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President's Message

March has been a whirlwind with so many great things happening and gearing up for our annual conference. A big thank you goes out to Mary Ann Hardy and all those at WSCPA planning for the April 25 and 26 conference. I have reviewed the agenda and I am excited at all of the offerings. I hope to see you all there. Take a few minutes and stop by the AGA table and introduce yourself or visit with other AGA members.

Speaking of Mary Ann, she was elected this month to serve out the President-Elect position for this year which also means she will be our Chapter President for 2016-2017. I know she will continue to bring her unique flair and valuable ideas to serve our chapter in this new, very important position. Thank you, Mary Ann, for your continued service to our Seattle Chapter of AGA.

It is also time to start thinking about next year's board positions. I hope each of you will give some thought to how the chapter can continue to meet



Diane MaKaeli, Chapter President

your professional needs in the coming year. If that includes building on your experience through chapter leadership and serving your AGA community, please consider running for one of our board positions. This Seattle AGA Board is truly amazing. I have spent a lot of years serving on various boards in leadership and volunteer positions, and honestly I can say this has been my greatest experience. We really do need your voice and help with keeping our chapter vital and growing. If you have any questions about any of the positions, please see

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Chapter Board Officer Sandra Starnes receives National Award! See Page 8

Upcoming Events

Governmental Accounting & Auditing Conference

**April 25-26, 2016
At the Tacoma Convention Center and remotely in Spokane, Everett, and streamed to your computer**

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AGA Seattle Chapter Monthly Meeting Schedule for Program Year 2015-2016

Save the dates for our monthly education events for program year 2015-2016! Please join us at these luncheon and brown bag events and help us make this program year a success.

Monday, September 21, 2015 - GAO 28th Floor Training Facility, Columbia Tower.

Journal Article Discussion led by Ken Smith

Monday, October 19, 2015 - GAO 28th Floor Training Facility, Columbia Tower.

Meena Cheng, Certified Financial Planner and founder of Impact Financial

Topic: Social Security as it relates to government retirees

Wednesday, November 4, 2015 - GAO 28th Floor Training Facility, Columbia Tower.

Webinar Presentation by Charles W. Hester, CGFM, CPA

Topic: "OMB Uniform Guidance: Impact on the Grant Community"

Monday, December 14, 2015 - City of Seattle 33rd Floor Conference Room, Seattle Municipal Tower.

Chris Ruffini, Finance Manager, Seattle Department of Transportation

Topic: "Setting Budget and Finance Priorities at the Seattle Department of Transportation"

Monday, January 11, 2016 - GAO 37th Floor Training Facility, Columbia Tower.

Tina Polf CPA

Topic: 2015 Tax Update

Monday, February 8, 2016 (TBD) - GAO 37th Floor Training Facility.

Pierce Murphy, Director of the Seattle Office of Public Accountability

Topic: Mission and structure of the OPA and the role of accountability in light of all the current media interest in police misconduct.

Monday, March 14, 2016 (TBD) - GAO 37th Floor Training Facility.

Marsi Woody, Financial Executive Officer, Idaho State Police

Topic: Citizen Centric Reporting

Monday-Tuesday, April 25-26, 2016

2016 Government Accounting and Auditing professional development training, Greater Tacoma Convention Center

Monday May 9, 2016 - Emerald Award Meeting

**When/
Where**

**Monday and Tuesday, April 25-26, Tacoma Convention Center
And remote sites in Spokane and Everett**

This is the must-attend event of the year for CPAs involved in governmental accounting and auditing. Come hear timely updates from top national speakers on: GASB, Yellow Book, internal control, OMB single audit, cybersecurity, and much more!

Please note that AGA members receive a **\$100 discount** on the 2016 Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference. Just identify your membership status when registering.

See more at: http://www.wscpa.org/cpe/conferences/governmental-accounting-and-auditing-conference?Site=WSCPA#.Vq_zd4-cE2w



March 2016 Luncheon Presentation

On March 14, we had the privilege of listening to Marsi Woody of the Boise (Centennial) Chapter discuss **Citizen Centric Reporting**. As Ms. Woody explained it, AGA identified a problem where citizens today are dissatisfied with the reporting medium used by most government agencies in that the reports issued tend to be overly technical and leave their constituents distrustful of government. Marsi stated that citizens are entitled to transparent financial information and government entities have an obligation to fulfil this entitlement. Towards that end, the AGA developed the **Citizen Centric Reporting** (CCR) model and made a template available to any level of government or other organization to enhance transmission of information to its constituents.^{1/}

Ms. Woody's presentation included examples of CCR's prepared by various government entities including her own, the Idaho State Police. She discussed design guidelines that result in a product that will be found attractive and useful to the public, including (1) Visual Appeal and Readability, (2) Use of Pictures, Graphics, and Color, (3) Ample White Space, (4) Free of Technical Jargon, and (5) Use of Professional Designer or Publisher Software.

