

# AGA CHICAGO CHAPTER

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## CHAPTER NEWS

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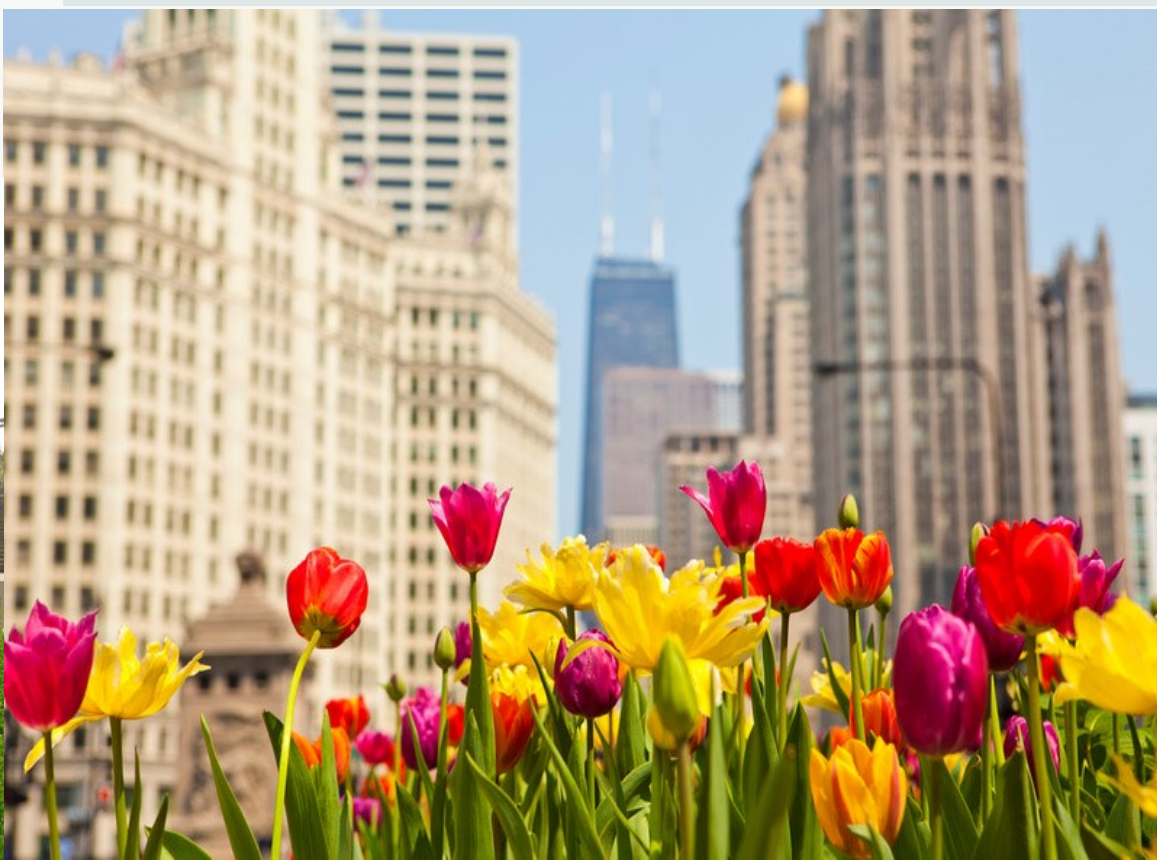
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### Chapter Recognition Credits Earned as of March 31, 2017

<u>Category</u>	<u>Earned</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Leadership	125	3775
Education	450	3075
CGFM	2425	5875
Communications	545	4860
Membership	100	700
Community Service	325	825





## 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:*

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## **2016-2017 CEC Meeting Schedule**

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

Thursday, April 6, 2017 - Room TBD, 11:30am - 12:00pm (cancelled)

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** **Webinar**

**Title:** AGA Webinar: “Maximizing Existing Funds”

**NASBA CPE:** 2.0

**When:** Wednesday, April 26, 2017

**Time:** Webinar is from 1:00pm to 3:00pm - Networking Session at 12:30

**Where:** GSA Conference Center, Room 326 at the Ralph Metcalfe Federal Building,  
77 W. Jackson Blvd Chicago, IL 60604

**Maximum Room Capacity:** 30 Attendees

**Speakers:** **Cindy Arenberg Seltzer**, President/CEO, Children’s Services Council of Broward County, Florida **José Esquibel**, Director, Office of Community Engagement, Colorado Department of Law, Office of the Attorney General **Mike Oskinski**, Director, Performance Partnership Staff, Office of the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Learning Objective:** Gain knowledge of lessons learned in maximizing existing funds by blending and braiding funds.

**Additional Webinar Information:** This webinar will cover how governments at all levels are taking steps to leverage funds – which is especially important when government finances are constrained, and the possibility of block grants and tax code changes increase financial uncertainty. Get implementation advice from those who have been in the forefront of blending and braiding funds; and hear about their efforts to serve populations more efficiently, while striving to improve program outcomes and reducing costs. Learn too about AGA’s complementary blended and braided guide, and tools developed by the state of Colorado to help with implementation.

**Cost:** \$10 members/\$20 non-members (includes box lunch). Lunch begins at 12:30pm.

To attend, please RSVP by 10:00 AM on **Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>** to Matt Matczynski at  
[Mmatczynski@hudoig.gov](mailto:Mmatczynski@hudoig.gov)



## **Community Service**

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

Every spring Norwood Crossing hosts an annual resident Concert and Art Show. The musical is performed by the residents and it highlights their talent and musical creativity. *(You should see how much they enjoy performing!)* After the concert, light refreshments are served and the Spring Art Show commences. Residents and guests are welcome to view the art displayed around the facility.

