

AGA CHICAGO CHAPTER,

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CHAPTER NEWS

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Happy New Year, Members!

Chapter Recognition Credits Earned as of December 31, 2016

Category	Total Points	Year-To-Date
Leadership	475	3600
Education	650	1775
CGFM	300	725
Communications	1389	3177
Membership	100	300
Community Service	500	500





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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!

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. Have them contact our Membership Director:

Membership Director
Adriane D. McCoy, RTA
312/913-3289
mccoya@agachicago.org





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*





Continuing Education **Seminar**

Title: "Office of Foreign Missions, An Overview"

NASBA CPE: 1.0

When: Thursday, January 26, 2017

Time: Doors Open/Lunch/Networking at 11:30pm. Live speaker from 12:00pm to 1:00pm

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

Speaker: Garry Pierrot, Associate Regional Director for Client Relations, Office of Foreign Missions, U.S. Department of State

Learning Objective: Learn 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.

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

Additional Information: To attend, please RSVP by noon, Monday January 23rd to [Matt Matczynski - mmatczynski@hudoig.gov](mailto:mmatczynski@hudoig.gov)





Community Service

The AGA Chicago Chapter is proud that we were able to give back to our community during the holidays!

Holy Cross IHM Parish

Holy Cross/Immaculate Heart of Mary is a vibrant Catholic parish community located in the primarily Mexican-American neighborhood of the Back of the Yards. It is a mostly young, immigrant, low-income, working class community.

Their mission of this organization is serving the poor and working for change that provides for the holistic development and concretization of each person in their neighborhood. In light of this commitment, they invite all to participate in the life of the parish; celebrate faith and culture, and provide social services for those in need. They are committed to promoting the education of children and adults; and the formation of small community groups that provide support and accompaniment in their personal & spiritual growth.

The celebration that took place in December was called a Posada. It is a ritual re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's search for a lodging in Bethlehem just before Christmas. It is celebrated with traditional Mexican food such as pozole, pan dulce (pastries), singing and dancing. Our donation was used toward the purchase of plates, spoons, napkins, cups, and goody bags that helped feed over 50 people!

To show their thanks and gratitude, each child who attended, sent a personal written thank you note. Here are a few exactly as they wrote them:

"Dear AGA, thank you for give us cookies, candy napkins, plates, cups. Also a want to tell you Happy New Year and also Merry Christmas. Also thank you for all did you have given us". Vanessa Santos

"Thank you to the Association of Government for helping casa romedo to purchase cookies, plates, napkins, cups, and candy for the posada. The posada is specale (special) to me because we walk pray and eat. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year". Yadira



"Dear Association of Government Accountants, we appreciate your donation for our Posada on Dec. 19. With your donation we were able to purchase plates, napkins, cups and candy. Posadas are very important to me because my whole family attends. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year". Alejandro C.





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"Thank you for the donation to the posada. I feel happy because the posadas are really important to the people around us". Hector



"Thank you for donating cookies cups & plates. I feel happy for you to donate this. I like posadas because they give us food. My family does not do posadas because they are tired. & I like posadas we go as a group. Andy P.

"Thank you for the money I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year. Your so lovely and sweet. Have a happy day, sincerely Andrea P".

For more information on this organization, please copy and paste to your web browser:

<http://www.hcihm.org/about-us/>



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. Since 1950, AGA has been dedicated to serving those who are faced with the challenge of using every government financial resource in the most effective manner possible and has been the vanguard organization addressing the issues and challenges facing government financial managers.

AGA's CGFM program is specially designed to help meet the critical need for greatly increased emphasis on the professional qualifications and stature of government financial managers. 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.

Attend the CGFM Intensive Review Course in October and your exams are included!

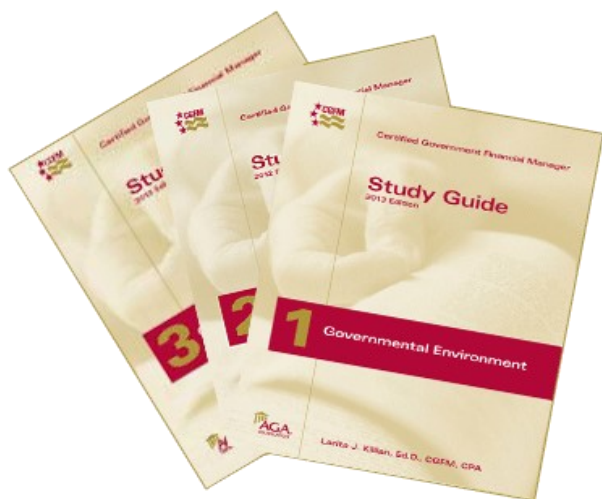
Want more information? Follow the link:

<https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Candidates/Preparing-for-Exams/CGFM-Intensive-Review-Course-Exams.aspx>



"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

-- John Quincy Adams



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

2017 Financial Systems Summit

Free to members. January 13, 2017

Washington or Virtual– 6 CPE's

https://www.agacgm.org/FSS-2017.aspx?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=AGA+Communications&_zs=Dv5sc1&_zl=HUQU3

Webinar!