In order to encourage entities to produce CCRs, and recognize outstanding examples, Marsi pointed out that the AGA will issue a Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting and a Certificate of Achievement in Citizen-Centric Reporting to qualifying organizations upon an organization submitting a CCR to the AGA, and the AGA completing a peer review of the document.



Chapter Officers (L to R) Sandra Starnes, Mary Ann Hardy, Sam Lord, Karyn Angulo, Tim Dobler gather to thank Marsi Woody for her presentation and bringing a sense of fashion to our March Meeting.

The AGA also encourages local chapters to prepare CCRs. Recognition, known as Chapter Accountability and Transparency Awards are given to chapters with outstanding efforts to improve transparency in local governments and the chapters themselves. The awards are given at the annual Professional Development Training event (to be held this year in Anaheim, CA on July 17 through July 20). Ms. Woody expressed confidence that, with our abundant talent in clear and compelling report writing, the Seattle Chapter would be a contender.

In closing, Ms. Woody was kind enough to mention recent accomplishments of the Seattle Chapter. These include our maintenance of a job board on our website and Board Member Sandra Starnes' receipt of the Excellence in Government Leadership Award.

Marsi Woody is the Financial Executive Officer (FEO) for the Idaho State Police (ISP) and is a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). She has been with the State of Idaho for more than 28 years, the last nine years at ISP.

Marsi was first introduced to the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) in 1995 during her Government Accounting class at Boise State University and has been involved with the Idaho Centennial Chapter ever since. Over the next 10 years, she held a variety of key positions in the Chapter, including Chapter President. She then accepted a three year term as the Regional Vice President (RVP) for the Rocky Mountain Region from 2007 thru 2010. When the RVP term ended, she transitioned into a three year term as Regional Coordinator (RC) for Chapter Development and Assistance. Before completing her term, she was offered and accepted a nomination to serve as the Senior Vice President (SVP) of Regional Services for Section III. Currently she serves as Vice-Chair of the AGA Ethics Committee, is the Chair for the AGA Accountability Committee and is the co-chair for the Idaho Centennial Chapter PDT.



^{1/} for a copy of the template and other resources, go to <https://www.agacgfm.org/Resources/Performance-Accountability/CCR/How-to-Construct-a-CCR.aspx>.

Governmental Accounting & Auditing Conference

Jointly Sponsored by AGA and WSCPA

April 25-26, 2016 | 16 CPE Credits | [Tacoma](#), [Everett](#) and [Spokane](#)

Our annual conference, held live in Tacoma and remotely in Everett and Spokane, offers an opportunity to get CPE credit while maintaining currency in our profession, meeting and socializing with peers, and mostly enjoying a rollicking good time hearing about the latest:

GASB UPDATE

Goodbye Mr. Bow Tie.

I don't mean to be mean, but now that David Bean is no longer the GASB barker, the excitement of an update will be easy to contemplate thanks to Lisa Parker.
(CPA, CGMA, Senior Project Manager, Governmental Accounting)

If that isn't enough to make the crowd at the Tacoma Convention Center rival a Bernie Sanders rally, the fervor will only grow once the other topics are taken into consideration, including:

ISSUES & CHALLENGES in Governmental Accounting. How can you bear not to know?

An OMB Update on the UNIFORM GUIDANCE. Learning the things that changed in the fields of Administrative, Cost and Audit Requirements is a must-know for anyone involved in the grant field.

INTERVIEW BASICS for Auditors If you have ever had an auditee, contractor, or other source of information shut up like an undercooked clam, or you want to avoid that situation, this session is for you.

ACCOUNTABILITY CHALLENGES AGA's National President will highlight accountability challenges facing government financial management professionals at all levels including the need to address gaps in Government Accounting Education, the need to address risk at all levels of government and the need to connect with early career professionals.

- For a full list of the presentations and how to register, call the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants at 425-644-6400 or go to WWW.WSCPA.org/GAAC.

Also, don't forget to take advantage of the lower price granted AGA members (another reason to join or renew your chapter membership, by the way).

training & events



EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT...

