

AGA CHICAGO CHAPTER,

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CHAPTER NEWS

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Chapter Recognition Credits Earned as of January 31, 2017

Category	Earned	Year-To-Date
Leadership	25	3625
Education	300	2075
CGFM	175	900
Communications	593	3770
Membership	100	400





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AGA CHICAGO CHAPTER, OBSERVATIONS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings and Welcome to the Association of Governmental Accountants, Chicago Chapter! Congruent to our National Organizational Mission we lead and encourage change that benefits our field and all citizens.



It is my honor to serve as the 2016-2017 President at a time when earning the public trust and shaping our civil society through responsible fiscal accountability is paramount. I commit to lead through service and shape the change called upon by our times. This change can be accomplished only in collaboration with other service minded professionals to build public-private-educational institution partnership so the best of each has the chance to cross pollinate the others. We welcome change agents from all organizations who have an interest in taking this shared journey with us to join us in service, learning and development.

Please visit our Website to learn about us and join us. The lives we sustain will be our own!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kasthuri Henry, PhD, MBA, CTP, Six Sigma Black Belt
President AGA Chicago Chapter 2016-2017





MEMBER PROFILES

The AGA Chicago Chapter would like to ensure we keep you up-to-date on all of the Chapter events, educational opportunities and career resources. Please take a moment to [verify your professional profile on the AGA website](#). We don't want you to miss any of the important communications that we share with our members!

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

We have several members that are up for renewal on their memberships this month, are you one of them? Please do not waste anytime and renew! We have a jam packed year for our members and we do not want anyone to miss any of our events.

SPREAD THE WORD!

Have friends and/or coworkers who are not members yet? Tell them about the endless opportunities, networking events and training sessions that you have experienced and have them join.

If you have questions or concerns about these matters, please contact your Membership Director below:

Membership Director
Adriane D. McCoy, RTA
312/913-3289
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2016-2017 CEC Meeting Schedule

Thursday, December 1, 2016 - Metcalfe Federal Building Room 237, 11:30am -12:00pm

Thursday, January 5, 2017 - Metcalfe Federal Building Room 330, 11:30am - 12:00pm

Thursday, February 2, 2017 - Metcalfe Federal Building Room 330, 11:30am - 12:00pm

Thursday, March 2, 2017 - Metcalfe Federal Building Room 330, 11:30am - 12:00pm

Thursday, April 6, 201 - Room TBD, 11:30am - 12:00pm

Thursday, April 27, 2017 - Metcalfe Federal Building Room 330, 11:30am - 12:00pm
(CEC PDT Planning)

Thursday, May 4, 2017 - Room TBD, 11:30am - 12:00pm (PDT Planning and Follow-Up)

Thursday, June 1, 2017 - Metcalfe Federal Building Room 330, 11:30am - 12:00pm
(Final CEC Meeting of the 2016-2017 Chapter Year)





Continuing Education **Seminar**

Title: AGA Webinar: “Getting Your Dollars to Work Harder: Blended and Braided Funding”

NASBA CPE: 2.0

When: Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Time: Doors Open/Lunch at 12:30pm. Webinar is from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Where: GSA Conference Center, Room 325 at the Ralph Metcalfe Federal Building,
77 W. Jackson Blvd Chicago, IL 60604

Maximum Room Capacity: 30 Attendees

Speaker: TBA

Learning Objective: TBA

Cost: \$10 members/\$20 non-members (includes box lunch)

Additional Information: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars/2015-2016-Offerings/011817-blended-and-braided-funding.aspx>

***Update: This continuing education seminar has been moved to April 2017.**
Details will be communicated to all members at a later time*

Save the Dates!

Upcoming Webinars: February 22nd, March 8th and 9th and April 26th.
Details will be emailed to you in the near future so please save the dates!

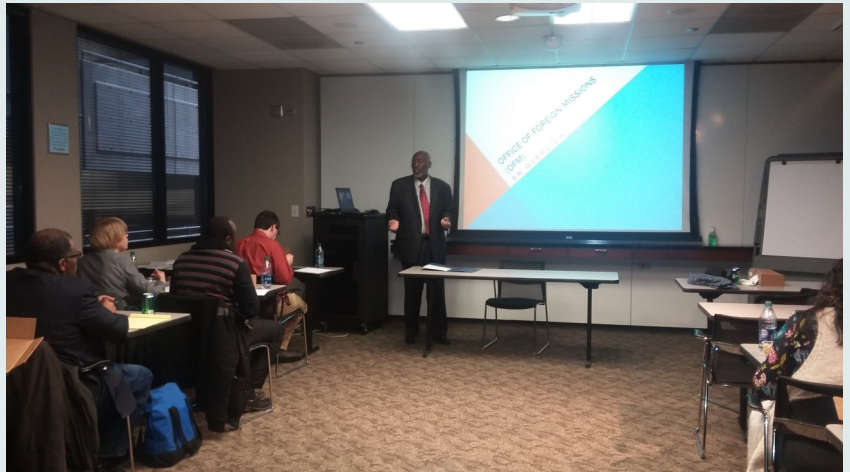


Continuing Education **Seminar**

"Office of Foreign Missions, An Overview"

