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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## VISION

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



WASHINGTON, DC CHAPTER

**Thank you September Luncheon Speaker!**

**Mr. Mark Reger**

**Office of Management and Budget**

**Deputy Controller**

## **October Luncheon Speaker**



**STEPHEN C. GOSS**

Chief Actuary

Social Security Administration

## President's Message



I am delighted to welcome you to the 67th year of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Washington, DC Chapter's commitment to advancing government accountability and service to the members and the profession.

My goal for the DC Chapter is to actively engage and collaborate with our members, sponsors, industry leaders, and wider governmental financial community. These are exciting times for the Washington, DC Chapter as we continue to offer opportunities to engage with your colleagues in the profession.

Our Chapter Board of Directors and Committees have developed dynamic program offerings to engage our members throughout the program year. As you participate in these exciting programs, please remember these programs are made possible by the generous support of our sponsors and volunteers.

This year we will offer numerous activities and programs to promote collaboration and networking for our members. We start the program year with the annual picnic with AGA Chapters from the Washington DC region and culminate with the annual Awards Gala at a new and exciting DC location.

Throughout the year the AGA Washington DC Chapter is committed to providing cost-effective education and training. We strive to add value with cost effective learning opportunities including our signature monthly luncheon programs, premier two-day financial management training, free webinars/audio conferences, Certified Government Financial Management (CGFM) courses, and mentoring programs.

By popular demand, we will continue our tradition of supporting community service programs to provide opportunities for our members to "pay it forward" to the Washington DC community.

The AGA DC leadership team has worked tirelessly to develop activities throughout the year and is committed to serving the needs of our members.

I am honored to serve as the AGA Washington DC Chapter President and want to encourage you to not only take advantage of the myriad of opportunities to learn from industry thought-leaders and grow professionally and personally, but also to promote the AGA to your colleagues who have not yet discovered the benefits of membership, using your personal experiences as an example. I look forward to participating with you at our program events.

Sincerely,

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Salim R. Mawani, CGFM  
President - AGA Washington DC Chapter

Mahatma Gandhi

## September Luncheon Highlights!

Thank you to all AGA members for attending the September luncheon! A special thank you to our September speaker Mark Reger, Deputy Controller, Office of Management and Budget.

Additionally, at the luncheon the Community Service Committee raised \$749 for Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) and received a matching donation from AGA National Office for total of \$1,498! Thanks to all members for their donation.

We look forward to seeing you at our next luncheon!



## Get to Know October Luncheon Speaker!



**STEPHEN C. GOSS**  
**Chief Actuary,**  
**Social Security Administration**

Steve Goss has been Chief Actuary at the Social Security Administration since 2001.

Mr. Goss joined the Office of the Chief Actuary in 1973 after graduating from the University of Virginia with a Master's Degree in Mathematics. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1971 with a Bachelor's degree majoring in mathematics and economics. He has worked in areas related to health insurance and long-term-care insurance as well as pension, disability, and survivor protection.

Mr. Goss is a member of the Society of Actuaries, the American Academy of Actuaries, the National Academy of Social Insurance, the Social Insurance Committee of the American Academy of Actuaries, and the Social Security Retirement and Disability Income Committee of the Society of Actuaries.

## Look Ahead: Get to Know December Luncheon Speaker!



**Teresa (Terri) McKay**  
**Director,**  
**Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS)**

Teresa (Terri) McKay was sworn in as the Director of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) on September 15, 2008.

Mrs. McKay leads the day-to-day accounting and finance activities of the Department of Defense (DoD). Each year, the agency disburses over \$579 billion by processing 161.8 million pay transactions for 6.6 million military personnel, federal civilian employees, military retirees and annuitants; 10.3 million commercial invoices; and 6 million travel vouchers and settlements.

Mrs. McKay has served in a variety of previous assignments providing her a strong foundation for her current role. Mrs. McKay served as the DFAS Principal Deputy Director from August 2006 until she became the agency's director. While a military spouse, she was also a DFAS customer serving with the Defense Commissary Agency. In addition, Mrs. McKay was a DFAS employee in Columbus, Ohio and Arlington, Virginia, as well as a policymaker for DoD while serving as the Defense Department's Deputy Chief Financial Officer, the principal advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer for accounting and finance matters.

A Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Government Financial Manager and a Certified Management Accountant, Mrs. McKay earned her bachelor's degree from Ferris State University and her master's degree in business administration from Auburn University at Montgomery.

## Washington DC Chapter earns National Recognition at AGA 2017 Professional Development Training!

Each year, the AGA recognizes financial management professional and chapters whose visionary leadership, outstanding accomplishments, and exceptional service have significantly advanced our profession, strengthened our Association and improved our community. This year, on behalf of the AGA National Awards Committee, members of the Washington DC Chapter have been selected as recipients of three Professional Development and Training (PDT) awards of distinction. The recipients of the awards are:



- **2017 Educator Award Recipient: R. Scott Bell**

This award is devoted to enhancing the public's awareness of and interest in the financial position and condition of the federal government. His work on the annual Citizen's Guide Financial Report of the United States Government and related outreach efforts have yielded a more-informed public about the government's complex finances.

- **2017 Chapter CGFM Award Recipients: Robbie Jordon and Wendy Allen**

This award recognizes AGA chapters that did an outstanding job promoting the CGFM program to members, government financial management professionals and their communities. October through December, the chapter's CGFMs grew by 15 members. The CGFM committee uses newsletters, emails and other resources to spread the word about the many benefits and training opportunities available, and continues to explore innovative methods to expand awareness of CGFM.

- **2017 Chapter Community Service Award Recipients: Christine Bang and Sakina Washington**

This award recognizes chapters that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to community service. The chapter carefully selects local non-profit organizations, and organize a variety of events to involve members in making a difference in the community. Awareness of AGA is increased locally, and the charitable organizations appreciate members' contributions and time.

- **2017 AGA Author Award Recipients: Wendy Morton-Huddleston and Calandra Layne**

Both Wendy and Calandra have been selected as the recipients of AGA's 2017 Author Award for their article, *"March On! Sustaining Improper Payments Prevention Programs"* published in the winter 2016–17 issue of the Journal of Government Financial Management (Journal).

## Save the Date!

### 17th Annual Federal Financial Management Training

Don't miss out on this opportunity to hear firsthand from our government leaders on the latest financial management developments. This annual training offered by the DC Chapter will give you 16 hours of valuable NASBA CPE credits.

**When:**

April 11th and 12th, 2018  
(Networking Reception evening of April 11th)

**Where:**

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

### 2018 Year Luncheon Speaker Schedule

Luncheon Date	Speaker	Title	Organization
10/24/2017	Stephen Goss	Chief Actuary	Social Security Administration (SSA)
12/6/2017	Terri McKay	Director	DoD Defense Finance and Accounting Service
1/24/2018	Tony Scardino	Deputy Director (Acting) and Deputy Under Secretary for Intellectual Property	U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
2/20/2018	Ann Ebbert	CEO	Association of Government Accountants
3/21/2018	Craig Bennett	Deputy Chief Financial Officer	U.S. Coast Guard
4/24/2018	Wendy Payne	Executive Director	Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board
5/16/2018	Jose Arrieta	Director	Office of IT 70 Schedule Contract Operations

### 2017 AGA DC Audio Training Schedule

The AGA DC Chapter will host the following National audio trainings throughout this program year at the Ford House Office Building, 441 2nd Street SW, 3rd Floor, Room #H2-396, Washington, DC 20515 - Across from the Federal Center, SW Metro Station. Registration links will be distributed to members the week before each training.

**Cost:**

There is no charge for AGA members in good standing for these events and attendees will earn two (2) CPE credit hours.