Volunteers are needed to help prior, during, and after the event. Specific duties include transporting residents to and from the event, assisting residents during the performance (such as holding their music book and turning pages), assisting guests with seating, and helping serve refreshments.

They are requesting volunteers to be there **from 2 to 4 pm on Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**. They also request that everyone dress business casual (no t-shirts, shorts, or jeans) as this is an event that our residents take a lot of pride in and pictures will be taken by Norwood Crossing, friends and family.

Please help us make this special event successful for the residents so that they can shine with the pride they well deserve after all the hard work they have been putting in.

***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, [della60638@yahoo.com](mailto:della60638@yahoo.com) or cell: 773-510-9391.



## Accepting Nominations to Become an AGA Chicago Chapter Board Member!

***\*TIME IS RUNNING OUT\****

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

Marketing Director

Social Media Director

#### Directors

Community Service Director

Early Careers

Job Referral Director

Program Director

Sponsorship Director

Website Administrator

Please forward your nominations to Sandra Woods at [SWoods@hudoig.gov](mailto:SWoods@hudoig.gov). We look forward to your nominations to help us continue to transform the AGA Chicago Chapter.



## **AGA CHICAGO CHAPTER** **SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

### ***AGA Chicago Chapter Awards the Excellence in Accounting or Finance Scholarship***

The AGA Chicago Chapter is proud to announce that it has awarded one scholarship for Fall 2016 semester. Deyna Parvanova, a student at the College of DuPage, was awarded AGA's Excellence in Accounting or Finance Award. The scholarship recognizes outstanding college students in the field of accounting or finance who have achieved positive academic records and been rated highly by professional references. The scholarship recipient received \$500 towards her tuition and a free AGA student membership.

The Excellence in Accounting or Finance Award and the Leadership/ Community Involvement Award are two scholarships offered by the AGA Chicago Chapter to current college students (undergraduate or graduate students) in the field of Accounting and Finance studies. The awards are restricted to students from Illinois or Greater Chicagoland Area institutions of higher education. The AGA Chicago Chapter will be announcing another scholarship opportunity in 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Chanel Castaneda ([ccastaneda@agachicago.org](mailto:ccastaneda@agachicago.org)).

### ***Meet our AGA Scholarship Recipient***

**Deyna Parvanova** - I am an academic honors student at College of DuPage and I am an active Phi Theta Kappa five-star member. Upon completion of an associate degree, I am plan to transfer to a four-year university. My educational aspiration consists of acquiring a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license. My career vision is to one day be able work for the United States government. Working for the government is working for other people - serving both our nation and our society. Receiving AGA Chicago Chapter's Excellence in Accounting Finance Scholarship is not just receiving money for me; it tells me that I have potential for the future in our society. I will use the money to further my education so I can in turn help others through my career as an accountant and achieve my life goals of being an important contributor to the community.



**Congratulations, Deyna!!!**

## 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.



**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](mailto:raul.nieto@ed.gov).**

# AGA NATIONAL NEWS

## Scholarship Opportunity!

For members and their families pursuing studies in accounting, budgeting, auditing, economics, finance, IT and Public Administration

[https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Connect/Awards-Recognition/National-Academic-Scholarships.aspx?utm\\_source=Informz&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=AGA+Communications](https://www.agacgfm.org/Membership/Connect/Awards-Recognition/National-Academic-Scholarships.aspx?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=AGA+Communications)

## CRP Credits!

Want to print your CRP Credits? Sign-in and then click the new “Print All” on the top right-hand corner of the page

<https://www.agacgfm.org/My-AGA/utilities/Sign-in.aspx?RET=/My-AGA/Chapter-Resources/Chapter-Recognition-Program.aspx>

## CGFM in Demand!

The U.S. Department of Labor’s CareerOneStop Lists CGFM as an in demand certification for the career field

<https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-certifications.aspx?keyword=cgfm&ajax=0&direct=0>

## 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>



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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.**

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### CHICAGO CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the 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 effectiveness 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.

## Jonathan Fanning Leadership Development Expert

**Jonathan Fanning** helps organizations and individuals reach their full potential and is the author of *Who are you BECOMING?* Through keynote speaking, training workshops, coaching, and consulting, Jonathan works to create excellence within companies, teams and organizations that are not willing to settle for “good enough.” Jonathan was voted best speaker at a recent TED Talk conference.



A traumatic car accident and several other “Frying Pan” moments in the middle of Fanning’s career as a management consultant to Fortune 500 companies triggered a quest for a deeper sense of purpose, meaning, and significance. “Who are you BECOMING?” and “Who are you helping others to BECOME?” became central to Jonathan’s life, businesses, and speaking. With over fifteen years of experience coaching leaders, from Fortune 500 executives to sole proprietors, Jonathan has developed expertise in the principles, practices, and challenges of creating a worthwhile vision and becoming the leader capable of the worthy pursuit. Fanning has built several successful businesses, including a national children's fitness franchise and Entrepreneur Adventure, which helps young people experience business start-up and ownership. Jonathan shares his message with organizations around the world, inspiring with relevant stories, strategies, and practical application steps to help audience members challenge the status quo. Jonathan lives in NY with his amazing wife, Dominika, and two angelic little girls, Ella and Maya.