Financial Reporting Model Improvement-Government Funds

Feb. 8 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET | 2 CPEs | FOS: ACCG

https://www.agacgm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars/2015-2016-Offerings/020817-GASB.aspx?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=AGA+Communications&_zs=Dv5sc1&_zl=nOGW3

Journal Quizzes!

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

<https://www.agacgm.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.agacgm.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 11/10/2016

1. ROLL CALL (15 Positions with QUORUM 7)

Adriane, Chanel, CJ, Crystal, Della, Eddie (non-voting), Frank, Hugh, Matt, Raul, Rick, Sandra, Sophia, Tiffany, Tom, and Bobby (non-voting). We had 12 members present at 11:35 AM and enough for quorum. Adriane and Hugh joined the call slightly later due to other obligations.

2. CALL TO ORDER

At 11:36 AM, Eddie called the meeting to order.

3. RATIFY/APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Frank moved to approve the October 6, 2016 meeting minutes and Rick seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye.

4. URGENT OLD Business

- a. Annual Plan/Budget:
 - i. Treasurer to Present Budget – We discussed the budget presented by Tom. We added \$1,000 to licensing fees to cover the annual NASBA certification and \$1,000 for comingled training events.
 - ii. Board to Review and Approve Budget – The budget was approved with the two additions.
- b. 2015-2016 Financials Review, Discussion and Approval
 - i. Treasurer to address all questions and finalize this at Board Meeting – Adriane asked about the minimum balance on the bank account and the new version of QuickBooks. Tom told the CEC the minimum balance the bank account needs to avoid bank fees is \$20,000 and he explained that we plan to upgrade to the new version of QuickBooks. The old version is no longer supported.
- c. Bank Account Signatories and all follow-up from last Board Meeting to wrap up fiscal matters – We would like to switch banks to avoid bank fees and to clear off all old signatories. Tom will research options for a new bank and Crystal will help.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Review of Sub-committees, their value add and need to terminate any with Board Approval – We need a list of Committees. The by-laws only requires two committees: nominating and bylaws. The remaining committees are at the discretion of the Chapter. Crystal will compile a list of functioning committees. The CEC will support her effort by emailing her each committee they participate in and who is the chair of said committee. Eddie will help.
- b. Board Approvals
 - i. Webinars – Frank motioned to buy 4 webinars; 1 nay, 11 ayes, and the motion passed
 - ii. CGFM Bootcamp – CJ and Frank discussed the possibility of hosting a CGFM boot camp for members. CJ explained that several members and PDT attendees have expressed interest in having an event like this CGFM training event. Frank explained

that it is expensive to host an event like this; \$21,000 for a 6 day CGFM boot camp. Since our budget does not provide for an event like this, we will table it to the Education Committee pending more research and planning.

- c. PDT Straw Man: with Board Approved 2015-2016 PDT spending levels
 - i. **Day-1:** Effective Public Sector Accounting and Accountability Risk Management including scarcity of human capital eroding public trust
 - 1. **Keynote By:** Mark Bialek, Federal Reserve IG, May 17th
 - ii. **Day-2:** Pension Crisis and resulting risks to the state and all its stakeholders (May 18th)
- d. Raul would like us to move the Committee Reports to higher priority in the monthly meetings' agenda. He is concerned that we spend too much time on administrative matters and not enough time on the work done in committees.

6. TREASURER REPORT (Tom) – We discussed in item 4.

7. Committee Reports (may be tabled for next meeting if we run out of time)

- a. Membership (Adriane) – We have 109 members and 1 new student member.
- b. Scholarship & Awards (Chanel) – Chanel sent out the Fall Scholarship Announcement via email to 50 colleges.
- c. Education (Frank) – As discussed in board approvals, we will purchase four webinars for educational events and we will not host a CGFM boot camp at this time.
- d. Chapter Recognition (Rick) – We have earned 8,000 points so far this year, mostly due to hosting the IIA/AGA one day PDT in September.
- e. Community Service & Early Careers (Della/CJ) – We have hosted two community service events so far this year, and have one event coming up. All community service events are posted in the newsletters. Please consider participating in the community service events.
- f. CGFM (Raul) – Nothing to report.
- g. By-Laws/Governance/Nominating/Accountability (Eddie) – Governance would like to meet before the next CEC meeting.
- h. Meetings (Matt/Sophia) – We still have not found a space for the December educational webinar. We had reserved space for a November event, but will release it.
- i. Communications/Newsletter/Website/Social Media (Tiffany/Della) – Della asked if anyone would like to be interviewed for a “Member Spotlight” in the newsletter. This is a great opportunity for us to get to know each other better.

8. NEW BUSINESS – No new business.

9. ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 PM.



Professional Development Training



Covered Topics

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



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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		
8:30am	Registration & Networking Breakfast	
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BREAK		
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LUNCH		
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BREAK		
2:15pm	Speaker #4	(Ethics)—1.5 CPEs
WRAP UP: Evaluations/CPEs		