PDT2016

July 17–20
Anaheim, CA or virtual
24 CPEs

3 Reasons You Should Attend 2016 Professional Development Training

1. **Earn up to 24 CPE Hours.** Enhance your lifelong learning and gain the knowledge and understanding to better improve your job effectiveness. The presentations are facilitated by both industry experts and colleagues who have faced similar challenges. In doing so, you can earn up to 24.5 CPE.
2. **Stay On The Cutting Edge** Includes top-notch speakers from federal, state, local, academia, and the private sector bringing you key findings and educational experiences to augment your job knowledge and skills.
3. **Network and Connect** AGA's PDT is the place to connect with a variety of government financial experts and industry colleagues from around the nation facing the same or similar issues that you could exchange ideas and moments with to bring back to your organization.

Everyone's Talking About... More than 95 percent of PDT 2015 surveyed attendees said they would recommend PDT to their colleagues.

SOUTH SOUND TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

WHEN
May 11, 2016
8:30 am - 4:00 pm

SPONSORED BY



WHERE

Pellegrino's Event Center
5757 Littlerock Rd SW,
Tumwater
<http://pellegrinoseventcenter.com/directions/>

REGISTER

<http://aga-olympia.org/CPEEvent.aspx>

PRESENTERS

Hudson Hollister, Executive Director, DATA Coalition

DANNY KERMODE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CPE

6 hours

COST

\$100 Members · \$150 Non-members

Lunch Buffett Provided

First annual fundraising event. Please join the Olympia Chapter in supporting local food banks and/or the North West Epilepsy Foundation Run/Walk Team "AGA". We will be collecting non-perishable food items and financial contributions at this year's training event so please consider bringing a donation to this event.

Upcoming 2016 AGA Webinar Offerings

Go to: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinar-Offerings/Managing-in-a-Multi-Generational-Workplace.aspx>

Note: Group registration is not available for free, members-only webinars

[DATA Act](#) April 13, 2016 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET | 2 CPEs

[DA-123 Forum](#) April 25, 2016 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET | 2 CPEs

[Fraud Prevention](#) April 27, 2016 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET | 2 CPEs

[Ethics](#) May 11, 2016 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET | 2 CPEs

[Government Financial Management](#) June 1, 2016 | 2–3:50 p.m. ET | 2 CPEs

March is CGFM Month!

How do you plan to celebrate this year?

- Working toward my CGFM certification by scheduling an exam in March
- Sending a letter to my employer with a request to recognize CGFM designation at my workplace
- Wearing red and bringing CGFM-themed goods, such as cupcakes, to the office
- Bringing onsite CGFM courses to the office
- Urging others to apply for the designation

EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

State/local government professionals; honors cumulative career achievements



Sandra Starnes, CGFM, CICA, CPA, Children & Family Services
Financial Manager, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Starnes is recognized for outstanding leadership, working closely with her federal partners, in the Tribe becoming the first Tribal Nation to apply, submit a plan and gain approval from the Dept. of Health and Human Services to establish and implement a Tribal IV-E Program, a federal foster care program. She has also been instrumental in the expansion of social services for Tribal families.

Excellence in Government Leadership Award

- Each year, AGA presents one crystal award to a state or local government professional who exemplifies and promotes excellence in government financial management, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards and innovative management procedures.
- The award recognizes the cumulative achievements of a state or local government professional who throughout his/her public career has served as a role model for others and has consistently exhibited the highest personal and professional standards.
- The nominee must have been employed by the government at the time the work being recognized was performed.

