



AGA Newsletter

Charleston, WV Chapter

January/February 2015

Upcoming Events:

March 18, 2015:

“OASIS Update” with
Eric Wagner 1CPE
11:45-12:45PM
Fifth Quarter

April 15, 2015:

“Performance Mgt”
Web Conference 2CPE
2:00-4:00PM
DHHR Diamond Bldg

April 29, 2015:

“Fraud Prevention”
Web Conference 2CPE
2:00-4:00PM
DHHR Diamond Bldg

May 2, 2015:

Susan G Komen
5K Run/walk 9:00 AM
Capital Complex

May 13, 2015:

“Ethics”
Web Conference 2CPE
2:00-4:00PM
DHHR Diamond Bldg

May 20, 2015:

“FARS” with Jane Shinn
11:45-12:45PM
Fifth Quarter

To Be Announced:

Annual AGA Spring
Training Event

President’s Letter

Dear Members:

Welcome to 2015! I hope the new year finds you doing well. I know the winter weather has been frustrating for us all and now that we are moving in to spring and warmer weather (hopefully) we can begin to focus on improving and growing our chapter. Please remember to renew your annual membership dues by March 31st and if you know of someone who may be interested in joining, please encourage them to do so. Remember, the chapter is only as strong as its members.

I want to thank those who attended the CGFM course the chapter held in December. We are currently discussing when the next course will be offered for those wishing to pursue their CGFM or who are just interested in obtaining CPE.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our next luncheon/CPE event on March 18th at Fifth Quarter. For this event, we will have Eric Wagner from WV OASIS providing us with an update on OASIS.

Here’s to a successful 2015! - Melissa



Time to Renew!

The deadline for AGA membership renewal is March 31, 2015. Members may renew online by visiting www.agacgfm.org and logging into their account. When you renew, please ensure your information such as email address & mailing address are current.

Vision:

AGA is the premier association for advancing government accountability.

Mission:

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

AGA Core Values:

Service

Accountability

Integrity

Leadership



Fraud Prevention ToolKit

Your AGA membership gives you online access to AGA’s various ToolKits including the Fraud Prevention ToolKit which provides current, state-of-the-art tools for federal, state, and local government financial managers to use in preventing and detecting fraud.

Did you know?

- The typical organization loses 5 percent of its annual revenue to fraud
- Governments are the second most frequent victims of fraud (after banking)
- The median duration of those fraud schemes that are discovered is 18 months.
- Nearly half of victim organizations do not recover any losses that they suffer due to fraud.

The toolkit contains posters, educational materials, PowerPoint presentations, and videos all to promote education on the subject. There are various summaries of types of fraud governments are likely to encounter, tools that can be used to help fight against fraud, links to a variety of resources, and so much more. AGA plans to expand this toolkit to cover grants management, subrecipient monitoring and various other topics that can help advance government accountability.



Quiz Corner

One way in which federal and state governments influence local governments is by

- A) providing block grants
- B) Issuing ordinances
- C) Authorizing debt
- D) Setting budget authority

Answer: A



If each chapter member who is a CGFM can please contact Cherie at Cherie.M.Peacock@wev.gov it would be appreciated!

REMINDER!!

We now accept credit cards for payment online for various luncheons and event registrations. Attendees will need to submit payment (plus fee) through www.paypal.com with email address Melissa.D.Mullins@wv.gov. An invoice may be created for each attendee if requested to simplify the payment process.



Spotlight—Member



Carma Clute

Job Title

WV Department of Health & Human Resources

AGA Member for 2 years

Birthdate: May 15

Current City: Cabin Creek, WV

Family: Married with a two year old little boy and a two month old little girl

High School: Sissonville High School

College: WV State University

Hobbies: Chasing around a two year old!

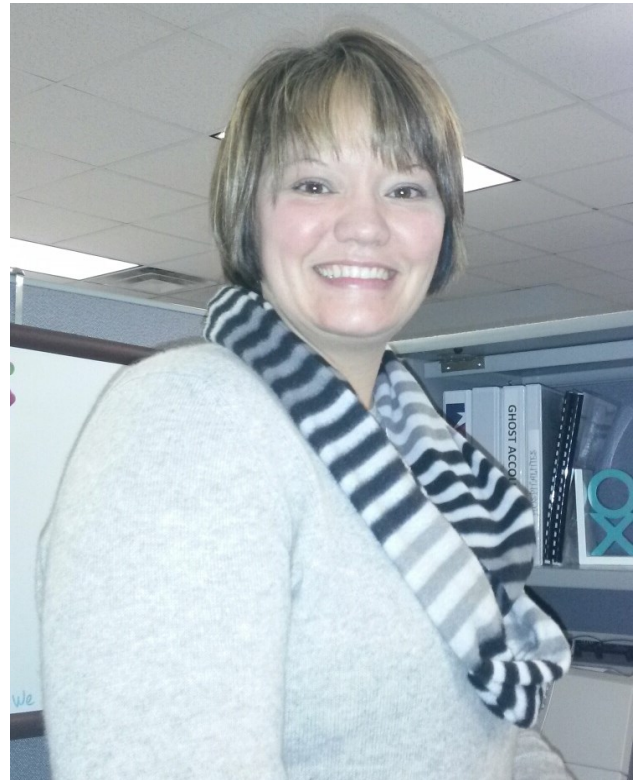
Job Duties: Reviewing budgets for Grant Awards to behavioral health centers across the state

What do you hope to gain from being a member of AGA: I hope to gain more knowledge and stay up to date on current Governmental Accounting topics

What committees have you served on or been a chairperson for since being a member of AGA:

Congratulations!

