

The Washington Connection



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May 21, 12pm-1pm: Monthly Luncheon with Steve Kunze, Former DCFO, DOC.

June 7, 2025: AGA DC Chapter Annual Awards Gala. *Save-the-Date*. Registration and details to follow.

June 20, 8am-5pm: "Over the Edge". AGA DC is looking for volunteers to support the *New Hope Housing* annual fundraising event. **Sign up here** by June 2nd!

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to those who participated in the following events:

- January 14, Washington Capitals Hockey Game
- January 15, DC Monthly Luncheon
- January 16, CGFM Study Group
- January 29, Young Professionals New Year's Kickoff
- February 19-20, 2025 National Leadership Training (NLT)
- February 19, NLT Happy Hour
- February 12, DC Monthly Luncheon
- March 19, DC Monthly Luncheon
- March 27, Wizards Basketball Game
- April 5, Honor Flight; supporting US Military Veterans
- April 9, National Webinar on Ethics
- April 16, VIP Luncheon w/ Erica Gaddy & Diamond Sponsors

President's Message

Dear AGA Washington DC Chapter Members,

This is typically the time of year that things start to defrost a bit and get a little busier. Audits are kicking off, monthly and quarterly reporting are in full swing, people are starting to get out of the house and enjoy the weather, the annual Spring Training is here and the AGA Professional Development Training (PDT) is on the horizon. For those of us here in the nation's capital, local news is national news, and it continues to be quite eventful. It's a reminder that change is constant and unpredictable. No matter how much risk management and prognosticating we try to do, life throws us for a loop every time. I want you all to keep the following in mind as we navigate the year:

- Our Profession is Mission Critical! Federal, State & local governments will always need accountability professionals – accountants, budgeteers, resource managers, IT professionals, acquisitions, human resources and auditors. We serve a mission critical role in the diligent and efficient management of taxpayer funds. Not a single program, mission or policy can be executed without funding and the people that budget for it, account for it, administer it, and fight against fraud, waste and abuse.
- AGA Genuinely Cares about our Members and the Accountability Community! As evidenced at the AGA NLT this year, our community truly cares about our members and the government accountability profession. AGA National and the DC Chapter are here to support any members and colleagues in the accountability community that may be displaced by sharing job postings from both the government and private sector. We are hosting job networking events, providing seminars on



resume writing and utilizing platforms such as LinkedIn, and are supporting scholarships for training and reduced pricing for events to help those that need it right now.

- Let's Focus on Shared Values and Opportunities! In recent discussions with new agency CFOs, I heard what their focus is going to be over the next four years, and I am hearing a lot that our community has always supported and can embrace as an opportunity:
 - Redoubling efforts to prevent fraud and waste
 - Modernizing outdated financial systems and applications, capitalizing on shared services and automation/artificial intelligence
 - Closer monitoring of grants, loans and contracts to ensure performance and results for the taxpayer money we are spending
 - Improved efficiency and elimination of redundancy

These are all values our profession has touted from the beginning, so let's take the opportunity to play our part and contribute to positive change.

In closing, know that the AGA community is strong and indispensable, you are very much appreciated and let us all move forward together!

Paul Marshall, President AGA Washington DC Chapter

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.

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A Message from Your National Council of Chapters (NCC) Representative

Esteemed colleagues, as the AGA Washington DC Chapter moves into the last quarter of its program year ending June 30, and the country moves into its second month under a new administration, I reflect on my good fortune to have a chapter and network of such amazing and talented patriots who have given so much to their country and the government financial management community. Thank you for your service, whether it be



service to a government agency or the private practice firms that help us get the people's work done. Thank you one and all.

If the last couple of months have been any indication, we are in a time of great uncertainty, facing a turbulent future. As the consummate professionals you are, I encourage you to continue to do the great work you do in providing value to the American taxpayer. Engage with your chapter and network and reach out to that old work friend to give them support when they might need it most. Until we get to a point of equilibrium and a stable operating environment, please continue to be strong and help each other out in whatever ways you can.

Over the many years I've been with the Washington DC Chapter, I've been impressed by our strength and resilience as evidenced by the breadth and depth of our leadership team, our strong financial position, and the close-knit nature of our professional working group. Many of us have worked together in the same agency or firm and if we haven't, that day may soon come.

Please understand that Chapter leadership is actively exploring ways to assist those in the community who need our help most. If you have ideas of what we can do to better serve our members, please let your chapter leadership know. In the meantime, here are some resources and opportunities available to members:

- Volunteer of the Year Nominations (Spring 2025) Nominate a CEC member to be recognized at PDT in Nashville! For more information visit: About AGA - Volunteer of the Year Award
- Young Professionals Scholarship (PDT): Open March 3 April 13, 2025, see: About AGA Early Career Training Scholarship
- First Time Attendee (PDT) Application deadline is March 31, see here: AGA PDT 2025 Hotel & Registration Scholarship Information

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Lal Harter,

NCC Representative



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Together, We Navigate Challenges — AGA is Here for You

For 75 years, AGA has deeply appreciated the dedication and expertise of government financial management professionals. Your unwavering commitment to accountability, transparency, and responsible stewardship of public funds is invaluable — not just to AGA, but to the communities you serve. As the federal landscape continues to shift, we want you to know that we value you and we are here to support you through these challenging times.

To support our members during this time, **AGA's Job Board** now offers free job postings for organizations, making it easier to connect job seekers with new opportunities. We encourage state and local employers to post their openings and help skilled professionals find their next role.

To support our community in this rapidly changing environment, we've extended the annual renewal deadline for AGA membership and CGFM certification to **April 30**. If you are able, we encourage you to renew by the original deadline of March 31.

Finally, do not forget to update your personal and contact information in the "My AGA Profile" at https://my.agacgfm.org/. Sign in your AGA account, then edit your "My AGA Profile" as needed to get it up to date.

Your work has always been critical, and we remain committed to providing you with the resources and support you need. *Thank you for all that you do*.