SANDARA'S AWARD CITATION

Working closely with her federal partners Sandra was instrumental in the Tribe becoming the first Tribal Nation to apply, submit a plan and gain approval from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish and implement a Tribal IV-E Program. As Finance Manager, it was Sandra's responsibility to submit a written Cost Allocation Method (CAM) to HHS/ACF Regional Office for approval. The purpose of the cost allocation plan is to segregate the portions of costs claimable for Federal Funding through each title IV-E program. Only those costs documented as attributable to title IV-E operations and that meet title IV-E program funding requirements are claimable for title IV-E Federal Funding. The plan required preparation in conformance with 2 CFR 225, insuring consistent treatment of costs in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Federal regulations at 2 CFR Part 225 (formerly Office of Management and Budget OMB Circular A-87) detail cost principles and cost allocation guidelines applicable to State, Local, and Tribal governments. These regulations provide a uniform approach for determining applicable program costs and apply to all programs funded under titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act. Only costs that are allowable in accordance with the cost principles and appropriate contract provisions could be allocated to benefiting programs by the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. Adequate reporting mechanism and documentation methodology are required to be in place for proper CB-496 quarterly financial reporting. In addition to the CAM preparation, Sandra was responsible to ensure adequate documentation of IV-E costs for submission of such costs on a quarterly basis via form CB-496 (report). Completion of the report is required by each State and Indian Tribe, Tribal organization and Tribal consortia with an approved title IV-E plan to administer the Foster Care, Adoption Assistance or Guardianship Assistance Program under title IV-E of the Social Security Act. The information reported on the form is reviewed by various components of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to award funds, determine the allowability of reported expenditures and to provide reports to Congress. Determinations regarding whether reported expenditures are eligible for Federal funding under title IV-E are made in accordance with applicable Federal statute, regulations and policy. A major responsibility of mine as the Financial Operations Specialist for Region 10, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF) was to review and approve the CAM submitted by Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe as well review and approve the system established to document IV-E costs for submission via the

SANDRA'S AWARD CITATION, FROM PAGE 8

CBs-496 report. Based on my review of the aforementioned requirements, Sandra's work was outstanding and approved accordingly. In addition, Sandra consistently submitted the CB-496 reports on a timely and accurate basis. Sandra periodically modified the reporting procedure to enhance the accurate and timely submission thereof, which is consistent with internal control criteria as established by COSO.

Sandra was hired in 2002 to establish the accounting procedures for the child support pilot project. The child support mission is to respectfully engage families and use community-based services to assist parents reach self-sufficiency with a focus on collection and distribution of child support for the benefit of the Port Gamble S'Klallam children. Port Gamble was one of only nine Tribes in the nation who operated a child support program at that time. Sandra was also responsible for the development of the Excel spreadsheets that calculated the amount of funds to be distributed to the various parties; the documentation (Excel) is still in use today. When the Federal Government established a Model Tribal System Work group Sandra was the liaison for approximately five years working with the Federal partners to create a model system for Tribes. As one of the first in the nation to operate a Tribal Child Support Program Sandra was called on to make various presentations to other Tribes and continue to be a main contact for other Tribes with financial related issues. Specific to the above, I often referred Tribes beginning their IV-E program to Sandra for assistance in developing their CAM as well as developing a system to adequately capture IV-E costs for reporting purposes. I was able to do this only after receiving approval from Sandra - not once did she decline to assist another Tribe in their IV-E development endeavor. In some instances, Sandra even traveled to the Tribe requesting her assistance.

As a key member of the Executive Staff of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Social Service Division, Sandra has been instrumental in the expanding of services for Tribal families. The mission of the Social Service Division is to achieve the full potential of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal people to be: self-sufficient, proud, strong, healthy, educated and respected.

This is accomplished by exercising Tribal sovereignty and ensuring self-determination through visionary leadership. Sandra has a deep seated feeling of responsibility that it is her duty to ensure the health, welfare and economic success of a vibrant community through education, economic development, preservation and protection of Tribal culture, and the natural resources of the tribe. Sandra has a key role in furthering the mission by assisting the Tribe in grant writing resulting in the implementation of several Tribal social service programs. When the Social Service Division took over the Behavioral Health Department Sandra established and implemented the accounting software necessary to provide adequate accounting for the program. Sandra also supports other Tribal divisions including the Clinic and Head Start divisions by assisting them with their billing and financial statement needs.



Sandra was presented the award by John Homan, MBA, CGFM, CPA, CGMA, 2015-2016 AGA National President

PHOTOS WANTED

We like to decorate the first page of The Sounder with a local photo each month. If you have a picture to contribute, please send it to Tim Dabler at DOBLER5@MSN.COM.

When we use your photo, we will acknowledge you in our credits section.

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the last page of this newsletter for contact information on each of our current board members. I know everyone would be happy to help answer any questions you may have.

This has been a great year so far and I look forward to our final quarter. After the conference in April we have our Emerald Award luncheon in May. Each year, the Seattle AGA Chapter recognizes the efforts of a local individual or group who improved financial and administrative practices, policies, processes, and systems in the support of government accountability and transparency. This is a very special recognition event and we hope you will join us for the luncheon. Our final big event for this AGA year is the board retreat. Your feedback and ideas for what you would like your AGA chapter to offer in the coming year is vital to us. Please share these thoughts with one of our board members so we can discuss them at our retreat and plan another great year for the AGA Seattle Chapter. Our success depends on you.

