

AGA Southern Arizona Chapter Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2014  
Pima Community College  
Tucson, Arizona  
11:30 – 1:00 pm

**Speaker:** Laura Ward, CIA, CCSA, CGAP, CRMA, Vantage West Credit Union

**Topic:** Leadership and Wellbeing

**Attendees:** 33 in total (see attachment A for details).

The meeting was opened by Jose Martens, FY 2014 Chapter President, with some announcements. He said this meeting is the last meeting of the fiscal year 2014 and our board will be meeting this summer to start planning for the new fiscal year. Our next meeting will be in September 2014. The Chapter's new President is Carol Beltran and President-Elect is Bill D'Ellias.

Jose also expressed his honor and pleasure to serve as the chapter's president. He thanked all members for supporting his term and the chapter's activities.

Jose Martens introduced our guest speaker Laura Ward, CIA, CCSA, CGAP, CRMA from Vantage West Credit Union.

Laura Ward is the Director of Internal Audit at Vantage West Credit Union. Laura has over 23 years of industry experience in the United States and Canada, with an emphasis in establishing and enhancing Internal Audit Programs.

Laura is a Distinguished Faculty Facilitator for the Institute of Internal Auditors, facilitating national seminars for over 10 years, including Leadership Skills for Internal Auditors, Enhanced Communication for Auditors, Operational Auditing and Implementing Quality Assurance Reviews. She is a presenter at the AICPA National Conference for Credit Unions (2013, 2014) and periodically guest lectures on internal audit concepts at the Eller College of Management at the University of Arizona.

Laura Ward came to our chapter about 3 years ago with a presentation on motivation. This time she will be talking about what makes life worthwhile and what makes a true leader.

Laura gave a definition of leadership as a compassionate lens; cultivating our strengths ... leading us to inspired action. There are formal and informal leaders. Sometimes informal leaders have more impact and influence on the life of others than formal leaders. Laura also encouraged each member to step up and try to do one thing that can make a change to other people's life.

In regard to what makes life worthwhile, she introduced the Gallup research which conducted a global study in more than 150 countries to explore the common elements of wellbeing that transcended countries and cultures. Five Essential Elements are:

1. Career Wellbeing
2. Social Wellbeing

3. Financial Wellbeing
4. Physical Wellbeing
5. Community Wellbeing

The meeting participants did exercises on the five elements of wellbeing to see where they are and what areas should be improved or focused.

For details of Laura Ward's presentation please visit AGA Southern Arizona Chapter website at [CPE - AGA Southern AZ](#)

Jose Martens thanked Laura for her wonderful and inspired speech. The CPE certificate has been provided at the end of the meeting. Our next meeting will be in September 2014 after summer break.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm

### **The Board meeting was held following the Chapter's meeting**

Attendees: 7 Board members

Board members have discussed and agreed upon the following items:

- April Financial Statements were good and approved by board members
- April meeting minutes were very detailed and approved by board members
- AGA – Shirt Logo: This is still a pending item and will be followed up next year by new board
- Status of the membership scholarship: Shelly is working on it
- Meeting room has been booked by Terri in May
- Next year's ~~guess-guest~~ speakers: Jose is working on it and will send a survey to find out what topics members are interested in
- Insurance policy: Jose received the insurance renewal policy. The coverage and fee (i.e.\$575) did not change from previous policy
- National PDT in Orlando, Florida will be from July 13 – 16, 2014. There are two hotel Scholarships that covers room and tax. Please let board members know if there is anyone who is interested
- Board members will be meeting during summer time to lay out plans for next year

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AGA Southern Arizona Chapter Secretary

*Note: See attachment A on the next page*

**Attachment A: Chapter's Meeting Attendees**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Assini	Jacki	University of Arizona
Beltran	Carol	University of Arizona
Brown	Susan	Pima county
Do	Hanh	University of Arizona
Dominguez	Graciela	PCC
Dommer	Keith	State of AZ
Dubisa	Reyna	University of Arizona
Duenas	Sulvia	PCC
Duling	Kari	University of Arizona
Good	Casey	HeinfeldMeech
Graves	Ryan	University of Arizona
Groover	Diane	PCC
Gurton	Janet	University of Arizona
Kais	Shelly	Kais E Systems
Lauver	Stacy	PCC
Lawerence	Jennifer	University of Arizona
Madero	Leonel	University of Arizona
Martens	Jose	CLA
Mata	Prisila	University of Arizona
Mcgurk	Mark	University of Arizona
Moldenhauer	Marlene	University of Arizona
Moroz	Kathi	University of Arizona
Omilus	Orianna	University of Arizona
Otega	Sarah	University of Arizona
Pinnington	Michiko P	Vantage West
Pulusi	Melinda	University of Arizona
Somani	Sneha	University of Arizona
Tenger	Derek	University of Arizona
Valdez	Johanna	University of Arizona
Vemulepalli	Melissa	University of Arizona
Vorhozer	Terri	University of Arizona
Ward	Laura	Vantage West
Woodrich	Dennis	City of Tucson