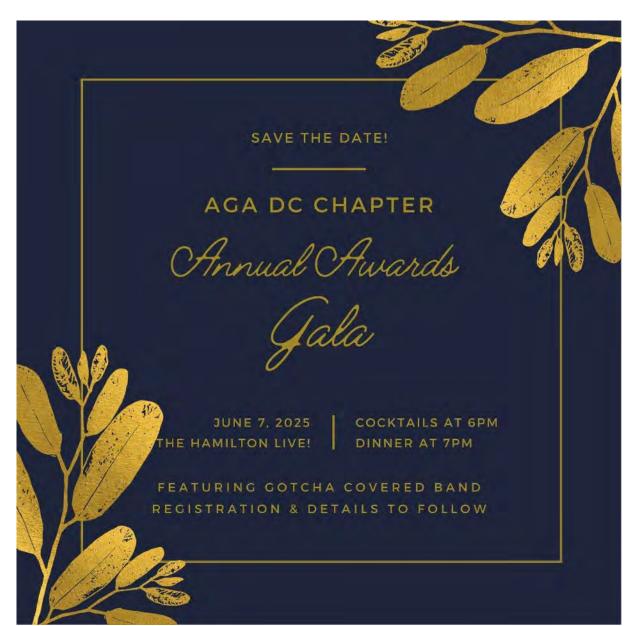
Annual AGA DC Chapter's Annual Awards Gala

When: Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 6 PM Where: The Hamilton Live!

This is not just an event; it's a celebration of excellence and achievement! We will honor our outstanding members who have made significant contributions to our community.

Enjoy an exciting night filled with entertainment from *Gotcha Covered* (including Past DC Chapter President Scott Bell), along with a special musical appearance by our DC Chapter President, Paul Marshall. Don't miss your chance to be part of this memorable occasion! Prepare for an evening of inspiration, connection, and celebration!





Leadership Announcements

The AGA DC Nominating Committee is proud to introduce our incoming leaders for the upcoming program year!

Veronica Baird will serve as the AGA DC Chapter **President-Elect** beginning on July 1, 2025, with her presidency commencing on July 1, 2026. Veronica is a Senior Manager at KPMG with over 10 years of progressive experience in performing CFO Act audits and audit readiness for Federal agencies. Before joining KPMG, she worked as a Program Control Analyst at Northrop Grumman.

Veronica has been an active member of the DC Chapter for many years, taking on numerous leadership roles. From 2015 to 2021, she served as the Director or Assistant Director of the Monthly Luncheons Committee, coordinating the logistics of eight luncheon events per program year. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she was instrumental in transitioning the luncheons to virtual webinars, ensuring quality programming and CPEs continued for members. In 2023, Veronica returned to a chapter committee role as the Executive Assistant to the Office of the



President, where she monitors the AGA DC email account and assists with administrative duties. Veronica also actively participates in various local chapter events, demonstrating her ongoing commitment to AGA DC.

We are excited for Veronica to bring her wealth of AGA experience and fresh ideas to this important leadership role!



Brittany Hopwood will serve as the AGA DC Chapter **Treasurer-Elect** beginning on July 1, 2025 and Treasurer starting July 1, 2026. As a Senior Manager in KPMG's Federal audit practice, Brittany has over 13 years of expertise in performing CFO Act audits and providing audit-readiness consulting for large Federal agencies. A proud CGFM and an active member of the DC Chapter since 2012, Brittany currently serves as an Assistant Director on the DC Chapter's Strategy Committee.

Brittany has held several key roles within the chapter, including dedicating five years to the Education/Spring Training Committee, where she served as on-site logistics co-lead, technical committee lead, and later as the committee's Director at Large. In 2021, Brittany played a pivotal role in transitioning the spring training event to a fully virtual platform and developing a hybrid format for the post-COVID environment. She championed the integration of technology to enhance the attendee experience, leveraging AGA National's relationships with conference vendors. In recognition of her dedication, Brittany received the 2023 AGA Volunteer of the Year award.

Brittany's experience is perfect to serve as a responsible steward of the chapter's resources and continue supporting its growth and success.

Wendy Morris will continue to serve as the AGA DC Chapter **Secretary** beginning July 1, 2025 and serving for a two-year term. Wendy is a Principal with BDO Public Sector, LLC, where she leads the Federal Civilian Services Vertical, focusing on innovative solutions and team development. She has over 30 years of financial management and internal control experience, successfully leading large project teams to address high-profile and complex federal and commercial challenges. She is deeply experienced with OMB Circular A-123, including Appendix A, B, C and D, Enterprise Risk Management and Improper Payments, Audit Remediation, Risk Assessment, Internal Controls over Operations, Internal Audit, COSO, GAO internal control framework (Green Book), and FMFIA.

Wendy has served as the DC Chapter Secretary since July 2023 and looks forward to continuing in this role for another 2 years. She has been an active member of AGA since 2004 (20+ years) and a Corporate Partner (CPAG) Representative since 2011 for



MorganFranklin Consulting & BDO. She has been the executive leader internally to her companies for all things AGA since 2011, encouraging membership, participation, volunteers, CPAG participation, Conference Sponsorships, Development and Moderator of Sessions, etc.

We are confident that Wendy's deep expertise and commitment to the chapter will continue to enhance the quality and impact of AGA DC's initiatives.

A big thank you to this year's AGA DC Nominating Committee:

Paul Marshall, Chapter President

Crystal Wolf, Chapter President-Elect (Nominating Committee Chair)

Lal Harter, National Council of Chapters Representative & Past Chapter President (2023-24)

Evelyn Brown, Past National President (2012-13), Past Chapter President (1995-96), Past National Treasurer (2003-04), and Current Chapter Senior Advisor

John Lynskey, Past National President (2018-19) and Current Chapter Senior Advisor

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Annual AGA DC Chapter Hybrid Training Event

April 28 – 29, 2025 Convene Hamilton Square 4th Floor & Virtual

Registration is now open for the 23rd Annual AGA DC Chapter Hybrid Training Event! To register, please click here: **Registration link**. This year's event, sponsored by the DC & Northern Virginia AGA chapters, will take place on <u>Monday</u>, April 28 and Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

You can join us either in person or virtually and earn up to 16 CPE credits. This year's training will offer ethics training that meets VA, DC, and MD CPE requirements.

We are returning to Washington, DC, for our training! Our in-person venue is Convene Hamilton Square, 4th Floor; 600 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.