**Q:**Where were you born and where did you grow up?

**A:** I was born in “upstate” New York, near Cooperstown, but grew up primarily in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

**Q:** Where did you attend college? What did you study?

**A:** I attended several colleges, including Penn State. I studied mechanical engineering and business. I had the great fortune of receiving advice from an almost-retired doctor when I was a just a freshman. He simply said, “Jonathan, you can make money doing anything. So many people choose to become a doctor because a family member suggests it or because they think the title comes with a certain respect. You will spend so many hours at work. Choose something you’ll be excited about every morning when you wake up.”

**Q:** What was your first job out of college?

**A:** My first job out of college was in GE’s leadership development program. The division was then sold to Lockheed Martin. As a part of the leadership program, I had the tremendous opportunity to rotate through several jobs, including project manager for a military fighter jet’s electronic controls and inventory management for the Stealth Fighter and Bomber.

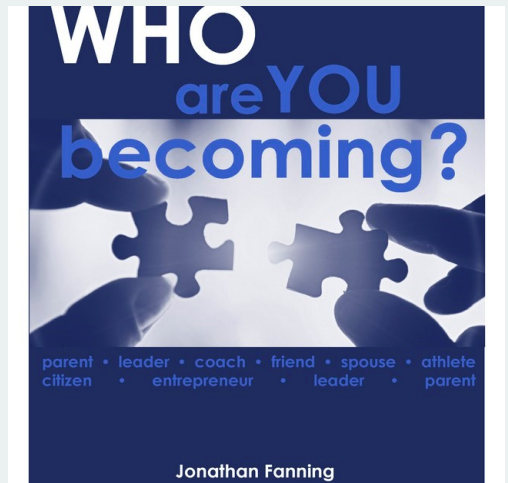
**Q:** When, how and where were you when you knew you were a natural speaker/teacher?

**A:** My first “big” speech was to middle school basketball players. I was in high school and was invited to speak about work ethic. They called my speech “My Left Hand” because I spoke primarily about the consistent effort to develop shooting abilities with my off hand. Then, as a freshman in college, I won a campus-wide speech contest. I have always been intrigued by the power of a story to challenge the way we see the world.

## Jonathan Fanning Leadership Development Expert

**Q:** In all the years that you have been coaching, have you had to change or “tweak” your teaching due to having multigenerational audiences? If so, what have you had to change?

**A:** I get to make changes constantly. Charlie Brown once said, “I love mankind, it’s just the people I can’t stand.” In speaking to very diverse audiences (49 states, Europe, and Australia / CEO’s of Fortune 500 companies, churches, parenting organizations, teenagers), the “tweaking” doesn’t end. I recently spoke for the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) and used a bag of popcorn and a 40 foot ladder to make two key points. A key lesson for me is to be on the lookout for teachable moments every day. I daily add funny stories, challenging quotes, emotional lessons to my repertoire. The day that I think I have arrived is the day I should stop speaking and coaching.



**Q:** How do you know when you have “touched” your audience and/or made a difference on your speaking engagements? Is it by reaction? Is it by the type of questions you are asked from your audience?

**A:** I can see it in their eyes. I also get to meet many audience members when signing books, and they will tell me things that really hit home. The emails days or weeks later explaining what a person did with something I spoke about are very humbling.

**Q:** Congratulations on your businesses! What would you say is the hardest part of starting your own business? Is it building a clientele? Coming up with a name? Believing you are capable?

**A:** That is an excellent question. I’ve now started several businesses, including a series of entrepreneur camps. Getting business tends to be the hardest part for many start-ups, but the biggest challenge I’ve experienced has been in the psychology. I always did very well in school, but in business and leadership, if you are not failing, you are likely not near your potential. Finding new marketing approaches requires some experimentation - and some of it won’t work! Creating a new keynote or workshop... Hiring and trusting people when your name and reputation are on the line...

Decades of education and watching how most careers work left me thinking that work is for Monday through Friday, roughly 8am to 6pm. I bought into the psychology that people get paid for their time. Today, I do not believe that this is ever true. People get paid for providing value. It is quite possible to work 60 or 80 hours every week, without creating any substantial value. It is also quite possible to work for one hour and create significant value. I am currently working on my third book. As I write, this plays out regularly. I’ll work for hours to write a few pages only to discard them. Other times, I will work for a brief period of time and write something that really works.

**Q:** When you leave a speaking engagement, what do you hope that your audience takes away from it?

**A:** I hope something they hear bothers them, excites them, or intrigues them enough that it sticks around in their thoughts. Then, I hope they allow it to affect them. For example, I sometimes ask, “Who are your role models and why? ... Why have you allowed a certain group of people to have influence in your life? Are you willing to take another look at how much those role models affect you?” hope the questions stick. I hope they can feel that I care, that I don’t do this just to make a living or for me. I hope they get something that they needed to hear.



## Sheila Weinberg, CPA

### Founder and CEO

**Ms. Weinberg**, is the founder and CEO of the Truth in Accounting, whose mission is to compel governments to produce financial reports that are understandable, reliable, transparent and correct. Since 2002 Ms. Weinberg has led Truth in Accounting's research initiatives, which include the "The Truth about Balanced Budget: a Fifty State Study", the "Financial State of the States" and the "Financial State of the Union." Because of her expertise in governmental budgeting and accounting, Ms. Weinberg has testified before the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB), the Government Accounting Standards Board and numerous state legislative hearings on matters of proper government accounting. Ms. Weinberg earned her Bachelor of Accounting degree from the University of Denver, which she attended on an academic scholarship. She received her certified public accountant (CPA) credential in 1981. Ms. Weinberg was active in the Concord Coalition from its inception in 1992, and was honored in 1998 with their Outstanding Volunteer Award. Ms. Weinberg is a member of the Association of Government Accountants' Financial Management Standards Board, the University of Denver's School of Accountancy Advisory Board, and is a member of the Union League Club of Chicago's Public Affairs Committee. She has served as an independent legislative adviser to members of Congress on federal budgeting and accounting issues. She was also a member of the Comeback America Initiative Advisory Council, the Academy of Government Accountability Advisory Council and two FASAB Task Forces. Her commentary on the federal budget, Social Security, Medicare and other national issues has appeared repeatedly in numerous publications, including USA Today, Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun-Times. She has been a guest on local and national television and radio shows, and is often engaged to speak on federal and state budget and accounting issues.