**When:**

Oct. 11th - Auditing Relevance  
Nov. 15th - Spotting Fraud  
Dec. 6th - Best Practices for Auditing  
Jan. 10th - Grants Management  
Feb. 7th - GASB Update



## Apply to the 2018 Collegiate Leadership Program!

The AGA annually selects 10 full-time undergraduate students to attend AGA's National Leadership Training (NLT) in February. The participants in this program will have an onsite mentor to guide them around the NLT event, attend NLT sessions, earn CPE credits, and receive a complimentary AGA e-membership for one year.

**Applications for NLT 2018 in Washington D.C., are due November 10, 2017.**

### **4 Reasons to Apply:**

#### **1) Learn from experts with real-world leadership experience in government and business**

Includes top-notch speakers from federal, state, local, academia and private sector bringing you key findings and educational experiences to augment your job knowledge and skills.

#### **2) Network with leaders who are passionate about public service and advancing government accountability**

AGA's NLT is the place to connect with a variety of government financial experts and industry colleagues from around the nation.

#### **3) Hear from young professionals who have made public service their career choice**

Learn why you should consider a career in public service.

#### **4) Meet and connect with potential employers (corporate and government)**

*"Mentorship, Network and Leadership, are one-of-a-kind opportunities that are not always available cohesively in one place. However, AGA provided these opportunities to me at the National Leadership Training (NLT), which has significantly contributed to my professional development."*

—Charles Moka, DC Chapter (2016 NLT Scholarship Recipient and current Social Media Committee Member)

**For additional scholarship details visit:**

**<https://www.agacgfm.org/AGA/About/NCLP-application-2018-fillable.pdf>**

**To learn more about the NLT, visit:**

**<https://www.agacgfm.org/NLT2018.aspx>**

## Call for National Leadership Training Awards Nominations!

Recognize and nominate well-deserving professionals in all three levels of government and the private sector who have made outstanding contributions to the financial management, auditing, or budget fields! These awards will be presented at AGA's 2018 National Leadership Training on February 27-28, 2018 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC.

We are taking now taking nominations for the 2018 National Leadership Training. Nominees do not have to be AGA members.

### Federal Leadership Awards:

- Distinguished Federal Leadership Award
- Elmer Staats Award

### State and Local Leadership Awards

- Distinguished Local Government Leadership Award
- Excellence in Government Leadership Award
- William R. Snodgrass Distinguished Leadership Award

### Public Sector Leadership Awards

- Andy Barr Award
- Private Sector Financial Excellence Award

For detailed award eligibility and evaluation criteria, visit our National Leadership Training Awards page here: [https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/WashingtonDC/Our-Chapter/Chapter-News/National-Leadership-Training-\(NLT\)-Awards.aspx](https://www.agacgfm.org/Chapters/WashingtonDC/Our-Chapter/Chapter-News/National-Leadership-Training-(NLT)-Awards.aspx)

Submit your nominations today at: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3833940/AGA-DC-Chapter-National-Awards-Nominations-2018>

Questions can be directed to **Myriam Galvan-Zambrana** at [myriam.galvan-zambrana@us.gt.com](mailto:myriam.galvan-zambrana@us.gt.com) or **Thomas Chin** at [t.chin@cncsoig.gov](mailto:t.chin@cncsoig.gov).

## Update from CGFM Committee!



Have you checked-off what you need to do to reach your CGFM goal?

Are you aware of all of the National and Chapter level resources available to assist you in meeting your goal?

Your Chapter CGFM committee is your local resource for information on requirements, available study and classroom opportunities, advice and general certification information. Another great resource is the National AGA website.

Have you visited the CGFM Certification Directory on the AGA national website? If not, make sure to check it out at <https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/About-CGFM.aspx>.

You will find a wealth of valuable information that will help you along your path to attaining certification. Just some of the topics you will find covered on the website are: Learn about becoming a CGFM, Learn about maintaining CGFM and Learn about hiring a CGFM.

### **\*\*CGFM Training Opportunity Alert\*\***

In pursuit of your CGFM? Need help preparing? Consider the AGA's CGFM Intensive Review Course (IRC) it is a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor and complete your CGFM! The next IRC, offering up to 18 CPEs, will be held in Alexandria, Va., Nov. 9-10, 2017. The class will run 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. both days. The cost of the course for qualified participants is as follows: \$375 for AGA members and \$425 for non-AGA members.

