

Upcoming Events

12/20/2018 Luncheon: Control on Self-assessments - Keri Garden

**December Luncheon Location - Starts at noon J.R. Williams Building
700 W. State Street, Boise, 1st Floor, West Conference Room**

1/9/2018 Webinar: **Grants Management** - The Focus on Internal Controls & Compliance

Internal controls over grant activities are often undocumented or misunderstood. The management of complexities and risks associated with the acceptance of federal is important to provide assurance to management and oversight bodies that the funds are properly spent. Internal controls provide the backbone for accountants, auditors and grant managers to ensure that grant funds are spent in accordance with requirements and to help reduce the risk of improper payments and fraud. Internal controls over activities of subrecipients are also essential to employ at the recipient level, especially if there are small subrecipients. This webinar will focus on understanding internal controls that need to be in place to help organizations comply with financial and compliance requirements surrounding grants. In addition, the session will identify ways to use the GAO Green Book, the OMB Compliance Supplement and other tools as guides to better understand and implement internal controls.

Speakers:

- **Douglas Godesky**, Senior Grants Officer and Policy Advisor, Corporation for National and Community Service
- **Lucy Mungle, MPA, CPA**, Policy Analyst, Office of Justice Program/OAAM
- **D. Clark Partridge, CGFM, CPA**, State Comptroller, AZ Dept. of Administrative GAO

Learning objectives:

- The importance of internal controls over financial and compliance aspects of grants
- The expectations of internal controls and grant compliance of recipients and subrecipients
- How the GAO Green Book and OMB Supplement can be used to develop sound internal control practices
- The key elements of managing the risk of fraud

Moderator: Bert Nuehring, CPA, Partner, Crowe

**Webinars - Start at noon and are hosted at the Idaho State Controller's Office
4th Floor**

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About Our Chapter

The Idaho Centennial Chapter has a diverse membership base of both active and retired professionals from local, state, and federal government; the private sector; and academia. Many chapter members hold professional certifications including Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

Our Mission

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) serves professionals in the government financial management community by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, as well as supporting standards and research to advance government accountability

We Need Board Volunteers

Please consider giving back to AGA by helping to lead our great organization. We have several position open and we need your help!

- Education Chair - Coordinate the scheduling of speakers for Luncheons and issuing certificates.
- Historian - Record pictures and events and create a monthly newsletter.

Holiday Donation Drive

Your Idaho Centennial Chapter is hosting a couple of opportunities to give back this season.

For the December Luncheon on December 20, please consider bringing 5 cans of goods for our canned food drive. Those who do will have their lunch covered for the chapter!

Also, we are participating in the Salvation Army "giving tree" and have signed up to contribute 20 gifts for children between the ages of 3 and 12. Please sign up and purchase a gift for those less fortunate.

Here is the link to participate: [Find Individual Tags Here](#)

Questions? Please contact Carmen Willis at Cwillis@ci.idaho.gov or 208-577-5564



2019 Professional Development Training



The 2019 Professional Development Training venue has been confirmed with parking at the Washington Group Plaza Auditorium in Boise, Idaho. Please note the minor change in scheduled dates due to a National Conference conflict.

We are diligently working on booking speakers with applicable tools and information to aid your service in Government Accounting! Since we are still in the planning stage, feel free to contact Kristine Byington at 208-334-3100 or kbyington@sco.idaho.gov with any Burning Topics or Speakers you are eager to hear.

APRIL 23-24, 2019 - SAVE THE DATE!

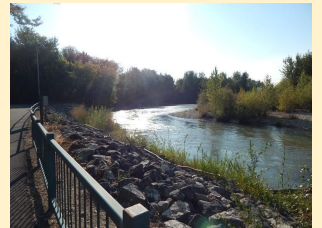
Goals & Objectives

Accountability,
Certification,
Education, Research,



Service

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Open AGA Positions

We presently have two (2) open board positions:

Education
Accountability

This is a great opportunity to get involved in a supportive organization. If you are interested in serving on our board, please contact Michael Pearson at 208-287-2800 or michael.pearson@idfg.idaho.gov

November Events



11/15/2018 Luncheon Speaker:
AGA Regional VP - Sandra Starnes
on Intergovernmental Cooperation

