable and Responsible in performing their duties and always put the interest of the Chapter Members first.

Being fairly new to the Chapter, I was trying to think of what I could do during my term as your President that would help the Board, Committees and Members not just now, but in the future. In getting as much information on what was done by my predecessors, I noted that **our Chapter By-Laws** were last updated in 2011. You can down-load a copy of the Chapter's 2011 By-Laws at <http://www.agaphoenix.org>. As all of us are aware, a lot has changed in the past 11+ years. So, I have taken on the task of updating our Chapter By-Laws before the end of my term as your President.

The first thing I noted was that our By-Laws do not correspond with AGA/HQ's National By-Laws approved by the National Governing Board in September 2021. You can down-load a copy of the Nations By-Laws at <http://www.agacgm.org/>. I also noted that our By-Laws do not correspond to with the AGA/HQ's Chapter By-Laws Prototype which can also be obtained at <http://www.agacgm.org>.

I have prepared an Excel Spreadsheet to comparing the By-Law of HGA/HQ and our Chapter in an attempt to highlight these differences and to help me, the Board and Committees accomplish this task before the end of this Program Year. With **YOUR** help I know that this task can be accomplished and help assure **OUR** Chapter is Accountable and Responsible to its Members and our Association. You can down-load a copy of the Excel Spreadsheet at <http://www.agaphoenix.org> and I encourage each of you to review the Spreadsheet and give me your suggestions and comments by the end of January! You can send me your suggestions and comments to my email at charleshester@msn.com and they will be seriously considered during our review. Thank you in advance for your input and it will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Hester, President

AGA Phoenix Chapter

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AGA Phoenix Chapter Executive Board Program Year 2022-2023

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	Charles W. Hester Sr., CGFM, CPA, CFE
Past President	Jordan Dale, CGFM
Vice President	Amber Loyce Hill, CGFM
Secretary	Joshua Jumper, CGFM
Treasurer	Michal-Anne Miller, CGFM, CPA

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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 2022-2023 and Beyond

• Membership & Education:

- Provide 40 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, 2022 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.

2021 & 2022 Budget and Spend through 6/30			
Budget Category	'21 Spent	'22 Budget	'22 Spent
Education	\$10,157.41	\$15,109	\$8,780.32
Membership	\$1,225	\$1,250	\$1,185
Travel	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,075
Board Expenses	\$0	\$100	\$0
Scholarship	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
CGFM	\$0	\$1,000	\$445
Com. Service	\$250	\$500	\$0
Early Career	\$0	\$250	\$0
Audit	\$150	\$150	\$150
Misc.	\$223	\$200	\$257.20
Total	\$13,505.41	\$21,059.00	\$11,892.52

PY 2022-2023 Committee Members:

Accountability

- Kimberly Prendergast, CGFM

CGFM/Professional Certification

- Gergana Kovatcheva, CGFM, CPA
- Jordan Dale, CGFM

Communications Committee

- Charles Hester (Webmaster)
- Jordan Dale, CGFM (Webmaster)
- Myrna Lopez, CGFM, CPA (Newsletter)

Community Service

- Paola A. Julio De Matson

Education

- Keith Orr, GFM
- Michael Baumert, CPA
- Robert Hardwood, CPA

Membership

- Vacant

NCC Representative

- Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Programs

- Daniela Kunova
- Michelle Huckabay, CGFM, CPA

Scholarships

- Kelly Alkhoury, CGFM

Young Professionals

- Getzamany Aragon
- Joshua Jumper, CGFM

Events & Reminders

Upcoming Events:

- AGA National will be offering the following events/webinars:
 - **2022 Technology & Transformation Summit on December 8, 2022**, 8 CPEs (In person & Virtual)
 - More than 1,600 government leaders and industry experts will come together at the **Walter E. Washington Convention Center** in **Washington, DC** to discuss transformation of mission delivery through IT innovation, personnel, security and cloud technology. AGA members who live outside of the commuting area can participate virtually. **FREE* for AGA members!** For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).
 - **27th Annual AGA Commonwealth of Virginia Professional Development Training on December 8 & 9, 2022 (8am – 5pm EST)**, up to 16 CPEs
 - Enjoy the comradery, networking, and fellowship as we are back in person at the Great Wolf Lodge, or you can attend virtually. Earn up to 16 CPEs, including an opportunity to fulfill the annual ethics required of CPAs in VA. For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).
 - **National Leadership Training on February 22-23, 2023**, 14 CPEs
 - For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).

Reminders:

- **Why hire a CGFM?**
 - **The Certified Government Financial Manager® (CGFM®)** credential exemplifies experience and proficiency, distinguishing individuals who have made a significant commitment to their professional development. For more information on how to become a CGFM click [here](#).
- **NextWave Federal Finance Leadership Program**
 - Applications are now being accepted for the 2023 program. For a full description and to find out more, click [here](#).



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.

Education & Meeting Plan - 2022-2023 Program Year

Date	Event Type/Times	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
9/28/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Communications	2	9/23/2022	Virtual
10/19/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Internal Controls	2	10/14/2022	Virtual
11/2/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Live)</i> Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Ethics	2	10/28/2022	Virtual
12/14/2022	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Risk Management	2	12/19/2022	Virtual
1/11/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	Uniform Guidance and Grant Accounting	2	1/6/2023	Virtual
1/27/2023	<i>Special Event*</i> Class: 8:30am-12:00 pm	Professional Ethics for AZ CPAs	4	1/22/2023	Virtual
2/1/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Audio)</i> Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	GASB Update	2	1/27/2023	Virtual
2/24/2023	<i>Chapter Meeting (Live)</i> Lunch: 11:30am-12:00pm Meeting: 12:00pm-3:50pm	Tax & Retirement Updates: ASRS, Nationwide Deferred Comp, IRS, AZDOR	4	2/20/2023	ASU SkySong 3 130 Synergy 1 1365 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257

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Date	Event Type/Times	Topic	CPE Credit	Registration Deadline	Location
3/1/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 12:00pm-1:50pm	RPI/AI	2	2/24/2023	Virtual
3/22/2023	Chapter Meeting (Live) Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Live Speaker TBD	2	3/17/2023	Virtual
4/12/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Ethics	2	4/7/2023	Virtual
4/26/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	CARES Act/ARPA	2	4/21/2023	Virtual
4/28/2023	Special Event*/ Professional Development Training 8:00am - 4:30pm	Professional Development Training	8	4/24/2023	ASU SkySong 3 130 Synergy I 1365 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85257
5/10/2023	Chapter Meeting (Audio) Meeting: 11:00am-12:50pm	Fraud/Data Analytics	2	5/5/2023	Virtual
5/24/2023	Chapter Meeting (Live) Lunch: 10:30am-11:00am Meeting 11:00am-12:50pm	TBD	2	5/19/2023	Virtual
		Total Program Year CPEs	40		

* These events are not monthly chapter meetings and will be at an additional cost. Details will be provided in future newsletters and/or on the Calendar of Events page on our website

(<http://www.agaphoenix.org/events/>).



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

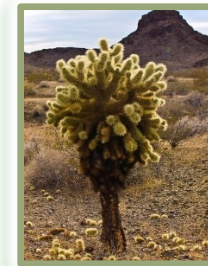


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We Are Always Looking for People Interested in Joining Our Organization

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****