Finally, as a reminder, March is the best month to renew your membership. It also gets you a discount at the annual WSCPA/AGA conference so send in those renewals prior to registration. If you haven't marked your calendars yet, the AGA National Conference is in Anaheim this July! We have several board members attending as well as our regional leadership. Come join us for a truly memorable learning experience.

I hope to see you all soon.

Diane

Recruit a Member — Easy as one, two, three!

Two-thirds of new members joined AGA because someone asked them to join. Whether via an employer, a colleague or a friend — word of mouth is the number one way AGA gains new members.

As a valued member, you can affect the future of AGA by sharing your experience with your peers, your staff and others in your organization with an interest in government financial management. No one knows better than a current AGA member how beneficial membership is to promoting government accountability.

1. Download a membership application. You can also order applications by emailing
2. Tell your peers and co-workers about all the [benefits of AGA](#) membership.
3. Ask them to fill out a [membership application](#) or apply online.

Be sure to include your name and AGA ID# in the sponsor category on the application to receive credit.

INTRODUCING CCR in ROUTE FIFTY

From: Evie Barry [<mailto:ebarry@agacqfm.org>]

Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 9:29 AM

Subject: Route Fifty Article

Good Morning Everyone,

In January, Route Fifty (<http://www.route fifty.com/>), a GovExec state and local daily publication to connect people and ideas, asked AGA to produce an article on CCR for their recent e-book on Budgeting. Ann Ebberts ^{1/} and I wrote the article and it was published with the e-book in late February. It was also in Topics in early March.

I am including the link so that you may share this with your members and colleagues. Please include in your newsletter and post on your website if you'd like. <http://www.route fifty.com/2016/02/citizen-centric-reporting-aga/126293/?oref=rf-home-latest-top>

Ann and I have received several comments from members about the article. We hope this will encourage entities to consider producing a CCR.

Have a great weekend and look forward to working with you!

Evie Barry ^{2/}

^{1/} Ann M. Ebberts is chief executive officer of AGA

^{2/} Eveanna B. Barry is a consultant with the Citizen-Centric Reporting Initiative.

Job Opportunities [GAO Analyst Student Intern](#)

Who May Apply

U.S. citizens who are Current students enrolled in a graduate program seeking a degree from a qualifying educational institution on a full or half-time basis.

Job Announcement Number

GAO-16-TEAMS-0399-04-DE

Open Period: 3/28/2016 to 4/4/2016

For Further information see <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/434059600/>

Celebrate CGFM Month in March!

To recognize the CGFM Program and its accomplishments, AGA has declared the month of March of each year as "CGFM Month" - [read the official AGA Proclamation](#).

Several states and local governments have declared March 2016 as CGFM Month. [View the current list](#) and check back often, as it is updated throughout the month.

Here is the list of ideas on how you can join us in celebrating CGFM Month ... Have additional ideas? [Share with us!](#)

CGFMs:

Send a [letter to your employer](#) with a request to recognize CGFM designation for financial management positions within your organization

Send an [email to AGA](#) with a short testimonial about what CGFM means to you

- Tell your friends and coworkers about CGFM and encourage others to apply
- Wear red to work as much as possible or your CGFM logo shirt on Fridays
- Bring in a "red" baked good to your office one day, or bring in a CGFM logo cake to share.

[Email us](#) or tweet a picture of your CGFM month celebration using [#CGFMMonth](#)

Employers:

- Recognize your CGFMs at a staff meeting or in an "All Staff" email

Bring [onsite CGFM courses](#) to your office

- Recognize CGFM designation — by adding it to the list of qualifications for financial management positions in your organization or offering financial incentives or promotion to those who earn their CGFM

Offer a [lunch and learn](#) on CGFM — AGA can help!

- Take your CGFMs out to lunch, or bring in a "CELEBRATE CGFM" cake to share
- Allow your CGFMs a have two-hour lunch one day in March
- Wear red as much as possible in March

[Email us](#) or tweet a picture of your CGFM month celebration using [#CGFMMonth](#)

CGFM Candidates:

- Schedule one of your exams in March or start studying if you haven't yet found the time
- Tell your friends and coworkers about CGFM

Ask your employer to bring in [onsite CGFM courses](#) for the staff's professional development

[Email us](#) and tell us what inspired you to apply to the CGFM program

Send a [letter to your employer](#) with a request to recognize CGFM designation for financial management positions within your organization

[Email us](#) or tweet a picture of your CGFM month celebration using [#CGFMMonth](#)

BOARD NEWS

NEW PRESIDENT-ELECT MARY ANN HARDY REPLACES OLIVIA BREZSKO

We did not receive additional nominations for the position of President-Elect for the remainder of this program year, so the Chapter President has certified Mary Ann Hardy for this position. Mary Ann will serve as our President-Elect through June 2016 and then serve as Chapter President for the 2016-2017 program year. Please join us in congratulating Mary Ann as she takes on this new role!