Don't miss this opportunity to hear firsthand from top government leaders about current issues impacting Federal financial management and related functions!

Logistics & Other Important Information

Sessions:

The DC Chapter Spring Training committee continues to work on the agenda for the 2025 event in late April. We are excited to announce the below sessions:

Al Ethics: The rapid evolution of artificial intelligence (AI) is reshaping industries, including accounting, with profound implications for professionals and firms. This Virginia Board of Accountancy-approved ethics course on responsible AI for the accounting profession explores the integration of AI in accounting, emphasizing ethical principles like transparency, accountability, privacy and fairness.

FASAB Update: The panel will provide background information on FASAB and a status update on current Board projects, including intangible assets, commitments, loan disclosures, MD&A, land, and leases. The panel will also discuss federal accounting issues that could arise in the foreseeable future and explain how stakeholders can get involved with the Board's guidance development process.

GAO's Role in Supporting Congress: This session will cover GAO's Office of Congressional Relations, summarizing GAO's critical role in the legislative branch, describing the services GAO provides to Congress, and highlighting potentially useful GAO products and suggestions for how to interact with congressional staff.

Tickets:

The in-person ticket price includes continental breakfast & lunch & break-time refreshments both days as well as a cocktail hour at the end of day 1. In-person cost is the same as for virtual attendance -- \$350 for members and \$450 for non-members.

Food:

AGA will provide water, coffee, and tea throughout the day in the lobby outside the auditorium. A buffet breakfast and a buffet lunch will be provided each day. Happy hour will occur in the lobby on Monday. Additional breakfast and lunch details will be provided closer to training dates.

Parking:

Nearby parking is located at:

607 14th St NW, Washington, D.C. 20005

675 14th St NW, Washington, D.C. 20005

1325 G St NW, Washington, D.C. 20005

Metro:

Convene is accessible from the Metro Center Station (Blue/Orange/Red/Silver lines), Federal Triangle Station (Blue/Orange/Silver lines), and McPherson Square Station (Blue/Orange Silver lines).

Group Registration:

Agencies/Organizations can select group registration for 5 or more attendees for a reduced price per attendee (7% discount for each Member and Non-Member price). Please note that you must have information for each attendee that you are registering for the group registration at the time of registration.

To register, please click here: Registration link

If you are attempting to register another party or as part of a group for this training, please reach out to Meg and Tyler to coordinate:

Tyler Hampton: thampton@guidehouse.com Meg Gill: marjorie.f.gill@cgifederal.com

<u>Contact:</u> Annalena Winer Annalena.Winer@cgifederal.com

For any latest information, please check AGA DC Chapter website at: Annual AGA DC Chapter Hybrid Training Event



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AGA DC Training and Events

AGA DC Upcoming Events

All of the following Monthly Hybrid Luncheons will be held virtually and in-person at Clydes' at Gallery Place, DC from 11:30am to 1pm.

Saturday, April 19: Potomac River Earth Day Clean Up at 9am, Gravelly Point Park (VA). **Register here**!

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You can earn 1 CPE from each monthly luncheon.

For questions regarding AGA DC events listed here, please contact us at **agadc@agadc.org**.

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AGA DC Sponsored National Webinar Training Schedule Program Year 2024-2025

AGA DC sponsored National webinars will continue to be offered in a virtual format. All webinars start at 2:00pm and end at 3:50pm ET. You can earn 2 CPEs for each webinar!

Dates & Topics:

- April 9, 2025 Ethics
- April 23, 2025 Fraud/Data Analytics
- May 7, 2025 Risk Management
- May 28, 2025 Leadership

The DC Chapter will notify you via email of the open pre-registration period to participate in AGA webinars facilitated by AGA National. If you are interested in any webinar, look out for email from the DC Chapter as you must pre-register.

The DC Chapter sponsors these webinars that are limited to 60 DC Chapter members for each webinar. You will receive further instructions on how to obtain an access link to the webinar after the pre-registration period closes. After you successfully pre-register, you will receive two follow-up emails: (1) with instructions on how to finalize and confirm your registration; and (2) with the webinar access link, from **customercare@gotowebinar.com**, prior to the scheduled event date.

For more information on these webinars, please visit the AGA National website at **AGA National Webinars**. Questions? Contact: Danielle Burrell at **danielle.c.burrell@hud.gov**

AGA National Training Events

2025 Performance Counts Summit: May 13, 2025 (4 CPEs; Virtual) **Register here**.

AGA National, FREE Members-Only Webinar, May 14, 2pm-3:15pm. Topic: TBD.

2025 Professional Development Training (PDT): Jul 27-30 (24 CPEs; Nashville or virtual) **Register and get more information here**.

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Awards Committee Announcement

AGA Washington DC Chapter Seeks Nominations for the Annual DC Chapter Awards!

The AGA DC Chapter is soliciting nominations for the Annual DC Chapter Awards, and all nominations are due to the DC Chapter Awards Committee by **April 15, 2025**. The awards will be presented at the annual AGA Washington DC Chapter Awards Gala on June 7, 2025.

The nominations are for the following awards:

DC Chapter Founder's Awards for Enhancing the Prestige of the Government Accountability Profession recognizes superior service that enhanced the AGA DC Chapter prestige and stature. The award is bestowed in tribute to the memory of AGA and DC Chapter founding member and first National President, Robert W. King, who led the establishment of AGA and the DC Chapter. The recipient of this DC Chapter Award will be the DC Chapter's nominee for the **AGA National Robert W. King Memorial Award**.

• All AGA DC Chapter members are eligible, except for individuals serving on the National Governing Board or employees of AGA at the time the award is presented.

DC Chapter Founder's Award for Advancing Government Accountability recognizes an active AGA DC Chapter member or a DC-based organization that has, over a sustained period of time, made major contributions to advancing government accountability at the federal, state, and/or local level. This award is bestowed in tribute to the memory of two AGA and DC Chapter founding leaders and Past National Presidents, Raymond Einhorn and T. Jack Gary, whose contributions to advancing government accountability spanned over five decades. The recipient of this DC Chapter Award will be the DC Chapter's nominee for the **AGA National Einhorn-Gary Leadership Award**.

• Nominees must have a record of active participation in activities and/or programs at the AGA DC Chapter level (and national level to be considered for the national award).