**Q:** Where were you born and raised?

**A:** Born in Salt Lake City and raised in Seattle area.

**Q:** Why did you choose a career in Accounting? Did someone influence you? Did you have a mentor?

**A:** Because I am a methodical, detailed orientated person, the preciseness and order that accounting provides appeals to me. Because I put myself through school and needed income as soon as I graduated, I liked the secure job placement the accounting field provided.

**Q:** What was your very first job out of college? Did you enjoy working there? How did it help you set-up your career in this field?

**A:** I worked for a large regional CPA firm once I graduated from the University of Denver. The firm trained me in auditing, tax and consulting.

**Q:** How has accounting evolved since you first became a CPA?

**A:** Accounting has evolved with technology. The manual posting to general ledgers and journals is now done by computers. The use of spreadsheets and database programs has replaced calculators and audit papers.

**Q:** How and/or why did you choose your concentration in the Public Sector and not the Private Sector? What compelled you to serve the public in this way?

**A:** In 2002 I formed a non-profit organization called Truth in Accounting. I was compelled to do this because I was concerned that citizens are not provided the information needed to make knowledgeable decisions about their government finances.



## Sheila Weinberg, CPA Founder and CEO

**Q:** Reading the background of Truth in Accounting, you spread your research to all 50 states. How long did this research take? Was there a certain finding in Illinois that made you want to go nationwide?

**A:** Truth in Accounting started based upon my concerns about federal government accounting and budgeting. However, when I spoke in Illinois people would say, "Well if you think things are bad in DC you should look at Springfield." Our review of Illinois finances found that while citizens were told the state budget was balanced, the state was going into debt every year. We also determined that Illinois and other states were not reporting their full pension liabilities on their balance sheets. This finding lead us to believe that citizens and legislators throughout the country were making budgeting and other financial decisions without knowing their state's true financial condition. This compelled us to calculate the financial condition of every state.



**Q:** With the pension crisis, budget gaps in the city and cook county and/or the other financial instabilities that this state faces, which one would you choose to fix first and why? Is one easier to "fix" than the other? If so, how?

**A:** Unless reforms are made, Truth in Accounting's calculations indicate that each taxpayer in Chicago will have to pay \$\_\_\_ to cover the city's unfunded bills, \$--- to cover the county's and \$--- to cover the state's. This totals \$---. Since taxpayers are responsible for the debt of all levels of governments, I assume they would like to see each and every level fixed.

**Q:** Congratulations with Truth in Accounting, being able to serve on boards and being an advisor! You have had a very impressive career! What is your next project? How can you possibly be more successful than you are now?

**A:** Truth in Accounting is publishing detailed pension data for the 50 states and the 50 most populated cities. We are working to bring budgeting and financial reporting more in line with each other. I am proud to be the chair of the state and local government subcommittee of the Union League Club's public affairs committee. This subcommittee and Truth in Accounting will be working to educate Chicagoans about their city and state budget processes and other government financial issues. To have greater success I need to reach more citizens and elected officials.

**Q:** What would your advice be to all the professionals that are thinking and/or have a career in the public sector on how they can better serve the taxpayer?

**A:** Accounting professional should use their expertise to educate their fellow citizens about their government's budget process, including how budgets can be balanced while debt is increasing.



## ***Professional Development Training***



***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**



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](http://www.learningmarket.org).

**Submit registration to:  
[mmatczynski@hudoig.gov](mailto:mmatczynski@hudoig.gov)**

# AGA Chicago Chapter PDT

May 17 — 18, 2017

9:00am — 4:00pm

## General Information

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## **Welcome Message**



Congruent to our National Organization's Mission, the AGA Chicago Chapter leads and encourages change that benefits our field and all citizens.

It is my honor to both welcome you to our annual educational session and invite you to our after-hours networking event. It is encouraging that at a time when earning the public trust and shaping our civil society through responsible fiscal accountability is paramount, we are embarking on this Professional Developmental Training by bringing together the public-private-university partnership to help shape our world. Governmental Accounting, Audit and Fraud Prevention all exist only in the context of the Local, State and Federal Organizations serving areas like public safety, education, and housing. We welcome change agents from all organizations, who have an interest in taking this shared journey with us, to join us in learning and development. The lives we sustain will be our own.

Come join us and become part of a movement!