The Chicago Chapter held a seminar on January 26, 2017. The speaker was Garry Pierrot, *Associate Regional Director for Client Relations, Office of Foreign Missions, U.S. Department of State.*

Those who attended, learned about the State Department Office of Foreign Missions, the Foreign Missions Act and how regulations of foreign missions in the U.S. protect foreign policy and national security interest of the U.S. Congress mandated the creation of the OFM to serve the interest of the American Public, the American Diplomatic Community abroad and the foreign diplomatic community residing on the U.S.



Here are just a few of the areas that the OFM assists with: dealing with local government offices, issuance of vehicle titles, vehicle registrations, driver licenses and license plates.

If you would like more information about the Office of Foreign Missions, please email them at: OFMCGCustomerService@state.gov



Community Service

Norvolution, the organization that Della Hernandez, our Social Media Director, volunteers for needs available hands!

Norvolution, is a residence for the elderly, some of which who are very active and others that are not. They need volunteers for daily jobs any day of the week and at all times of the day with activities such as:

1. Help with bingo
2. Serve breakfast, lunch and dinner
3. Clean-up after breakfast, lunch and dinner
4. Assist with arts and crafts
5. Assist with church service
6. Play games and cards

And many more fun activities that you can interact with the residents!

There are a few things that we need to keep in mind when assisting the residents:

- Make sure that before you assist them, you stand in front of them and introduce yourself.
- If you are assisting a resident who is in a wheelchair, please make sure that their feet are not on the floor but on the prop where they can rest their feet. Otherwise, you can injure their feet when you start to push them.
- If you need to get the resident's attention and cannot (do not call them from behind), gently touch their forearm so that they know you need to speak to them.

Organization: Norvolution – Norwood's Volunteer Revolution 6016 N. Nina Ave (in between Harlem Ave and Northwest Highway) Chicago, IL 60631

Anyone interested in putting smiles on faces and yours?
Then contact Della Hernandez, dhernandez@agachicago.org or cell: 773-510-9391.



Honoring Black History Month

February 01, 2017 to February 28, 2017

AGA would like to recognize those who have paved the way and have fought for the Civil Rights of African Americans.

Black History Month, also known as African-American History Month in America, is an annual observance in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom for remembrance of important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. It is celebrated annually in the United States and Canada in February.





Accepting Nominations to Become an AGA Chicago Chapter Board Member!

Hello AGA Chicago!!! As we approach the new fiscal year we are seeking nominations for the new slate of officers to serve on the AGA Board. If you are interested in developing your leadership skills through service to this organization or want to step-up and be a contributing leader, we are looking for you. Nominate yourself, or another AGA member you feel would be a good candidate to help the AGA continue meeting its mission.

Having served on the AGA Chicago Board the last four years in various capacities (Community Service Director, Early Careers Director, now President-elect, and soon to be President) I have enjoyed many good experiences... and so can you! Not only have I learned more about the AGA, but I've gained a much broader understanding of overall board structure and the importance of good governance, and have improved my own leadership skills in the process.

Other benefits one can obtain from serving on the board include having a stronger platform to introduce needed initiatives; representing the AGA at national leadership events; networking with other AGA chapters; assisting with Speaker recruitment for training seminars and PDT's; collaborating with local universities on behalf of the AGA towards membership recruitment and scholarship opportunities; and aiding in building relationships with other organizations such as the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) and Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). Let's not forget the opportunity to have an impact in our communities through community service efforts with local charities.

Bottom line....we are looking for energetic folks who will bring fresh ideas to aid the AGA Board towards continual improvement. If you want to see changes or new initiatives implemented – take the first step – ***nominate someone...or yourself!***

Eddie Jones, President-elect

The positions we are looking to fill are:



Officers

President Elect
Secretary
Treasurer

Directors

Community Service Director
Early Careers
Job Referral Director
Marketing Director
Program Director
Social Media Director
Sponsorship Director
Website Administrator

Please forward your nominations to Sandra Woods at SWoods@hudoig.gov. We look forward to your nominations to help us continue to transform the AGA Chicago Chapter.