Achievement of the Year Award recognizes a government employee or organization who has exhibited leadership or outstanding achievement in developing, implementing, and improving financial management in government service in the past year.

- Nominees must have been employed in government service at the time the work being recognized was performed.
- Nominees do not have to be AGA members.

Educator Award recognizes individuals in the metro-DC area who have made significant contributions to the education and training of government financial managers.

• Nominees do not have to be government employees or AGA members.

International Achievement Award recognizes a government employee who has exhibited leadership or outstanding achievement in international government financial management.

- Nominees must have been employed in government service at the time the work being recognized was performed.
- · Nominees do not have to be AGA members.

Emerging Leader Award of Excellence recognizes younger government financial professionals for notable contributions toward excellence in financial management, with the desire that the recognition will encourage others to achieve early in their professional lives.

- Nominees must have 5–10 years of experience within the government financial management arena.
- Nominees do not have to be AGA members.
- Nominees cannot receive this award more than once.

Excellence in Research Award recognizes individuals who throughout their careers (minimum of 15 years) have made continuous contributions to government financial management by their direct participation in

research activities and/or through their encouragement and support of others engaged in government financial management research. Washington DC Chapter nominees for this award will be forwarded by the chapter for consideration for the **AGA National Cornelius E. Tierney/EY Research Award**.

- The nominated researchers, through their individual efforts, enhanced the image and effectiveness of government accountants, auditors, and other financial managers by their efforts in one or more of the following areas:
 - Basic Research—The gathering of information on a systemic basis for a fuller knowledge or understanding of government financial management, thereby contributing to the improvement of government financial management policies, procedures, and practices.
 - Applied Research—The application of knowledge leading to the development of new methods and techniques for government financial management, thereby contributing to the improvement of the image, operations, control, and accountability of government.
 - Education—Basic and applied research relating to the education of government accountants and other financial managers, thereby enhancing their technical and operational capabilities.
- Nominees do not have to be members of AGA.

Government Innovator of the Year Award recognizes outstanding innovation by a government employee or organization who over the past year has made significant contributions to government through the implementation of new technology, systems, or processes (e.g., artificial intelligence or AI, automation, machine learning, blockchain, data analytics, forensic innovations, novel software/applications, websites, dashboards, data visualization, etc.). The Washington DC Chapter award nominee will be forwarded by the chapter for consideration for the AGA National Relmond P. Van Daniker Government Transparency Award.

James W. Saylor Chapter Service Award recognizes an active DC Chapter member who has consistently made important contributions to the development and enhancement of the chapter during the past year. The Washington DC Chapter award nominee will be forwarded by the chapter for consideration for the AGA National Volunteer of the Year Award.

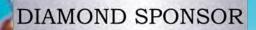
Other Washington DC Chapter Award Categories:

• William J. Anderson Lifetime Achievement Award is given in appreciation for significant and continuous contributions to governmental financial management and the DC Chapter.

Please help us identify deserving professionals in each category. **Completed nomination forms are due to the Washington DC Chapter Awards Committee by April 15, 2025, for all award categories**. Final awards will be presented at the annual AGA DC Chapter Awards Gala on June 7, 2025.

Contact Orinda Basha at dcchapterawards@agadc.org for nomination submissions or questions.







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Inside the Black Box

by Simcha Kuritzky, CGFM, CPA

GSA's Technology Modernization Fund (TMF)

A Source of Confusion



The TMF gives both grants and loans to other federal agencies to support technology upgrades. When it gives a loan, the agency receives a nonexpenditure transfer of cash and recognizes a liability, and the loan will be repaid with an expenditure transfer. The liability is 299000 Other Liabilities without Related Budgetary Obligations, which is usually offset by unfunded expenses, but it looks like it is funded because it comes with cash. GSA offsets this liability by posting 131000 Accounts Receivable, but unlike most federal receivables, this does not make funding available in the budget.

Recipient Transactions

An agency that receives a loan and/or grant from the TMF would first anticipate it with

A468 Anticipate transfer-in of current-year authority

Debit 416000	Anticipated Transfers - Current-Year Authority
Credit 449000	Anticipated Resources - Unapportioned Authority

for the full amount. The receipt of funding would post A123 and A472 below using account 310200 for the amount of the grant, and an entry not yet in the Treasury Financial Manual using 299000 for the amount of the loan. These accounts are shown in italics to indicate their posted amounts sum to the amount that is posted to all other accounts.

A472 SF 1151 transferring in current-year authority previously anticipated

A123	Debit	417000	Transfers - Current-Year Authority
		449000	Anticipated Resources - Unapportioned Authority
		101000	Fund Balance with Treasury
	Credit	416000	Anticipated Transfers - Current-Year Authority
		445000	Unapportioned - Unexpired Authority
		310200	Unexpended Appropriations - Transfers-In
		299000	Other Liabilities without Related Budgetary Obligations

So a liability comes in with cash. Normally, that would be considered a funded liability, and the agency would obligate part of their budget to support it. But in this case, the loan is going to be paid by a future appropriation. The example Treasury gives in their case study shows it being transferred to another symbol (with the offsets of 572000 and 573000 Financing Sources Transferred In/Out without Reimbursement) which then obligates the funds, but notes that the appropriation could occur in the same symbol (particularly for a no-year or multi-year fund).

The case study notes that posting 299000 instead of 310200 will cause a violation of Tie Point 19 which compares the balance of the 3100 series of accounts with funding available. There is also the issue that, when the grant piece is expended, it will need to post 310700 / 570000 or 310710 / 570010 for appropriations used (in agreement with Tie Point 7), while the loan piece would not. One solution would be to separate these two pieces of funding, the grant in an appropriated budget structure where all expenditures records appropriations used, and the loan piece in a proceeds (or reimbursements) based budget structure where no expenditures record appropriations used, and hence is excluded from Tie Points 7 and 19. Another solution would be to create a special subaccount 29900019 which would be posted by A472 and used in the Tie Point 19 comparison. To get around Tie Point 7, a special subaccount 29900007 could be set up which acts like 570000, and when an expenditure takes place against the loan-based authority, debit 29900019 and credit 2990007.

