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MISSION STATEMENT

AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders committed to advancing government accountability.

VISION

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability. AGA defines government accountability as a government's obligation to the people for its actions and use of resources.



**Thank you January and February
Luncheon Speakers Jeff Dewitt
and Jon Holladay!**

Looking Forward to March Luncheon Speaker



**The Honorable K. Tighe,
Department of Education,
Inspector General**



President's Message



Greetings Fellow Members,

We commenced 2017 with informative insights from the District of Columbia Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Jeff DeWitt on January 12th and the former CFO of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Jon Holladay on February 22nd. Jeff provided a status on infrastructure, the capital planning process, METRO and funding solutions. Jon shared lessons learned of system implementation, culture, resources, and planning. Thank you Jeff and Jon for sharing your thought leadership.

Chapter Highlights

Month	Highlights
January	Member Services "America" Networking Event - Celebrating Democracy – 45 participants enjoyed presidential trivia, networking, and the awards and membership committees highlighted upcoming initiatives.
	Miriam's Kitchen – 6 Volunteers prepared fresh & healthy meals for the homeless.
February	Washington Capitals vs. Carolina Hurricanes - sports and fellowship.
	National Leadership Training – Well attended by AGA DC Chapter members. Thank you DC Chapter for your support of the Andy Barr Award nomination and recognition. I'm honored and appreciative.
	Early Careers Sponsored the Capital Region Happy Hour – networking after day 1 of the National Leadership Training (NLT).

Thank you to our Sponsors, Officers, and Directors for your support, volunteer time and dedication to AGA and the profession. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next monthly luncheon on Wednesday, March 15th at the Hamilton.

Best Regards,

Wendy Morton-Huddleston, CGFM, PMP

2017 AGA Washington, DC Chapter President

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

– John Quincy Adams

Get to Know March Speaker

Topic: Data Analytic, a Tool of the Inspector General



On March 17, 2010, Kathleen S. Tighe was sworn in as the inspector general of the U.S. Department of Education (ED).

Tighe has a long and distinguished career in government accountability and a wealth of experience in fighting fraud. Prior to taking the helm at ED's Office of Inspector General, she was the deputy inspector general of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. From 1995 to 2005, she served as counsel to the inspector general at the General Services Administration (GSA) and, before that, as an assistant counsel for the GSA Office of Inspector General.

From 1988 until 1991, Tighe was a trial attorney in the Fraud Section of the Commercial Litigation Branch of the Department of Justice. She litigated cases under the civil False Claims Act representing various government agencies. Prior to her government service, Tighe was in private practice with the law firm Lewis, Mitchell & Moore.

Tighe also has played an active role in the operations of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), the umbrella organization for all federal inspectors general, established by Congress to address integrity, economy, and effectiveness issues that transcend individual government agencies. She currently chairs the CIGIE Information Technology Committee and is a member of CIGIE's Audit Committee.

Tighe has lectured frequently to both government and private organizations on issues relating to fraud, waste, and abuse in government programs. In 2014, she was named by the Institute of Internal Auditors as one of the most influential professionals in government auditing.

Inspector General Tighe serves on a number of interagency committees, including the DATA Act Interagency Advisory Committee, which provides strategic direction to support the implementation of the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act; and the Government Accountability Office's Domestic Working Group, which advances accountability in federal, state, and local government. In 2011, Tighe was appointed by President Obama to chair the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, a position that concluded in 2015.

Tighe earned her law degree with honors from George Washington University (J.D., 1983) and a master's degree in International Relations from American University (M.A., 1979). She graduated with distinction from Purdue University (B.A., 1976), where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Committee Updates

by Robbie Jordan

March is proclaimed CGFM month. This is a great time to make the commitment to get your CGFM Certification and the AGA DC Chapter is here to help you get started. This year we are offering an Exam Rebate Initiative.

Exam Rebate Initiative – Take the exam and pass it during the months of February, or March and we will reimburse you the cost of your exams! You must submit the passing certification per module in order to qualify for the rebate. Reimbursement cost for each exam is \$125!