In other news, March is membership month. Many of you have already renewed your membership for the upcoming program year. If you have not already done so, please complete your renewal by March 31, 2016. As we emphasize in our newsletters and at our monthly events, membership provides many opportunities for professional development, education, and networking. You will also receive a discount of \$100 at our annual Governmental Accounting & Auditing Conference that we co-sponsor with the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants. This year's event will be held in Tacoma with satellite sites in Everett and Spokane and via webcast on April 25-26, 2016. You will also receive discounts at our monthly CPE events and a subscription to the quarterly Journal of Government Financial Management. See the AGA National website for more information on the benefits of membership: <https://www.agacqfm.org/Membership.aspx>

Finally, we are always looking for ways to improve our programs and increase involvement in our chapter. We sent a survey to members earlier this year and would still like to receive feedback from you, our members. The board will be holding its annual strategic planning retreat in May, and the input we receive from chapter members will help guide us as we plan for next program year and future years. You can access this survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PQSQRTK>. We will keep this link active through April 10th, so please take a few minutes to let us know what we're doing right and what we can improve. And, consider getting involved as a board member next year. We'd love to have you join us.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Best regards,
Karyn Angulo

YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Do you want to have your voice heard?

Do you have ideas on how AGA Seattle can improve our chapter?

Do you have an interest in professional development we're not satisfying?

Then please take our survey! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PQSQRTK>

The AGA Seattle Chapter is currently running a survey until April 10th over how members feel about AGA Seattle, and what they'd like to see change. It's a survey of roughly 30 questions that should take about 10 minutes of your time. This survey helps the Executive Board understand what to focus on in the coming year, and they'll be meeting in May to discuss these results. So please, tell us what you'd like to say changed and kept the same with this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PQSQRTK> "

AGA Seattle Chapter Recognition Program Points

Chapter Recognition Program categories	Points to Date
Section I - Chapter Leadership, Planning, & Participation	[1] 3,000
Section II - Education & Professional Development	1,850
Section III - Certification	1,800
Section IV - Communications	[1] 3,000
Section V - Membership with a Focus on Early Career and Student Members	[1] 4,000
Section VI - Accountability	0
Section VII - Community Service	1,500
Section VIII - Awards	800
Total	15,950

[1] Maximum points allowed for Section reached

Recognition Levels:

A **Bronze Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 10,000 and 14,500 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Bronze status.

A **Silver Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 14,501 and 17,000 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Silver status.

A **Gold Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 17,001 and 19,500 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Gold status.

The **Platinum Chapter Designation** will be presented to any chapter that attains between 19,501 and 22,000 credits for the year. The chapter president's plaque will include recognition that the chapter has achieved Platinum status.

Financial Condition as of February 29, 2016

Checking	\$ 5,987.80
Savings	\$ 2,637.85
12 Month Certificate of Deposit	\$ 4,640.98
Total Assets	\$13,266.63
Liabilities	\$ 0.00
Members' Equity	\$ 13,266.63
Liabilities & Members' Equity	\$13,266.63

Cash Flow Report, Month Ending February 29, 2015

Beginning Cash Balances		\$13,291.51
Lunch Expenses	\$ 86.90	
Board PDT Travel Costs		
Cash Expended		\$ 86.90
AGA Dues Received		
Lunch Receipts	\$ 60.00	
Interest Income	\$ 2.02	
Subtotal Cash Deposits		\$ 62.02
Net Cash Change		\$ 24.88
Ending Cash Balance		\$13,266.63



WE'RE ON THE WEB:
WWW.AGASEATTLE.ORG

AGA serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

The purpose of the Association and the Chapter is to be an international, professional organization dedicated to the advancement of government financial management. The Association shall serve its members by providing or sponsoring appropriate educational programs, encouraging professional development, influencing governmental financial management policies and practices, and serving as an advocate for the profession. The Association shall serve government officials and the public by sponsoring efforts to ensure full and fair accountability for all public monies, and by providing a variety of pro bono services throughout the United States and its territories that support that end.

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