Inside the Black Box Cont'd.

At year end, account 29900019 would stay open, but 29900007 would close to the regular 299000 subaccount since Tie Point 7 is based on activity and not ending balances.

When the agency prepares to repay the loan, the case study only shows them obligating it. However, it would make more sense to post (assuming the funding comes from an appropriation)

D112 Reclassify unfunded liability to funded liability in the financing account.

B134	Debit	299000	Other Liabilities without Related Budgetary Obligations
		310700	Unexpended Appropriations - Used
		461000	Allotments - Realized Resources
	Credit	219000	Other Liabilities with Related Budgetary Obligations
		570000	Expended Appropriations
		490100	Delivered Orders - Obligations, Unpaid

This posting violates Tie Point 4 which says that expenditures should equal expenses and purchases. One solution would be to add entry G124 to debit 880400 Purchases of Assets – Other and credit 880100 Offset for Purchases of Assets, though disposing of a liability is not really the same thing as purchasing an asset, even if it has the same impact on net worth. Another solution would be to create a 29900004 sub-account that is used for the Tie Point 4 comparison, which would also close into the regular 299000 subaccount.

The GSA side also presents problems, in this case with Tie Point 15. The initial anticipation and disbursement combined of the loan piece is posted with

A404 SF 1151 transferring out current-year authority

Debit	461000	Allotments - Realized Resources
	131000	Accounts Receivable
Credit	417000	Transfers - Current-Year Authority
	101000	Fund Balance with Treasury

Although this is a federal receivable, there is no associated budget authority because the appropriation is in the future. Only in the year when the loan is repaid is budget authority created with the following entry, and only for the portion that will be paid that year (in the case study, the loan was paid over two years).

A140 Anticipate collections

	Debit	407000	Anticipated Collections from Federal Sources	
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Credit 449000 Anticipated Resources - Unapportioned Authority

Normally, a federal receivable which supports funding would be recorded in a budgetary account like 428700 Other Federal Receivables, not 407000 which is only anticipated. Entries C415 and C416 show other situations where the 407000 balance transferred to 428700 when the 131000 receivable is recognized. So this is a federal receivable that is excluded from Tie Point 15.

Conclusion

So why is 299000 so troublesome? It's an unfunded liability, but it arrives with cash and budget authority. When it is established, it uses an entry that looks like proceeds, but this liability is posted where one would expect a revenue or funding source account. When it is liquidated, it uses an expenditure entry, where it is posted where one would expect an expense account. Thus, the use of this liability violates tie points. Even on the GSA side, which posts 131000 Accounts Receivable for the same amount of 299000 in the receiving agency, violates tie point 15 because a federal receivable posted in the proprietary accounts, which sometimes supports funding availability and sometimes doesn't, is never reflected in the budgetary receivable accounts.

Comments and critiques, as well as specific questions or suggestions for future topics, are always welcome. Please send them to **Simcha.Kuritzky@CGI.com**, and not to the AGA.

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AGA DC Chapter Community Service Events

By Community Service Committee

Potomac River Earth Day Cleanup

We invite you to join the AGA Washington DC Chapter and Potomac Conservancy for a rewarding day of volunteering and environmental stewardship at Gravelly Point!

Sign up for one of the 50 spots available and be a part of the community-driven effort to clean up trash and make a positive difference for our hometown river! Join us Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 9 AM Gravelly Point Park, George Washington Pkwy, Arlington, VA 22202.

Register today at: Potomac River Cleanup at Gravelly Point Park on April 19th, 2025

Over the Edge Volunteer Opportunity

The AGA DC Chapter Community Service Committee is looking for volunteers to support the New Hope Housing annual fundraising event "Over the Edge" being held on June 20, 2025, from 8 AM to 5 PM.

Since 2022, New Hope Housing has partnered with Over the Edge Global and the Hilton Arlington National Landing to host a day of adventure. On the day of the event, 90+ volunteers and supporters' rappel down the side of the 14-story Hilton in National Landing. Each person raises at least \$1,000 to participate (volunteers are not required to raise \$1,000 only those repelling). All donations go toward New Hope Housing's supportive housing programs to aid their mission of providing homeless individuals with shelter and the tools to build a better life.



To help make the event a success, we are looking for **Chapter members to serve as a volunteer** in one of the following areas (assignments will be given by the organization):

- Rope Volunteer
- Block Party Volunteer
- Repeller Check-In Table

We are requesting all volunteers complete the Eventbrite form by June 2nd to ensure the organization has the final count of volunteers in advance of the event. Once volunteers are solidified, we will provide additional information on what to expect on that day and further instructions.

For questions about the event, please contact the Community Service Committee: Maurice Preston (mpreston@guidehousefederal.com), LaVerne Mason (lmason@bdo.us) or Niko Lojanica (nlojanica@bdo.us).

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Do you have photos, videos, other multimedia, or written stories to share?! We would love to hear from you! Also, if you would like to help the Historian Committee organize and curate the information, we would love to have you on board!

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Recognizing the challenges and demands that many of you and your peers are facing, this year's forum is designed not only to provide valuable content but also to o"er an opportunity for friends and colleagues to connect, collaborate, and enjoy themselves. We have included ample time for networking in a collaborative and engaging setting.

We encourage you to register soon as space is limited. If you have colleagues who would like to attend, please let us know, and we will do our best to accommodate them. Our goal is to ensure that all government agencies have the opportunity to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Joe K. Swisher

Sr. Account Executive - Public Sector

Note: Only modest items of food and non-alcoholic refreshments will be served at this event in accordance with 5 C.F.R. § 2635.203(b)(1) and as permitted under the Congressional ethics rules.

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Thought Leadership

Transparency is the Key to Building Trust

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Written by Mike Hettinger, President & Founding Principal, Hettinger Strategy Group LLC

The federal government spends tens of millions of dollars and countless personnel hours related to the preparation of annual agency financial and performance reports. These reports, which in nearly all cases are required by Congress, contain valuable information on agency programs, spending, control weakness, and programmatic performance. It's through these reports, coupled with those from agency inspectors general and the US Government Accountability Office that an interested "John Q. Public" can gain desired insight into how our government works and where it's spending our tax dollars. Unfortunately, despite the fact that both performance and financial reports have been required since the 1990s, because they are opaque, complex and hard to find, the full value of the information they contain, is not being realized. In some cases, citizens question even "if" these reports exist. Part of this falls on the complexity of the information itself (I mean who really wants to sit down and read through a federal agency's financial report?) and part on the "marketing" as I think the federal government has generally shied away from doing things around financial transparency that are standard practice for industry.

