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President's Message

Welcome to our second newsletter of the 2019-2020 program year! We recently had our October speaker lunch, on October 10, with Lynn McKiernan Ngari, from King County, talking with us about Grants Management. We had a great turnout, and lots of good question-and-answer discussions with Lynn. Our next event is coming up on Tuesday, November 12, and will feature Kate Reynolds from the Washington State Executive Ethics Board, talking about government ethics in Washington State. Please see the flyer in this newsletter and in your email.

Along with the start of fall comes the start of a new school year for local colleges and universities. One of my favorite roles on the board is that of Chair of the Young Professionals committee, which includes working with area college and university students. My office may or may not be typical, but our youngest employee recently turned 30 – it's been a while since we've had any recent college graduates working in our office. As a member of our office's local recruiting team, I have experienced the challenges of reaching students who are largely focused on opportunities with large



Sam Lord, Chapter President

accounting and consulting firms, or any of many local tech companies. There is generally very little class discussion or information available to students about careers in government accounting and accountability.

We are reaching out to local college and university accounting and finance programs, looking for opportunities to talk with students and introduce them to careers in our fields. For the past few years, we have put together panels of government professionals from local, state, and Federal government to talk to students about what they do,

Welcome New Member

We are pleased to welcome a new member who joined the Seattle Chapter in October:

Mrs. Cailin Han, student member from Seattle University

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AGA Seattle Chapter's Monthly Meeting Schedule for Program Year 2019-2020

Save the dates for our monthly education events for program year 2019-2020! Please join us at these brown bag events and help us make this program year a success. Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at the GAO Training Facility on the 37th floor of the Columbia Tower.

AGA Continuing Professional Education Calendar 2019-2020

Tuesday, November 12, 2019, Kate Reynolds, WA State Executive Ethics Board, *Government Ethics in Washington State*

Wednesday, December 11, 2019, Elena G. Huizar, WA State Attorney General's Office, *I Didn't Know the Attorney General's Office Did That + Public Record Request*

Tuesday, January 14, 2020, Valerie Moseley, CPA, Moseley & Associates, LLC, *Tax Update 2019*

Tuesday, February 11, 2020, Gina Steiner, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (PGST), *Interactions between Tribes & Other Governments: Successes and Stumbling Blocks*

Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Mark Steranka, Moss Adams, *Internal and Performance Audit Programs: A Collaborative Approach to Success*

April 2020, *Governmental Accounting & Auditing Conference* co-sponsored with the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants, Location and CPE to be determined

May 2020, *Emerald Awards*, date TBD. Each year, the AGA Seattle Chapter recognizes leaders in government accountability. Come join us as we give our thanks to those who have done so much for our community.



Past Events for the 2019-2020 Program Year

Tuesday, September 10, Lisa DeLaVergne, Washington State Health Care Authority, *Medicaid Program Integrity & Fraud Prevention*

Tuesday, October 8, Lynn McKiernan Ngari, CGMS, CPA, King County Washington, *Grants Management*



THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS

November 12, 2019

Speaker

*Kate Reynolds, Executive Director,
Washington State Executive Ethics Board*

Topic/Time

Government Ethics in Washington State

12:00 – 12:50 pm

Please join us at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and networking prior to the presentation.

Place

GAO Training Room
701 Fifth Ave., Floor 37
Seattle, WA 98104

Cost

MEMBERS - \$0 AND NON-MEMBERS - \$0

**Lunch
Options**

Bring your own lunch, or purchase a lunch at one of the food court establishments on the ground floor of the building.

**RSVP
Required**

Please **RSVP** to attend by **Friday, November 8, 2019** to Karen Murphy, at joujie@comcast.net.

CPE

1 CPE awarded

Note: We will be hosting a food drive for Northwest Harvest. Please feel free to donate food or funds at the event. A list of suggested foods for donation can be found at: <https://www.northwestharvest.org/suggested-foods-for-donation>.

November 2019 Training Opportunity from the AGA Olympia Chapter

PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND REGULATIONS FOR CPA'S IN WASHINGTON STATE

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**TRAINING QUALIFIES FOR WASHINGTON
STATE ETHICS FOR CPA'S
APPROVED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY**

WHEN

November 14, 2019
8am – 12pm

WHERE

Pellegrino's Event
Center
5757 Littlerock Rd SW,
Tumwater
<http://pellegrinoseventcenter.com/directions/>

Register

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/professional-ethics-and-regulations-for-cpas-in-washington-state-tickets-67795836171?aff=utm_source%3Dweb_email%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text

CPE

4 hours

COST

\$100 AGA/IIA members
\$150 Non-members

Proceeds go to support
local scholarships and
audio conferences

Click [here](#) for the link to register for this training.

AGA Training Webinars

AGA National provides webinars throughout the year to make earning CPE hours easy. All of the webinars, unless denoted with a members-only icon, are open to anyone. They feature experts speaking on emerging issues to help you stay informed on topics including auditing, ethics, governmental accounting, internal controls and performance. [Group registration](#) options are available to those who would like to attend together in one location. Otherwise, [individuals](#) are able to register and attend from their own device.

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year via AGA members-only webinars. Group registration is not available for members-only webinars. Learn more about [members-only webinar registration](#) and CPE credit.

Below is the webinar schedule through the end of the calendar year:

- ◆ November 20, 2019, 2–3:50 PM ET (2 CPE) – Ethics
- ◆ December 11, 2019, 2–3:50 PM ET (2 CPE) – Internal Control

Members-only webinars through the end of December 2019 are:

- ◆ December 5, 2019, 9–11 AM ET (2 CPE) – FY 2019 CEAR [Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting] Reviewer Training
- ◆ December 18, 2019, 1–2 PM ET (1 CPE) – Professional Development: Failing Forward

If you have questions about this training, you can send any questions to AGA at [email AGA](#).



