

## President's Message "Change to drive improvement"

**Change and AGA Atlanta:** The era we live in is full of change. It is out with old and in with the new. If you are like me, change is never something that comes easily and it is certainly nothing I readily accept. However, change can be good or it can be bad. It all depends on your perspective. As we have moved through this year, our chapter has gone through some significant changes. We have a host of new leaders that are bringing new energy and a new perspective to our chapter and to our events. This is a very good thing. It is something we have certainly needed for quite some time. It has resulted in a completely revamped website ( <http://www.agacgfm.org/atlanta> ); a new registration and payment system for our events; and a rebirth of our early career committee and its activities. All of this new activity has been coupled with the excellent work we were already doing with our chapter newsletters, community service events, event planning and member outreach. All in all, change has been good for the Atlanta Chapter and we have more changes coming.



President Scott Owens

Our goal is to provide our members with the best Chapter we possibly can. One that is always striving to innovate and improve the membership experience. In the months ahead, there will be opportunities for our members to join us and experience some of the changes I'm so proud of. So, I strongly encourage you to reconnect with our chapter if you haven't done so recently. Join us at our next chapter meeting on March 16th and for our premier Professional Development Training on May 18th. Also, if you have the time, join us for the chapter's group photo with Governor during CGFM month (date and time to be determined). Change can be scary but it can also be rewarding. Come experience some of the changes we have put in place. I think you'll love them.

[Learn More](#)

## Awards and Recognitions

" The Atlanta Chapter would like to welcome Greg Johnson as our new Vice President for Awards. Greg is looking for ways to recognize our members for their professional accomplishment and milestones. If you have a professional achievement that you would like to have recognized or of you know of an AGA Atlanta member that is deserving of recognition please contact Greg with the details. He can be reached at [Johnsong@audits.ga.gov](mailto:Johnsong@audits.ga.gov) or 404-732-9105."



Greg Johnson  
VP for Awards

## AGA MEMBER SERVICES

### What We Offer

Welcome to the Atlanta AGA Chapter! As your membership vice-president, I am here to serve as a catalyst to help you enjoy and maximize your

membership benefits. A few of my plans for the 2016-2017 year are to hold a pizza party to encourage new members to join (more details to come), hold at least two membership drives to potentially increase our membership (any good location ideas, I'm open) and highlight a few Atlanta AGA members at least quarterly (if you are chosen, please send me a small bio). Until then, if I can be of any service to you, please let me know. Email me at [weston@audits.ga.gov](mailto:weston@audits.ga.gov). I look forward to a great year!



Laura Weston  
Membership  
VP

## CPE Opportunities

We provide "Professional Growth"

[Webinar: GASB](#) (Feb 8)

GASB issued an Invitation to Comment, "Financial Reporting Model Improvements - Government Funds" in December 2016. Join expert speakers to explore the nature and scope of changes that are proposed

[Tallahassee AGA Government Training event](#) (Feb 9-10)

AGA's CEO Ann Ebberts and sessions on GASB, Green Book, Red Book changes, fraud and several IT-related courses.

[Free Webinar Fraud/Risk](#) (Feb 22)

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year. Members-only webinars are 1 hour, and offer 1 CPE. Group registration is not available. Join AGA today to earn free CPE!



John G. Hulsey, CGFM  
VP of Education

Contact [John G. Hulsey](#) for this and other opportunities to serve.

## Pay it Forward Challenge

We support your Career

As a member of AGA you receive great benefits and wonderful growth opportunities. Please take the month of February as a time to share the love. Forward this newsletter to other professionals you know. Give them a chance to be profiled in this newsletter and acknowledge your role in strengthening their career path.



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We are looking forward to these upcoming 3rd quarter events:

**Professional Development:** Offering the much requested CGFM study group - we are up for the challenge!

**Mentorship:** Sponsoring and implementing a mentorship program for new professionals.

Scott Owens  
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[\*New Website\*](#)

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