To change this narrative, the federal government must focus on the quality and effectiveness of the information we already produce, rather than on new and likely onerous requirements. This means, making annual agency financial and performance reports more useful – machine readable, summarized, searchable, and in some cases customizable so that the user can create his or her own view of the information they want to see and compare information not just within agencies, but across them. Without this, how are we as citizens and consumers going to be able to trust the validity of the information in these reports and know for certain that the government – our government – is serving as an effective steward of our tax dollars?

Transparency in financial and performance reporting has many benefits, nearly all of which are in the spotlight today. Transparency leads to enhanced credibility, increased trust, promotion of more ethical behavior, and the list goes on. The more transparent we are about spending, the greater the level of trust, at least in theory.



Last year, Congress included report language in the FY25 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Committee Report that sought to help push the federal government to be more transparent with its financial and performance reporting data. The idea was pretty simple: make agency financial and performance reports machine-readable, post these reports publicly on a single authoritative website, along with some basic information about the status of each agency's finances, information like whether or not they have a clean financial audit opinion. It's not rocket science but doing something like this would make it easier for those who are interested in learning more to do so. More ideas like this should be the standard, not the exception.

And while we're at it, let's continue to focus on streamlining and simplifying how federal financial information is gathered and presented, leveraging not just old school methods but machine learning, artificial intelligence and whatever comes next. In this era when trust in government is at or near an all time low, making this information more transparent will go a long way toward helping to build a lasting trust between government and general public – our most important stakeholders.

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Please visit the AGA DC Chapter website for more information.



Congratulations to the following new CGFMs who obtained their CGFM since the previous Chapter newsletter!

James E. Haynes, CGFM Jerri N. Jones, CGFM Benjamin Messika, CGFM Rose Rittenhouse, CGFM Billy D. Whisenant, CGFM Crystal Lynn Wills, CGFM

Have questions? Check out our CGFM chapter **webpage** or contact **Debbi Thomas**

Already Have Your CGFM?

<u>CPE Reminder</u> – Make sure your continuing professional education (CPE) is current by completing at least 80 hours of CPE in government financial management topics or related technical subjects within each designated two-year cycle (including 4 hours in ethics per cycle).



March is Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) month!

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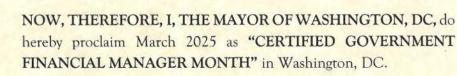
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AGA Young Professionals

The Young Professionals (YPs)* Committee is geared up and ready to jump into 2025 feet first! We have some exciting initiatives planned for the new year and have set our goals for 2025 and beyond to include:

- Increasing YP membership, involvement in chapter events and activities, and participation in chapter committees,
- Supporting YP members in navigating the dynamics of professional networking and the many benefits that AGA has to offer, and
- Supporting AGA National Board efforts to pilot student AGA chapter programs with local universities to build the pipeline of future AGA leaders.

Please reach out to the YP committee (Michelle Paul, Christel Pico, Nicole Balin, Cherice Washington, Joslyn Marshall) at **youngprofessionals@agadc.org** if you have questions or feedback, or if you'd like to support any of our upcoming initiatives!

* YPs are defined as professionals with 3 or fewer years of work experience.

We Need You!

Are you a YP?

Come out to DC Chapter events, meet our YP team, and network with the outstanding DC Chapter community. Get entered into a YP raffle at selected events and win!

Not a YP but know a YP?

Invite a YP to attend events with you – and show them the ropes!

Are you a current Chapter Sponsor?

Get a pulse on your current YP members and encourage others to join AGA and participate!

Thank You!

Young Professionals New Year's Kickoff

Thank you to those who joined the New Year's Kickoff event on January 29 evening, as sponsored by the Young Professionals Committee! The New Year's Kickoff event not only brought all Young Professionals together, but also our DC Chapter veteran members as well. Our members enjoyed free food and drink at the Yard House in downtown DC. Congratulations to our Young Professionals who won \$100 Amazon gift cards!

Thank you to our Young Professionals Committee volunteers (Michelle Paul, Christel Pico, Nicole Bailin, Cherice Washington) who organized this event!





Young Professionals Committee Members (From left to right): Michelle Paul, Christel Pico, Nicole Bailin, Cherice Washington

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Member Network Special Events

National Leadership Training (NLT) Happy Hour

After a great first day of NLT on February 19, DC Chapter members gathered together to unwind with friends and colleagues at Elephant & Castle in downtown DC for a casual evening of networking, drinks, and light appetizers. We had a great turnout and thank you for joining us at the NLT Happy Hour. Thank you to our Member Service Network Event volunteers for organizing this wonderful event!











Special Events cont'd.



Washington Wizards Basketball Game

Thank you to our members and their guests who attended the NBA basketball game on March 27, Thursday

night, at the Capital One Arena when the Washington Wizards played against the Indiana Pacers. Our members and guests enjoyed food and beverages at the Devil's Backbone Lounge as we cheered for the home team Washington Wizards. Thank you to our Member Service Network Event volunteers for organizing this wonderful event!









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AGA DC Chapter Monthly Luncheon

January 2025 Hybrid Luncheon Painting the Picture to My Story

The DC Chapter held the first hybrid monthly luncheon in 2025 on January 15 with our luncheon speaker **Ms. Karin Dasuki, former Deputy Chief Financial Officer (DCFO)** at the United States Office of Personnel Management (OPM). We are grateful for more than 100 virtual and in-person attendees who joined us at Clyde's of Gallery Place in downtown Washington, DC. **Mr. Joe Swisher**, Senior Account Executive from **Visa Government Solutions**, a proud AGA-DC Chapter corporate Diamond sponsor, introduced our speaker at the luncheon.