March is CGFM Month

Since its inception in 1994, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) designation has become the standard by which government financial management professionals are measured. Its education, experience and ethics requirement have served to elevate the most seasoned financial professionals. The CGFM is the first certification broad enough to cover the whole field of government financial management-federal, state and local. It measures a wide range of knowledge and skills that a professional needs to succeed in the federal government financial environment, or to meet the unique challenges faced by state and local government financial managers. To recognize the CGFM Program and its accomplishments, AGA has declared the month of March of each year as "CGFM Month".

Be sure to visit the AGA DC CGFM table at the March luncheon to help celebrate CGFM Month!

Congratulations to the following members who achieved the goal of becoming a CGFM in the months of Oct, Nov & Dec! Way to go!

- Joseph D. OLeska, Jr., CGFM
- Mr. Jacob D. Matthews, CGFM
- Mr. Gerald Ruiz, CGFM, CPA
- Halimatu Jalloh, CGFM
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- Veronica Baird, CGFM
- Theodore Kozlow, CGFM
- Ponce L. Moss, CGFM
- Mr. Cory W. Johnson, CGFM, CPA
- Brent A. Penny, CGFM



AGA National is hosting some great opportunities to all AGA members in the month of March.

- 1) Through the AGA National site, the CGFM application fee promotion – 50% savings for AGA members until March 31st.
- 2) "Become a CGFM" webinar: Learn about the value and process of earning the CGFM (and get 1 CPE) by participating on March 15 at 2pm. Invite your friends and colleagues, as well!

As always, if you have questions about the CGFM Program, please feel free to contact Robbie Jordan, Director at Roberta.Jordan@opm.gov or Wendy Allen, Assistant Director at wjallen@kpmg.com.



Save the Date!

16th Annual AGA Federal Financial Management Training

Join us for this premier training event to hear firsthand from government leaders on the latest financial management developments. This annual training, offered by the DC Chapter, offers 16 hours of valuable NASBA CPE credits.

When:

March 29th and 30th, 2017
(Awards Gala evening on March 29th)

Where:

Pavilion Ballroom
Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20004

To register, please visit <http://www.agadc.org/upcoming-events/>

11th Annual Washington Women Speak!

WWS! is an annual signature event that highlights awareness of women successes in the Washington, DC area and connects colleagues with real-world experiences to enrich their personal and professional growth.

To access the Eventbrite registration, please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/washington-women-speak-women-in-transition-navigating-the-path-forward-tickets-20586037392>

When:

March 16th, 2017

Where:

Amphitheater
Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20004

Schedule:

8:00 – 8:45: Breakfast
8:45 – 9:00: Opening Remarks
9:00 – 9:30: Keynote
9:30 – 10:45: Panel Discussion
10:45 – 11:30: Networking

Member Services & Community Service

January 27th AGA celebrates America:

Thanks everyone for a great event and for the excellent networking, celebration of our democracy and paying tribute to past Presidents.

January 12 Luncheon Speaker



Community Service:

On January 30th 2016, 6 AGA DC Chapter members joined forces with **Miriam's Kitchen** to prepare and serve restaurant quality meals to their guests in need. Upon arrival, the kitchen was already buzzing with activity.



February Luncheon Highlights!

Thank you to all AGA members for attending the luncheon. We look forward to seeing you on March 15th.



Early Careers and Capital Region Collaboration

AGA Capital Region Networking Happy Hour on February 15th



Awards Committee Announcement!

A big thank you to the DC Chapter Awards Committee (Eveka Rodriguez & Team) for spearheading the nomination, application, review, and submission process for National Leadership Training (NLT) Awards!



Congratulations to our very own DC Chapter President, Wendy Morton-Huddleston, recipient of the 2017 NLT Andy Barr Award for exemplifying and promoting excellence, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management techniques.



Congratulations also to Chip Fulghum, recipient of the 2017 NLT Distinguished Federal Leadership Award for promoting excellence in government management and demonstrating outstanding leadership.

Contact Us

Whether you're looking for more information, or you'd like to give us your suggestions or comments, you'll find easy ways to contact us right here.

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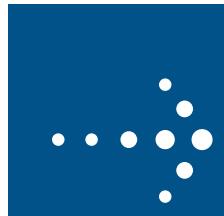
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