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and how they got to their current positions. **We would love your help in doing so!** If you'd be interested in speaking on a panel about your organization and what you do, please reach out to us and let us know. We have had a number of cases where students that participated in an event later applied for and were accepted into internship positions with an area government entity. If your workplace is looking for interns or potential new hires, this can be a great way to reach them. In addition to school visits, we are looking into possible attendance at career fairs, facilitating student mentoring, connecting students with government entities they would like to learn more about, etc. The more AGA members and their employers we can get involved, the better!

If you have ideas and suggestions for the chapter in general, we would love to hear from you. Likewise, if you've ever wanted to see what participation on a board is like. We have opportunities available ranging from our vacant President-Elect position to roles as a co-chair or committee member on one of our many committees. You can get involved helping for the program year, or for a specific event. Lots of options!

We look forward to hearing from you, and to seeing you at upcoming events!

Sam Lord, Chapter President

Accountability News

By Katherine King

In September the Seattle Chapter submitted our second Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) to National to be considered for the certificate of excellence. The CCR provides detailed information about who we are as a chapter, chapter financials for the past fiscal year, and a summary of the chapter's program year, spanning July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019. We were delighted to highlight the numerous programs and activities we hosted and attended over the year, from members presenting about government accounting and accountability careers to student groups at Seattle Pacific University and Seattle University, to members attending Lead! 2019 and the 2019 Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference. The CCR also captures our goals and plans for the upcoming year as well as the challenges we anticipate facing. A copy of the CCR will be added to the Seattle Chapter's website soon for all members to view.

Thanks!



NCC News

By Karyn Angulo

AGA's National Council of Chapters representatives continue to prepare for our upcoming November conference call, and I'm looking forward to sharing what I learn with our chapter members. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with questions or concerns, particularly if you have a message you'd like me to share with the national organization or a question you'd like me to ask of other chapters that could assist us in addressing your concerns or improving your chapter's offerings and processes.

Articles and Photos Wanted

We are always looking for articles to include in *THE SOUNDER*. Please submit items for inclusion and attribution. We also like to decorate the first page of The Sounder with a local photo each month.

If you have an article or picture to contribute, please send it to Karyn Angulo, Newsletter Editor, at newsletter.agaseattle@gmail.com.

When we use your photo, we will acknowledge you in our credits section.



AGA Seattle Chapter Board Members with Lisa DeLaVergne after her September presentation. From left to right, Gabrielle Sivage (CGFM and Community Service Co-Chair); Karen Murphy (Secretary); Lisa DeLaVergne; Tony Eayrs (Membership Chair); Sam Lord (President); and Karyn Angulo (NCC Representative and Newsletter Editor).

Chapter Training Update

AGA Seattle Chapter Summary of October Training Event

by Tony Eayrs, Chapter Membership Chair

For our October Chapter meeting, the AGA Seattle Chapter was pleased to welcome Grants Financial Officer Lynn McKiernan Ngari, CPA, CGMS, from King County, who provided members and guests notable highlights from the National Grants Management Association's (<https://www.ngma.org>) Annual Conference. Conference topics included President's Management Agenda, Grant Reporting Efficiency and Agreements Transparency (GREAT) Act (H.R. 4776 information), having policies in place to include grant-eligible travel through procurement, and saving all policies and procedures to a centralized location like the "Cloud."

Some emerging issues topics discussed at the NGMA Conference included the role of new technologies in grants administration, including blockchain, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Natural Language Processing, Design Thinking, and Human-Centered Design. The President's Management core Agenda initiatives focus on data strategies for enterprise results, improving access to data, acquiring top talent for workforce and agile operations, and data transparency. Keynote speakers frequently discussed a high-priority Cross federal Agency Priority (CAP) goal: results-oriented accountability for grants. What does it mean to have Results-Oriented Accountability for Grants (ROAG)? It means standardizing the grants management business process and data, building a shared information technology infrastructure, and managing risks.

Lynn also discussed Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) and the revelation that federal grantors still have not standardized Risk Assessments at the Pre-Award stage. Internal controls (2 CFR 200.303) over grant administration are a big focus with Offices of Inspectors General (OIG), with personally identifiable information (PII) needing to be considered as part of the Risk Assessment. Grantor agencies need to include PII breaches, cyberattacks, and insurance for such attacks in their Risk Management inventory.



AGA Seattle Chapter President Sam Lord introduces October luncheon speaker Lynn McKiernan Ngari before her presentation on grants management.

AGA Seattle Chapter Board Members join speaker Lynn McKiernan Ngari after the October luncheon presentation. From left to right, Karen Murphy (Secretary); Sam Lord (President, back row); Gabrielle Sivage and Eddie Johnson (CGFM and Community Service Co-Chairs); Lynn McKiernan Ngari; and Tony Eayrs (Membership Chair).



Financial Condition as of September 30, 2019

Checking - .10% interest	\$ 3,513.54
Savings -.10% interest	<u>\$ 6,684.91</u>
Total Assets	\$ 10,198.45
Liabilities	\$ 0.00
Members' Equity	<u>\$ 10,198.45</u>
Liabilities & Members' Equity	\$ 10,198.45

Cash Flow Report, Month Ending September 2019

Beginning Cash Balances	\$ 7,798.69
PDT Silent Auction Gift	\$ 50.00
Cash Expended	\$ 50.00
WSCP A Partnership Conference Income	\$ 2,449.49
Interest Income	\$ 0.27
Subtotal Cash Deposits	<u>\$ 2,449.76</u>
Net Cash Change	<u>\$ 2,399.76</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u>\$ 10,198.45</u>



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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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