Please join us in congratulating our Charleston WV AGA Chapter President, Melissa Mullins, on her recent passing of all three CGFM (Certified Government Financial Manager) courses to earn her CGFM certification. CGFM is a professional certification recognizing the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. It covers governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels. To earn the CGFM, candidates must apply for the CGFM Program and meet requirements on ethics, education, examinations, and experience.



Congratulations!

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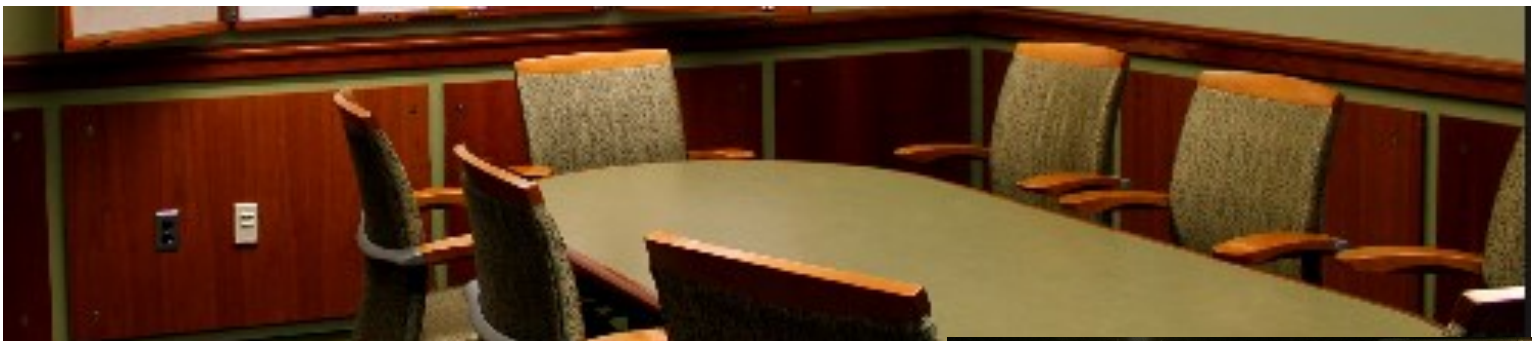
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Certificate of Achievement in Member-Centric Reporting

Pictured to the right is Marie Long, CPA presenting Charleston WV AGA with the awarded certificate of achievement in Member-Centric Reporting. AGA offers a certificate for entities that prepare and distribute high-quality Citizen-Centric Reports (CCRs).



What's Next for Charleston AGA?

- **Increase the number of CGFM certified chapter members.** We are actively trying to increase awareness of the benefits of the CGFM certification and the availability of chapter resources available. Our chapter now sponsors a “lending library” with CGFM study guides available for members to borrow at no charge. We are also looking into other advancement incentives.
- **Community Support.** Our chapter intends to continue chapter sponsored community service events. We look forward to diversifying our support and increasing our support opportunities.



Upcoming National AGA Events

Two-day course with CGFM examinations included offers up to 18 CPE hours and is a great opportunity to review the course material with a knowledgeable instructor.



CGFM Intensive Review Course
February 23, 2015 - February 24, 2015
Washington, D.C.



2015 CFO-CIO Summit
May 1, 2015
Washington, DC

Educational event regarding policies and management issues that impact CFOs and CIOs and how they are working together to improve efficiency and transparency, reduce risk and strengthen their workforce.

Two-day summit promises gathering of practitioners who are leading the way in budget & performance management within federal, state, & local governments with an exchange of practical and hands on learning about budget formulation to performance outcomes, improving performance, and much more. This training offers up to 14 hours of CPE.



Government Performance Summit
May 4-5, 2015
Washington, DC



Professional Development Training
July 12, 2015 - July 15, 2015
Gaylord Opryland, Nashville, TN

Four-day training, offering up to 24CPE hours, brings together federal, state, and local government officials with top-notch speakers bringing key findings and educational experiences. An exhibit hall will allow one to familiarize themselves with the latest equipment, technologies, products, and services in the profession.

Recent Events

- December 8-9, 2014:** CGFM Course 3 Governmental Financial Management and Control for 16CPE focused on various aspects of cash management, internal controls, analysis, performance measurement, auditing, and much more
- December 10, 2014:** Charleston AGA sponsored a 2-Hour CPE web conference “How do you spell success? E-T-H-I-C-S” focused on Ethics
- January 21, 2015:** Charleston AGA sponsored a 1-Hour CPE luncheon on WV Ethics Laws presented by Meridith O. Johnstone, Deputy General Counsel from the WV Ethics Commission
- February 18, 2015:** Charleston AGA sponsored a 2-Hour CPE web conference on “Fraud Prevention”