**Dr. Kasthuri Henry, PhD, CTP, Six Sigma Black Belt  
President, AGA Chicago Chapter**

# AGA Chicago Chapter PDT

## Agenda-at-a-Glance

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

Wednesday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>		
8:30am	Registration & Networking Breakfast	
9:00am	Welcome Address & Introductions	
9:15am	<i><b>"Who Are You BECOMING as a Leader?"</b></i>	
	Mr. Fanning	(Personal Development)—1.5 CPEs
BREAK		
10:45am	<i><b>"Solving our Fiscal Problems – A Case Study"</b></i>	
	Chief Mike Spain	(Finance)—1.5 CPEs
LUNCH		
12:45pm	<i><b>"Preparing the Next Generation Govt. Finance Leaders"</b></i>	
	Mr. Nichols	(Personnel/Human Resources)—1.5 CPEs
BREAK		
2:15pm	<i><b>"Leadership Through Fraud Prevention: IRS Case Study"</b></i>	
	Ms. McGill	(Specialized Knowledge)—1.5 CPEs
WRAP UP: Announcements		
4:00 – 6:00pm	PDT Mixer	(Offsite Location TBD)
Thursday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>		
8:30am	Registration & Networking Breakfast	
9:00am	Welcome Address & Introductions	
9:15am	<i><b>"Education as Foundation for Our Shared Prosperity"</b></i>	
	Dr. Dunn	(Specialized Knowledge)—1.5 CPEs
BREAK		
10:45am	<i><b>"Pension Round Table"</b></i>	
		(Specialized Knowledge)—1.5 CPEs
LUNCH		
12:45pm	<i><b>"Accountability and State Fiscal Stewardship"</b></i>	
	Mr. Martire	(Specialized Knowledge)—1.5 CPEs
BREAK		
2:15pm	<i><b>"Fiscal State of the State"</b></i>	
	Ms. Weinberg	(Finance)—1.5 CPEs
WRAP UP: Evaluations/CPEs		

# AGA Chicago Chapter PDT

## Presents...

### Jonathan Fanning Leadership Development Expert



**Jonathan Fanning** helps organizations and individuals reach their full potential and is the author of *Who are you BECOMING?* Through keynote speaking, training workshops, coaching, and consulting, Jonathan works to create excellence within companies, teams and organizations that are not willing to settle for “good enough.”

Jonathan was voted best speaker at a recent TED Talk conference.

A traumatic car accident and several other “Frying Pan” moments in the middle of Fanning’s career as a management consultant to Fortune 500 companies triggered a quest for a deeper sense of purpose, meaning, and significance. “Who are you BECOMING?” and “Who are you helping others to BECOME?” became central to Jonathan’s life, businesses, and speaking. With over fifteen years of experience coaching leaders, from Fortune 500 executives to sole proprietors, Jonathan has developed expertise in the principles, practices, and challenges of creating a worthwhile vision and becoming the leader capable of the worthy pursuit.

Fanning has built several successful businesses, including a national children's fitness franchise and Entrepreneur Adventure, which helps young people experience business start-up and ownership. Jonathan shares his message with organizations around the world, inspiring with relevant stories, strategies, and practical application steps to help audience members challenge the status quo.

Jonathan lives in NY with his amazing wife, Dominika, and two angelic little girls, Ella and Maya.

# ***AGA Chicago Chapter PDT***

***Wednesday, May 17, 2017***

***9:15am***

## **“Who Are You BECOMING as a Leader?”**

**By Jonathan Fanning**

### **Summary**

A year from today, will you be a better leader... or not? The answer affects every aspect of our lives. Who are you BECOMING? introduces four pillars the greatest leaders all have in common and a simple formula for enhancing these pillars in your own life and organization. A favorite of audiences across the country, Jonathan shares “The Simplest and Most Effective Leadership Development Plan”, borrowing powerful and practical lessons from the greatest people developers in all walks of life.

- What is the greatest leadership advice ever given to a U.S. president?
- What success formula do world-class 7th grade teachers and Viktor Frankl have in common?

This program applies to you, whether you lead a company, non-profit, team, family, or just yourself.

### **Learning Objectives**

Participants will:

- Begin to apply the “Simplest and Most Effective Leadership Development Plan” for yourself, your family, your clients, and your team.
- Learn the greatest leadership advice ever given to a U.S. president.
- Find out how cooking chili will help to develop their leadership style.
- Gain insights on the success formula that world-class 7th grade teachers and Viktor Frankl have in common.

Field of Study:	Personal Development
CPE Credits:	1.5 hours (75 minutes)
Program Level:	Overview
Prerequisites:	None
Advance Preparation:	None

# ***AGA Chicago Chapter PDT***

***Presents...***

## **Chief Michael Spain** **Bensenville Fire Protection District**



**Chief Spain** started his career in Emergency Medical Services and Fire Service operation in Iowa City Iowa over 40 years ago, From the onset of his career he has served in positions of Shift firefighter paramedic, Engineer, Chief Paramedic, shift supervisor/Lieutenant, Battalion Chief, Fire Chief in the Village of Richton Park, Bensenville and now a Fire District. Additionally, Chief Spain has experience as being a Village Manager, Director of a Hospital Based Paramedic operation and a Resource Hospital EMS Coordinator in Joliet, Illinois. This in addition to being hired as a consultant for EMS and Fire Agencies organizations, and being a publication reviver, and Currently, Chief Spain Holds a Bachelor's Degree in General Science from the University of Iowa and a Master's Degree from Southern Illinois University in Fire Service and Homeland Security Management.

Chief Spain's accomplishments include establishing a hospital Based Paramedic organization, being the fire non-nurse system EMS coordinator in Illinois, member of the team that developed the Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), and finally, guiding the first transition from a Village operated fire department to a fire protection district in the country.

# ***AGA Chicago Chapter PDT***

***Wednesday, May 17, 2017***

***10:45am***

## **“Solving our Fiscal Problems – A Case Study”**

**By Chief Mike Spain**

### **Summary**

Fiscal limitations are the reality of all public sector organizations today. This presentation will educate and probe the fiscal problem solving towards non-traditional means. The session will highlight how to develop alternatives to tax funded approaches and pursue various non-tax supported organizational revenue streams for your community through the development of a business type strategy and action plan.