CGFM CERTIFICATION

The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM®)

The Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification is awarded by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA). AGA is a national professional association of some 15,000 members who represent every level of government financial management. This professional designation is designed specifically to recognize the unique skills and special knowledge required of professionals who specialize in government financial management. In addition to meeting the program's education and experience requirements, those awarded the designation agree to abide by AGA's strict Code of Ethics and complete at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

NEWS

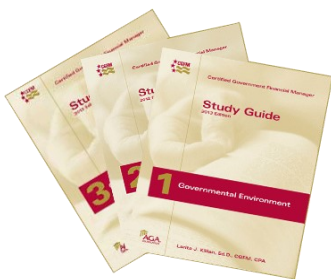
- The application fee is discounted **50%** from now until March 31, 2017.
- AGA now offers a multi-user subscription option for online study guides.
- Scholarship money is available for AGA members and their family members pursuing studies in financial mgmt such as accounting, economics, finance, etc. Apply by April 14.

For more information, please copy this link to your browser:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/About-CGFM.aspx>

*Click-on: Candidates –CGFM Process,
Click-on: Membership –Awards and
Recognitions*

<http://cgfmstore.omnibooksonline.com/>



Did you know? The Chicago Chapter of the AGA maintains a copy of the study materials to prepare for the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) exam. These materials are available for check out to members of the AGA Chicago Chapter upon request.

Study Guide 1: Governmental Environment
Study Guide 2: Governmental Accounting, Financial
Reporting and Budgeting
Study Guide 3: Governmental Financial
Management and Control

Want to request a copy? Want more information? Contact the Chapter's CGFM Director, Raul Nieto, at (312) 730-1634 or raul.nieto@ed.gov.

AGA NATIONAL NEWS

WEBINAR!

Fraud Indicators and Risk Assessments

Feb. 22. 2:00pm—3:50pm ET. 2 CPE's

https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars/2015-2016-Offerings/022217-fraud-risk.aspx?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=AGA+Communications&_zs=Dv5sc1&_zl=uNwb3

WEBINAR!

CGFM Intensive Review Course

2 Day Review with material and Instructor. Exams included.

https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Candidates/Preparing-for-Exams/CGFM-Intensive-Review-Course-Exams.aspx?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=AGA+Communications&_zs=Dv5sc1&_zl=qNwb3

Journal Quizzes!

Did you know you can earn CPE credits by taking a quiz? Follow the link for details.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Journal-CPE-Quizzes.aspx>

AGA 2015-2016 Report for Our Members!

A look back at the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. A year in review. Check it out!

<https://www.flipsnack.com/FCAA7CF569B/aga-2015-2016-report-to-our-members.html>

AGA has a Store!

Did you know that the AGA has an online store? Purchase a shirt and hat and show off that you are member! Check it out!!!

<https://business.landsend.com/store/agamembership/>

Headed out of Town?

If your headed out of town and want to stay connected with AGA, find an event near you!

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Event-Calendar/Chapter-Regional-Events.aspx>

AGA CHAPTER EVENTS

find an event
in your region!

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AGA supports the careers and professional development of government finance professionals working in federal, state and local governments as well as the private sector and academia. Founded in 1950, AGA enjoys a long history as the thought leader for the government accountability profession. Through education, research, publications, certification and conferences, AGA reaches thousands of professionals and offers more than 100,000 continuing professional education (CPE) hours annually.

For information on the AGA Chicago Chapter's financial condition, please see the [Financial Statements](#) posted to the website.

Pictures used throughout the newsletter are courtesy of: www.city-data.com/album/album-Chicago-Illinois.html

CHICAGO CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the AGA Chicago Chapter is to carry out an educational responsibility of enhancing public financial management and accountability.

AGA through its chapters is a leading advocate for improving the quality and effective-

ness of financial managers and auditors from local, state and federal governments from the Chicago area.

The chapter provides an opportunity for accountants and auditors to meet on a regular basis for training and networking.





Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
GSA Conference Center, 77 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60604
01/05/2017

1. ROLL CALL (15 Positions with QUORUM 7)

Adriane, Eddie, Frank, Kas (chair), Matt, Raul, Rick, Saundra, Tiffany, Tom, and Bobby (Nationals). We had enough officers and directors present for quorum.

2. CALL TO ORDER

At 11:35 AM, Kas called the meeting to order.

3. RATIFY/APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

The review and approval of the minutes were tabled to the next meeting.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Tom will research credit unions, Square, and Paypal.
- b. Matt, CJ, and Saundra were selected to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- c. Eddie will reach out to Hugh regarding the 2017 ACFE joint event.