Karin was named the DCFO at OPM in January 2025. She previously served as the Director of the Office of Finance and Accounting and the DCFO for Headquarters at the Department of Energy. At the Department of Energy, her organization was responsible for the Department's accounting and financial operations, including financial statements and Agency Financial Reports, investments, loans accounting, ERM/internal controls, fraud risk



Joe Swisher, Sr Account Executive Visa Government Solutions



Karin Dasuki, Former DCFO, OPM

management, payment integrity, enterprise risk management, and audits with staff located in multiple physical locations. Her initiatives included automation using robotic process automation (RPA) and extending the capabilities of the organization through the application of data science and analytics to mitigate risks of fraud and improper payments. She strives to integrate technology into financial management and, along the way, provide upskilling opportunities to the workforce. Karin attended the Federal Executive Institute's Leadership for a Democratic Society and is a member of the Senior Executive Service. She holds a graduate degree from Johns Hopkins University, is a licensed CPA in Maryland, and a CGFM.

October Luncheon cont'd.

In her presentation titled "Painting the Picture to My Story," Karin discussed her career journey and shared important lessons learned as well as career tips with our luncheon audience. The presentation ended with a robust Q&A session as Karin answered questions from both virtual and in-person attendees. We sincerely appreciate Ms. Karin Dasuki for spending time with us to share her knowledge and experience. Our January hybrid luncheon was made possible by our hard working volunteers from the Monthly Luncheon Team who took care of the programming, in-person, and virtual operations. THANK YOU to our Monthly Luncheon Team!



Paul Marshall, Chapter President, welcomed luncheon speaker and attendees

DC Chapter Board members with Paul Marshall and Luncheon speaker Karin Dasuki



Team OCFO from OPM

AGA DC Chapter Monthly Luncheon

February 2025 Hybrid Luncheon

FASAB Updates

On February 12, 2025, the DC Chapter welcomed our February hybrid luncheon speaker **Mr. Domenic Savini**, **Assistant Director of the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB)**. We are grateful for our in-person and virtual attendees who joined us at Clyde's of Gallery Place in downtown Washington, DC. **Mr. Bill Kubistal**, Partner from **Kearney and Company**, a proud AGA-DC Chapter corporate Diamond sponsor, introduced our speaker at the luncheon.

Mr. Savini began his career with the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) where he supervised both mobile and resident audit teams performing a host of compliance, operational and financial statement audits. While serving as a customer service liaison with both the Department of



Bill Kubistal, Partner Kearney and Company

Transportation-Maritime Administration and Department of the Navy, Mr. Savini developed DCAA's first-ever Maritime Audit Plan. As a result of his accomplishments, in 1998 he was selected for the prestigious Director's Fellowship Program. Mr. Savini also worked for the Department of the Navy's Military Sealift Command as a financial analyst and contract negotiator. In that capacity he was primarily responsible for



Domenic Savini, Assistant Director, FASAB

financial management of the Navy's multibillion dollar Maritime Prepositioning Ship program. Mr. Savini served in several prominent positions with the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC). Notably, as Director of REAC's Public Housing Authority (PHA) Finance Division, he directed the financial assessment and GAAP conversion of HUD's 3200 Public Housing Agencies and was also responsible for developing nation-wide financial analysis training for both HUD and PHA staff. Immediately prior to joining FASAB, Mr. Savini held the prestigious position of Director of Finance & Administration with the Smithsonian Institution's Sackler/Freer Galleries of Art. As a result of his accomplishments toward improved Smithsonian

February Luncheon cont'd.

financial management and reporting, Mr. Savini's financial reporting model was adopted by the Institution and served as the foundation for subsequent Board reporting.

Mr. Savini is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Special Review Committee and frequently speaks at conferences around the country. Mr. Savini has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Kean University and a master's degree in general administration from Central Michigan University. He is licensed in New Jersey and Virginia. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. During Mr. Savini's presentation, he provided our audience with the latest FASAB updates and answered various questions on FASAB and technical standards. We sincerely appreciate the time Mr. Savini spent with us to share his knowledge and experience.

Our February hybrid luncheon was made possible by our hard working volunteers from the Monthly Luncheon Team who took care of the programming, in-person, and virtual operations. THANK YOU to our Monthly Luncheon Team!



Paul Marshall, Chapter President, welcomed luncheon attendees and speaker

Luncheon speaker Domenic Savini spoke in front of luncheon attendees

AGA DC Chapter Monthly Luncheon

March 2025 Hybrid Luncheon

Navigating Transformational Changes in the Public Sector

On March 19, 2025, the DC Chapter held the monthly luncheon with our March hybrid luncheon speaker **Mr. Mark Reger**, former Deputy Controller (retired) of the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB). We are grateful for more than 100 in-person and virtual attendees who joined us at Clyde's of Gallery Place in downtown Washington, DC. **Ms. Claire Chen**, Senior Manager from **The MIL Corp**, a proud AGA-DC Chapter corporate Diamond sponsor, introduced our speaker at the luncheon. We also thank **Ms. Ann Ebberts**, Chief Executive Officer from the AGA National, who joined us at the March luncheon and provided our attendees with recent updates and upcoming activities from the AGA National Office.

Mr. Mark Reger retired from OMB as the Deputy Controller of the United States in 2018. He had joined the Federal Government 20 years earlier as the CFO of the FCC. He then moved to be Director of Accounting at OPM and was appointed Deputy CFO



Claire Chen The MIL Corporation

shortly after and CFO 90 days later. Mark moved to US Treasury four years later as one of two Deputy Fiscal Secretaries and then four years later moved to OMB.

Mark graduated Loyola College in 1977 and accepted an appointment at the Maryland Department of Agriculture to create



Mark Reger, former Deputy Comptroller, (Retired), OMB

the audit department. 10 years later he moved to the Maryland State Treasury and was appointed Chief Deputy Treasurer of the State of Maryland. Mark left state government in 1997 and spent a short time as a Deputy Treasurer in DC and Baltimore County Schools. He was then offered two career opportunities with the US government.

Mark served as an elected Director of SECU (formerly Maryland's State Employees Credit Union) from 1986 until 2023. SECU's assets rose from \$250M to \$5.3 billion during his 12 terms as an SECU director and now serves 126 employers with 260,000 members. Mark is a CPA, graduated from Oxford England's residence programs on International Negotiations, is an honorary Kentucky Colonel, and a Henry Toll fellowship graduate.