### **Learning Objectives**

Attendees will:

- Identify root cause of fiscal problems
- Explore viable solutions from inside and outside the industry
- Synthesize the combination of solutions that will help resolve the fiscal problem at hand
- Develop a realistic execution plan
- Drive results through commitment leadership

Field of Study:	Finance
CPE Credits:	1.5 hours (75 minutes)
Program Level:	Overview
Prerequisites:	None
Advance Preparation:	None

# ***AGA Chicago Chapter PDT***

***Presents...***

**Morgan Nichols**  
**Managing Partner**



**Morgan** has been recruiting and staffing accounting and finance professionals for 17 years in the Chicagoland area. His clients as a Managing Partner at Torrey & Gray number a wide array of both private and public sector organizations including municipal finance, banking and financial services as well as not for profit human services and educational institutions. Drawing upon his industry experience, he helps organizations attract and retain staff that drive long term goals and succession planning. Morgan is a graduate of North Park University in Chicago and is a board member of their School of Business and Nonprofit Management Advisory Board. He is also active with the Illinois CPA Society and the American Payroll Association.

# ***AGA Chicago Chapter PDT***

***Wednesday, May 17, 2017***

***12:45pm***

## **“Preparing the Next Generation of Government Finance Leaders”**

**By Morgan Nichols**

### **Summary**

We will discuss talent pipeline strategies and the effect of mandates as well as the perception of unrealistic future obligations such as pension guarantees on the ability to attract and retain top accounting and talent. Also, we will explore guidance for career path development to be successful in future CFO team roles in our dynamic governmental accounting and finance world.

### **Learning Objectives**

Attendees will:

- Learn about the soft and technical skills needed for the future Govt Accounting and Finance Careers
- Develop strategies to attract, develop and retain the talent embodying these emerging skills
- Learn how to continually develop your own skills to remain relevant in the changing governmental environment
- Develop a robust strategy linking your own career path and your organization’s succession plan

Field of Study:	Personnel/Human Resources
CPE Credits:	1.5 hours (75 minutes)
Program Level:	Overview
Prerequisites:	None
Advance Preparation:	None

# ***AGA Chicago Chapter PDT***

***Presents...***

**Theresa McGill**  
**Senior Stakeholder Liaison**



**Theresa McGill** has worked for the Internal Revenue Service since 1980 (over 36 years) in various positions such as taxpayer service representative, tax auditor, on-the-job instructor, coach, EEO counselor, revenue agent, employment tax specialist and Senior Bank Secrecy Act Outreach Specialist. She is presently the Senior Stakeholder Liaison for Communications & Stakeholder Outreach (CSO). CSO is a business unit of the Small Business/Self-Employed (SB/SE) Operating Division of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Working as a Senior Stakeholder Liaison, she communicates with targeted stakeholders to provide education and outreach events. These outreach activities are generally open forums with stakeholders to provide the exchange of ideas and information affecting the small business and self-employed communities. She identifies stakeholder issues, communicates strategic priorities, reduces taxpayer burden and helps to increase taxpayer compliance. She also collaborates to establish and maintain relationships and partnerships with practitioners and industry organizations

Theresa graduated from Oakwood University (formerly Oakwood College) located in Huntsville, Alabama in 1980, where she studied Business Administration and Communications. She is married with one child.

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***Wednesday, May 17, 2017***

***2:15pm***

**"Leadership Through Fraud Prevention: IRS Case Study"**

**By Theresa McGill**

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## Presents...

**Randy Dunn, Ed.D., M.S., B.S.**  
**President, Southern Illinois University System**



**Dr. Randy J. Dunn** became the eighth president of the Southern Illinois University System on February 17, 2014, and he began his official duties at the University on May 1, 2014.

Prior to coming to Southern Illinois, Dunn served as president at two other state institutions—Murray State University in Kentucky (2006-2013) and Youngstown State University in Ohio (2013-2014). Before that, Dunn was the state superintendent of education, appointed to that role by the Illinois State Board of Education. He is not a stranger to the SIU System, having held the rank of professor in the Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education at SIUC. Dunn started at the Carbondale campus as an associate professor in 1995 and was named department chair in 2000, before leaving to assume the state superintendency. During his term as chair, he also taught in the joint doctoral program in educational leadership at SIU Edwardsville. Dunn began his academic career as an assistant professor in the Department of Leadership at The University of Memphis for two years before taking his faculty post at Southern Illinois University. His early career in Illinois public education included classroom teaching, service as a principal at two school districts in north central Illinois, and the post of district superintendent for two Illinois school systems.

Dunn received his doctorate in educational administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1991. He graduated from Illinois State University with a master's in administration and foundations in 1983, and the B.S. in education in 1980.

During his time in higher education, Dunn has served on a number of committees, councils, boards, and task forces, including those for the American Council on Education, American and Illinois Associations of School Administrators, North Central Association, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Nonprofit Leadership Alliance, Learning Point Associates, Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois Association of School Boards, and other groups. He has done extensive consulting on K-12 education issues nationally and has served as the principal investigator or co-PI on numerous grants totaling nearly \$650,000. His scholarly writing included published articles on a range of education management issues in professional journals, as well as book chapters, book reviews and monographs. Additionally, he has evaluated a number of manuscripts for publication in journals and books and grant proposals for funding agencies.

Dunn is married to Dr. Ronda Baker Dunn, originally from Benton, IL, and they reside in rural Carbondale. They enjoy travel, riding in their Jeep, the arts—and of course, Saluki and Cougar athletics. Randy and Ronda are the parents of four adult children.