Holding both a CPA and CGFM designation, Sandra discussed her work with the 1,500 Member Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe to build a Social Services Organization in conjunction with another Tribe Member and Attorney. Needless to say she has gained valuable insight while seeking cooperation between Federal, State, Tribal, Local, and Canadian authorities. She briefly discussed the history of key Federal policies which have greatly impacted her work starting with the 14th & 16th Amendments, continuing with FDR's New Deal which attached strings to Grants, mentioning the Abandonment of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee in 1996, and citing the recent Executive Order 13175 from 2000 which now requires Tribal Governments to be consulted on legislation that affects them. With all of the relationships she has built throughout the process her key insights include always keeping stakeholders in the loop, remembering that people never forget how you make them feel, and sometimes both perspectives are correct. "Just because you are right, does not mean I am wrong."

October Events



10/15/2018 Luncheon Speaker:
Nampa Mayor - Debbie Kling
Growth & Local Budget Challenges

Debbie Kling was sworn in as Mayor of Nampa, Idaho on January 2, 2018, and currently serves on both the Executive Board and Board of Directors for Community Planning Association (COMPASS) and Valley Regional Transit (VRT). She leads the 3rd largest city in Idaho and takes Nampa's Mission of

Transparency, Accountability, and Stewardship seriously. Nampa is experiencing the same growth as Boise and Meridian, but has additional challenges with a 22% poverty rate and lower wage base. In fact, the current population of 100,000 is expected to grow by 22,000 in the next decade. As a result, Debbie's greatest concern is the potential impact a repeal of the grocery tax at the State Level will have on her local revenue stream.



Citizen Centric Report



AGA's Citizen-Centric Reporting (CCR) initiative is intended to simplify communication between governments and their citizens. We believe accurate government financial information should be provided to citizens, in a simple and understandable format, which is updated regularly, and available to all. We are all AGA!

LINK: [CCR 2017-2018](#)

Certification Information



Good News for anyone interested in the CGFM program. The AGA board has a new set of study guides available for check out. Please email Raelynn North to get on the list. Raelynn.north@isp.idaho.gov

If you are interested in the CGFM program, check out AGA National video of how the CGFM certification can help to expand career opportunities. <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification.aspx>

If you have any question, need additional resources or have any issues please feel free to reach out to the CGFM chair Raelynn.

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Presidential Note

Happy Holidays!

I'm always surprised how fast the fall slips by and then Thanksgiving and holiday music are upon us. As you review your Continuing Education hours for 2018 and 2019, I hope you'll consider one or more of the excellent webinars or lunch meetings. Also, please remember to bring some canned goods to our December Luncheon instead of cash so we can help stock the pantries of those who need it!

Thank all of you for making our AGA chapter such a vibrant success. The past six months have been amazing and I'm continually excited about the professionalism and due care demonstrated by our members. I hope all of you have a warm holiday season with those you love.

*Sincerely,
Michael Pearson*



**Calendar of Training Events****[LINK TO CALENDAR](#)**

Date	Event	Topic	CPE
12/20/2018	Luncheon	Control Self Assessments	1
1/9/2019	Webinar	Grants Management	2
1/17/2019	Luncheon	Division of Veterans Affairs Paul Spannkebel	1
2/6/2019	Webinar	GASB Update	2
2/21/2019	Luncheon	TBD	1
3/6/2019	Webinar	Finance	2
3/27/2019	Webinar	Cybersecurity	
3/21/2019	Luncheon	Meridian Mayor Tammy de Weerd	1
4/10/2019	Webinar	Ethics	2
4/23-24/2019	PDT	Professional Development Training	16
5/15/2019	Webinar	Fraud/Data Analytics	2
5/16/2019	Luncheon	Boise City Council President Lauren McLean	1
Total Program Hours Offered			40

Luncheons and Webinars - Start at noon and are hosted at the Idaho State Controller's Office, 4th Floor Conference Room. Invitations/RSVP and Lunch orders will be sent out in advance.

Chapter Reports

For those of you who like to keep informed of our Chapter Meetings and ongoing financial condition, we update our website each month with:

[Board Meeting Minutes](#)

&

[Treasurer Reports](#)

From our homepage, select Our Chapter, navigate to Chapter Board Reports, and select the 'Minutes' or 'Treasurer' link next to the [Month-Year](#) of your choice.