During Mark's presentation titled "Navigating Transformational Changes in the Public Sector," he provided his wisdoms and tips on navigating changes based on his personal experience. We sincerely appreciate the time Mr. Mark Reger spent with us to share his knowledge and experience.

March Luncheon cont'd.

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Chapter President Paul Marshall welcomed luncheon attendees and discussed chapter updates



Chapter President-Elect Crystal Wolf introduced new chapter officers for next program year



Claire Chen from The MIL Corp introduced luncheon speaker





Luncheon speaker Mark Reger

February Luncheon cont'd.



AGA CEO Ann Ebberts



AGA leaders from left to right: Ann Ebberts (AGA CEO), Wendy Morris (Chapter Secretary current and 2025-27), Veronica Baird (Chapter President-Elect 2025-26), Brittany Hopwood (Chapter Treasurer-Elect 2025-26), Crystal Wolf (Chapter President-Elect 2024-25 and Chapter President 2025-26)



From left to right: Mark Reger, Peter Moore, Bo Shevchik, Ann Ebberts, Wendy Morris, Thomas Chin, Veronica Baird, Brittany Hopwood, Crystal Wolf, Paul Marshall



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New Member Contest

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During the 2024-2025 Program Year, the Membership Committee of the AGA DC Chapter is continuing to award a **CASH PRIZE** (\$100 in the form of an Amazon gift card) at the end of each quarter (i.e., September, December, March, June) to the member who sponsors and/or recruits the most new members during the quarter. Quarterly new member referral contest winners will be announced in the newsletter.

- July-September 2024: Veronica Baird and Cory Johnson
- October-December 2024: Dan Lange

With your help and dedication, we can achieve our Chapter's 10% growth goal of new members this year! Don't miss out on the great chance to win a CASH PRIZE, and help our Chapter! Make sure your name and AGA ID are included in the membership form of new recruited members!!

Please note the membership referral/sponsoring application is a three-step process:

- 1. New members should create a "My AGA Account" on the AGA National website
- 2. New account login details will be sent to the email provided during registration (Step 1)
- 3. Within your "My AGA Account," new members must complete their AGA membership application and include the "Recruited by Member ID" and/or "Recruiter's Name" within the Demographics data page of the application.

Recruitment/Sponsoring winners will be contacted via email and announced in the following quarter's newsletter. The Membership Committee looks forward to continuing to grow our membership!

(NOTE: Previous quarters' winners are ineligible for future prizes in the same program year.)

Welcome New Members!

By: Membership Committee

The AGA DC Chapter and the Membership Committee extends a warm welcome to our newest members! Thanks to you, the AGA continues to grow. Stay up-to-date on fantastic programs, membership benefits, and recruiting incentives starting now. Remember if you have not yet renewed, you may do so at the AGA Washington DC Chapter website to take advantage of member benefits throughout the next program year.

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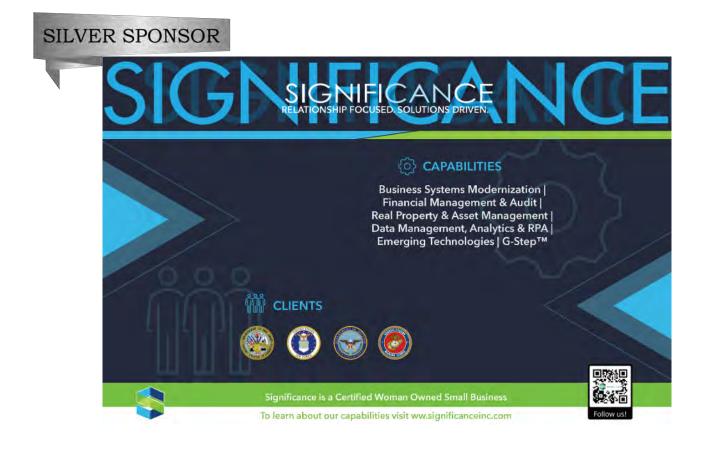
Attention to all new members! Join us at the next monthly chapter luncheon and you will be entered in the raffle for a gift card!

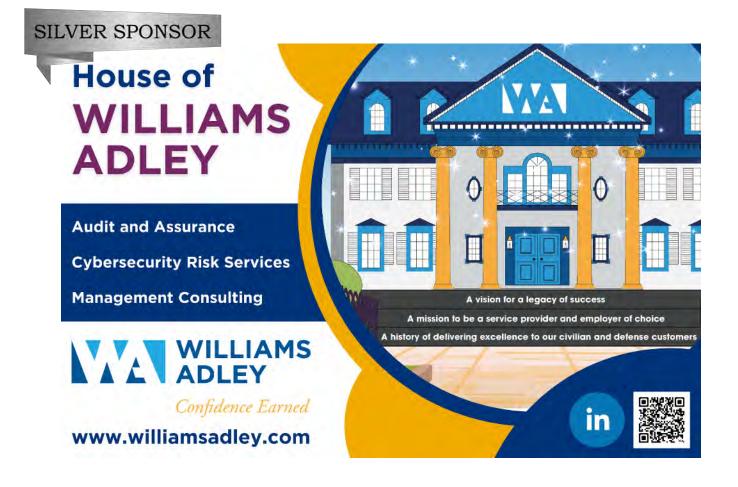






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Final Words

A sincere appreciation for all that you have done to the financial management community, all American people, and our country!

Your work is important. Thank you for your hard work, commitment, and contributions to public service!

The Newsletter Team joins our Chapter President, Paul Marshall, and Immediate Past Chapter President and NCC Representative, Lal Harter, to express our sentiment and appreciation to all our members. The professionalism and perseverance demonstrated in your daily work exemplify the true spirit of service. You are the driving force behind all the fantastic accomplishments made for the financial management community!

AGA Washington DC Chapter will continue to stand with and support our members. The Washington Connection will also continue to faithfully bring you useful information that support your professional and personal needs and to showcase our talented, strong, and resilient community!

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PS: If you have any suggestions on featuring the important work you do, or simply have any words you want to share about public service, our newsletter team always welcomes your ideas and contents to be included in the next chapter newsletter. Please **click here to visit the survey and feedback site** today!

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