# ***AGA Chicago Chapter PDT***

***Thursday, May 18, 2017      9:15am***

## **“Education as Foundation for Our Shared Prosperity”**

**By Dr. Randy J. Dunn**

### **Summary**

Education prepares us for life and career. Continuing education helps us remain relevant in an ever-changing world. Economic development and financial prosperity of a nation is largely influenced by timely and relevant knowledge capable of driving innovation and growth. Therefore, it is no secret that education is the foundation for our shared prosperity. Governmental Sector is changing and Education continues to be the catalyst for successfully riding that wave of change. President Dunn of Southern Illinois University will engage you in a transformational journey to help you visualize your professional growth and shape your organizational development. At a time where we need the best of us seeking public service this insight and guidance is definitely a must have.

### **Learning Objectives**

- Understand how education lays the foundation for a robust career trajectory in govt.
- Connect education to economic prosperity and shared growth
- Take away the importance of continuing education to be a trail blazer in government
- Go beyond your own prosperity and see how education can help drive our shared prosperity

Field of Study:	Specialized Knowledge
CPE Credits:	1.5 hours (75 minutes)
Program Level:	Overview
Prerequisites:	None
Advance Preparation:	None

# AGA Chicago Chapter PDT

## Presents...

### Dr. Kasthuri Henry PhD, MBA, CTP, Six Sigma Black Belt President



**KasHenry Inc.**  
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**Dr. Kasthuri Henry** is an award-winning writer, engaging speaker and proven financial performance management leader with over 25-years of private and public sector experience alongside international exposure. Kas earned her B.Sc. majoring in Computer Science, Math and Physics; earned her MBA with an emphasis in Finance and Decision Sciences; and her PhD in Finance. A Six Sigma Black Belt, Kas' experiences include CFO at Chicago Teacher's Pension Fund, Regional CFO at Aon Risk Services, Vice President of Continuous Improvement for the University Division at Career Education Corporation and Sr. Vice President of Planning and Analysis at HSBC Consumer/Mortgage Lending.

Kas is also a Visiting Professor at Southern Illinois University Public Sector Management, DeVry/Keller Graduate School of Management and North Park University School of Business and Non-Profit Management. She has been on various advisory boards including the North Park University MBA Advisory Board, DeVry University Advisory Board, professional organizational and non-profit boards.

Kas' contribution at Aon Risk Services and dedication to education through various institutions was recognized by the Institute of Management Accountants, naming her the recipient of 'Financial Executive of the Year Award 2006' for the Mid-America region. Kas' professional affiliations include Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA), AGA, Association of Financial Professionals (AFP), and Treasury Management Association of Chicago (TMAC); Civic affiliations include the Lion's Club and Habitat for Humanity. A Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Honor Society and International Public Safety Leadership Ethics Institute (IPSLEI) Certified Ethical Leadership instructor, she currently serves as faculty member for AFP continuing professional education, where she writes curriculum and delivers webinars as well as workshops. Kas is the recipient of the National Lybrand Award for her contribution to the financial strategy literature in recognition of her cutting edge consulting value proposition manuscript "Financial Agents for Change". Kas recently received the "Award of Financial Reporting Achievement" from the Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for her achievements in FY 2015.

# AGA Chicago Chapter PDT

**Thursday, May 18, 2017**

**10:45am**

## **“Pension Round Table”**

**Moderated By Dr. Kasthuri Henry, PhD, MBA, CTP, Six Sigma Black Belt**

### **Summary**

Pension has emerged as a hot button issue in Illinois and has continued to dominate center stage of the state budget and fiscal dilemma. While the root cause of the pension problem is multi-faceted, the change in accounting rules GASB 67 and 68 shined the light on the unfunded liability causing bond rating changes leading to higher cost debt financing. The resulting fiscal and budget issues have far-reaching impacts on education, public services, etc. across the state. As government professionals with state pensions, government accounting and audit professionals who need to understand the GASB rules as well as related exposure, and as general tax paying citizens of the state, we all have a stake in the equitable resolution of this dilemma. Role of audit and fraud risk mitigation, role of accountability and pension funding, role of budgeting for public services and service personnel are all aspects that will be explored during this holistic discussion.

### **Learning Objectives**

- IL State Budget and Accountability
- Root Causes of our Pension Problem
- GASB 67/68 exposing the unfunded pension liability
- Resulting Fiscal Dilemma for the State
- Explore possible fixes suggested for the pension system
- The implications of those on IL public universities
- How all this is playing out in the national conversation about higher education

Come join us at the Pension Round Table with Dr. Dunn, Mr. Martire and Ms. Weinburg to understand how you can directly make a positive difference in shaping our state’s fiscal future.

Field of Study:	Specialized Knowledge
CPE Credits:	1.5 hours (75 minutes)
Program Level:	Overview
Prerequisites:	None
Advance Preparation:	None



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*Presents...*

**Ralph Martire, J.D., B.A.**  
**Executive Director**



**Ralph Martire** is executive director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability (“CTBA”), a bipartisan 501(c)(3) think tank committed to ensuring that state, federal and local workforce, education, fiscal, economic and budget policies are fair and just, and promote opportunity for all, regardless of race, ethnicity or income class. During his time at CTBA, Ralph has helped obtain numerous legislative successes (including passage of a state Earned Income Tax Credit, creation of a bipartisan legislative task force to integrate workforce and economic development policies, passage of the 2011 Temporary Tax Increases, corporate accountability legislation that, among other things, requires public reporting of economic development benefits created through receipt of tax breaks and other subsidies, decoupling Illinois tax policy from the federal bonus depreciation rules and federal repeal of the estate tax).