**SPECIAL BONUS:** The CGFM examinations are offered at no additional cost to course attendees — a \$375 savings!

For more information go to the following link:

[https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Candidates/Preparing-for-Exams/CGFM-Intensive-Review-Course-Exams.aspx?utm\\_source=Informz&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=AGA+Communications](https://www.agacgfm.org/CGFM-Certification/Candidates/Preparing-for-Exams/CGFM-Intensive-Review-Course-Exams.aspx?utm_source=Informz&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=AGA+Communications)

As always, if you have questions about the CGFM Program, please feel free to contact Wendy Allen, Director at [wjallen@kpmg.com](mailto:wjallen@kpmg.com).

## Tri-Chapter Annual Picnic!

**Thank you to all DC, NOVA, & M/PG County  
AGA members, family and friends who attended!**



## Congratulations to new CGFs!



- **Mr. Ian Hermann, CGFM**
- **Mr. Anthony C. Ortiz, CGFM, CICA**
- **Mrs. Catherine E.S. Kuhlmeier, CGFM**
- **Mr. Dennis Jay Hoffman, CGFM**
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- **Ms. Kimberly J. Carroll, CGFM**
- **Ms. Eileen M. Eley, CGFM**
- **Mr. John T. OConnor, CGFM**



## Inside the Black Box

by Simcha Kuritzsky, CGFM, CPA

### The New Budget and Accrual Reconciliation Report

One of the most confusing external reports is the Statement of Financing (SoF or Note 42), which FASAB plans to replace with the New Budget and Accrual Reconciliation Report (NBAR) for FY2018 reporting. While the SoF starts with Total Obligations and derives Net Cost of Operations, NBAR will start with Net Cost of Operations and derive Net Outlays.

Both reports tie budgetary and accrual-based results together by highlighting the differences in how spending is defined. Some costs, like depreciation, do not show up in the budget, and some budget spending, like asset purchases, are not a cost. The choice of Net Outlays versus Total Obligations is due to the emphasis on the budget deficit, which is based on outlays. It is also likely that the average citizen understands cash transactions better than changes in obligations.

Since Net Outlays includes 480200 obligations prepaid, associated with 141000 advances and not expenses, the net change in prepayments will represent a difference with Net Cost. Similarly, 422200 customer orders with advance affects net outlays but is associated with a liability. As mentioned earlier, some activity in 490200 paid expenditures will be associated with assets purchased, so 880100 purchases of assets can be used to reconcile Net Outlays and Net Cost.

All accruals will represent a difference between Net Cost and Net Outlays. Some have their own special SGL account, such as 671000 depreciation and 680000 Future Funded Expenses. However, the most common expense account, 610000, can be posted even if the disbursement has yet to take place, so changes in the balance of 490100 unpaid delivered orders should represent most of that difference. Because the SoF starts with obligations, undelivered orders had to be netted out, whereas NBAR, which starts with net outlays, is only concerned with undelivered orders that have advances.

The details for NBAR have not yet been disclosed. Agencies which have cross-walked their transactions to the SoF should consider updating it to meet the new requirements of NBAR early so any changes in their posting model or tracking transactions can be implemented at the beginning of FY2018.

Comments and critiques, as well as specific questions or suggestions for future topics, are always welcome. Send them to [Simcha.Kuritzky@CGI.com](mailto:Simcha.Kuritzky@CGI.com), and not to the AGA.

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## Contact Us

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

The most direct way to get your question answered is to send an email to the AGA DC Board Member via [agadc.org](http://agadc.org). Check out the Officers and Directors for their contact information. For example, if you have a question about the AGA DC monthly luncheon, contact Eric Schaefer at [eschaefer05@yahoo.com](mailto:eschaefer05@yahoo.com).

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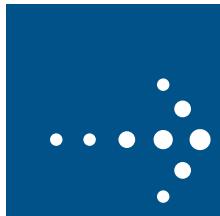
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