5. TREASURER REPORT

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Membership – We have 110 members.
- b. Education – The State Department speaker is available for January 26, 2017. We have a webinar slated for February 2017. Frank will reach out to Hugh to see if we can have the IRS speaker at a joint event with IIA.
- c. Chapter Recognition – We are on track to earn platinum status.
- d. Meetings – The Sponsorship Committee met in December 2016. Please refer to the list of committees provided by Crystal to see which committee you serve on. The next CEC meeting is Thursday, February 2, 2017.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Nationals is looking for volunteers to be the incoming Regional Vice President –Elect for the Great Lakes Region.
- b. Frank will send out a form letter to CEC members to use for petitioning for CGFM proclamations from your local government.

8. ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 PM.



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
GSA Conference Center, 77 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60604
12/01/2016

1. ROLL CALL (15 Positions with QUORUM 7)

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2. CALL TO ORDER

At 11:35 AM, Eddie called the meeting to order.

3. RATIFY/APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Frank moved to approve the November 6, 2016 meeting minutes with corrections and the motion was passed.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. AGA Chicago Chapter will be donating \$125 to Holy Cross IHM Parish as part of our Community Service. Motioned, seconded, and approved.

5. TREASURER REPORT

6. Committee Reports

- a. Membership – We have 110 members and 1 new graduate.
- b. Education – The Annual Chicago Chapter PDT is scheduled for May 17 & 18, 2017 at a cost of \$295 per attendee. We have two potential live speakers for monthly educational events and we are planning to use webinars for the December 2016 and January 2017 educational events. The IRS or State Department speakers will be slated for February 2017.
- We will send out an apology letter to attendees of the April 2016 webinar that was not viewed in its entirety due to technical difficulties. The letter will explain what options will be available to those attendees.
- c. Chapter Recognition – We are doing well.
- d. By-Laws/Governance – We would like to meet as a committee before the next CEC meeting. We will be using a reimbursement form for all future reimbursements.
- e. Meetings – We have 10 members registered for the December 2016 webinar. Meetings will be posted in the newsletter and on the website. Please notify the Meetings Director if you attend a Committee Meeting.
- f. Communications/Newsletter – Please provide December 2016 newsletter material by December 5, 2016.
- g. Website – We are converting the Chapter website over to the new model as required by Nationals. We are keeping our Amazon cloud storage service and our web hosting service until the conversion is completed satisfactorily.

- 7. NEW BUSINESS** – We are sponsoring three members - Tiffany, CJ, and Eddie – to attend the ACFE luncheon on December 9, 2016 at a cost of \$40 per person. Two additional members can attend and be reimbursed the registration fee. Motioned, seconded, and approved.

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Professional Development Training



Covered Topics

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| ★ Gov't. Accounting | ★ Ethics |
| ★ Gov't. Auditing | ★ Fraud |
| ★ Cybersecurity | ★ Risk Management |



The AGA Chicago Chapter is registered with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) as a sponsor of continuing professional education on the National Registry of CPE Sponsors. State boards of accountancy have final authority on the acceptance of individual courses for CPE credit. Complaints regarding registered sponsors may be submitted to the National Registry of CPE Sponsors through its website: www.learningmarket.org.

JOIN US!!

***Wed., May 17, 2017
and
Thu., May 18, 2017***

9:00am - 4:00pm

**Metcalf Federal Building
GSA Conference Room 331
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604**

**Members: \$295
Group (5+): \$295/person
Non-members: \$395
Retired Members: \$95
Full-Time Students: \$25
Life-Time Members: \$0**

**Submit registration to:
mmatczynski@hudoig.gov**



2017 Agenda-at-a-Glance

PLEASE NOTE: Schedule changes may occur that affect speakers, topics, etc

Wednesday, May 17 th		
8:30am	Registration & Networking Breakfast	
9:00am	Welcome Address & Introductions	
9:15am	Keynote Speaker	(Gov't Accounting/Auditing)—1.5 CPEs
BREAK		
10:45am	Speaker #2	(Gov't Accounting)—1.5 CPEs
LUNCH		
12:45pm	Speaker #3	(TBD)—1.5 CPEs
BREAK		
2:15pm	Speaker #4	(TBD)—1.5 CPEs
WRAP UP: Announcements		
4:00 – 6:00pm	PDT Mixer	(Offsite Location TBD)
Thursday, May 18 th		
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LUNCH		
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BREAK		
2:15pm	Speaker #4	(Ethics)—1.5 CPEs
WRAP UP: Evaluations/CPEs		