In 2011, Ralph was appointed as a full voting commissioner to the Congressionally-established “Equity and Excellence in Education Commission,” under the Federal Department of Education’s Civil Rights Division. The Commission was charged by Congress to review public education systems and systems of education finance at the national and state level in the U.S., to identify whether those systems contributed to either inequities in access to educational opportunities or creation of achievement gaps. The Commission completed its work with the issuance of the “For Each and Every Child” report in February of 2013. Ralph co-authored the first section of the report, which made recommendations regarding the fiscal and education funding policies required at the state and federal levels to provide an excellent education to every child.

Ralph has received numerous awards for his work on education and public policy reform, including the Champion of Freedom Award, presented by the Rainbow PUSH Coalition to individuals whose professional work embodies Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s, commitment to equal educational opportunities, and the Ben C. Hubbard Leadership Award given by Illinois State University to individuals who have greatly benefited education in Illinois. He also received the Adlai Stevenson Award for Public Service presented by the American Society for Public Administration to honor one individual with a connection to the Chicago area that has made outstanding contributions to government and public administration over an extended period of time.

Ralph was elected to serve on the School Board of River Forest District 90, where he still serves as board president. He also serves on the West Cook Division Governing Board of the Illinois Association of School Boards.

A frequent lecturer on fiscal policy, Ralph teaches a Master’s level class on fiscal policy at Roosevelt University, and has taught tax policy seminars for the International Fulbright Scholar Program, the National Labor College and the national Women in Government lecture series. Ralph has also designed and taught Master’s programs on education finance for the University of Illinois, and a Doctoral program on the politics of public education for Illinois State University. Ralph has been featured as a tax policy expert for numerous television and radio news programs such as WTTW, the Chicago PBS affiliate, and WPWR, the Chicago NPR affiliate. He serves as a regular columnist for the State Journal-Register and the Daily Herald on issues involving government accountability, tax, fiscal and budget policies. Prior to joining CTBA, Ralph was a partner in a law firm, with a sophisticated transactional practice focused on intellectual property, structured finance and mergers and acquisitions. Ralph served as the deputy issues director for Dawn Clark Netsch in her gubernatorial campaign, and issues director for David Wilhelm in his run for the United States Senate. He is also a former candidate for the Cook County Board. His prior appointments include serving as a member of both the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Council on Hate Crimes Prosecution and Cook County Special Task Force on Domestic Violence, and chair of the state revenue committee on the budget advisory board of Governor Blagojevich’s transition team.

Mr. Martire graduated from Indiana University Phi Beta Kappa, with a B.A. in history and received his JD from the University of Michigan. He is married to Mary Kay Martire, and has two children, a son Nicholas, and a daughter Valerie.

# ***AGA Chicago Chapter PDT***

***Thursday, May 18, 2017***

***12:45pm***

## **“Accountability and State Fiscal Stewardship”**

**By Ralph Martire, J.D., B.A.**

### **Summary**

The Center for Tax and Budget Accountability focusses on large, systemic challenges by taking a data-driven, evidence-based, and best practice approach to:

- Promoting sustainable, long-term policy reforms in the core areas of education, social services, healthcare, and workforce/economic development;
- Tying the fiscal side of the ledger to service delivery—after all, to have quality services that meet demographically driven needs and generate desired outcomes, sufficient capacity on the front end is essential; and
- Framing all reforms in ways that bridge rather than reinforce ideological divides.

This session will share insights gathered using this approach and provide useful tips on how each Governmental Entity and Stewards of those entities can drive sustainable fiscal progress.

### **Learning Objectives**

- Understand the role of accountability beyond the mere functional or audit control perspective
- Develop stewardship strategies
- Promote sustainable policy reforms using lessons learned from process analysis, audits and risk evaluations
- Framing reform without the burden of political ideology to enable true fiscal viability

Field of Study:	Specialized Knowledge
CPE Credits:	1.5 hours (75 minutes)
Program Level:	Overview
Prerequisites:	None
Advance Preparation:	None

# ***AGA Chicago Chapter PDT***

## ***Presents...***

### **Sheila Weinberg, CPA Founder and CEO**



**Ms. Weinberg**, is the founder and CEO of the Truth in Accounting, whose mission is to compel governments to produce financial reports that are understandable, reliable, transparent and correct. Since 2002 Ms. Weinberg has led Truth in Accounting's research initiatives, which include the "The Truth about Balanced Budget: a Fifty State Study", the "Financial State of the States" and the "Financial State of the Union." Because of her expertise in governmental budgeting and accounting, Ms. Weinberg has testified before the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB), the Government Accounting Standards Board and numerous state legislative hearings on matters of proper government accounting.

Ms. Weinberg earned her Bachelor of Accounting degree from the University of Denver, which she attended on an academic scholarship. She received her certified public accountant (CPA) credential in 1981. Ms. Weinberg was active in the Concord Coalition from its inception in 1992, and was honored in 1998 with their Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Ms. Weinberg is a member of the Association of Government Accountants' Financial Management Standards Board, the University of Denver's School of Accountancy Advisory Board, and is a member of the Union League Club of Chicago's Public Affairs Committee. She has served as an independent legislative adviser to members of Congress on federal budgeting and accounting issues. She was also a member of the Comeback America Initiative Advisory Council, the Academy of Government Accountability Advisory Council and two FASAB Task Forces. Her commentary on the federal budget, Social Security, Medicare and other national issues has appeared repeatedly in numerous publications, including USA Today, Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun-Times. She has been a guest on local and national television and radio shows, and is often engaged to speak on federal and state budget and accounting issues.

# ***AGA Chicago Chapter PDT***

***Thursday, May 18, 2017      2:15pm***

**“Fiscal State of the State”**

**By Sheila Weinberg, CPA**

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