

AGA Southern Arizona Chapter

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Speaker: Ann Ebberts, AGA Chief Executive Officer

Topic: Issues and Challenges in Government Accountability

Ann Ebberts is the current AGA Chief Executive Officer for the National AGA. She has been a member of AGA for 17 years; and started out as a programmer for the Naval Intelligence Command in Washington DC and has experiences, financial systems oversight development and acquisition. Her experience from developing business relationships gave her insight on state and local governments. She saw problems as opportunities for change.

She introduced the topics:

Transparency Driven by Legislation
State Transparency
Improving Public Understanding of Government
Human Capital

Ann discussed the old system problems and the need for funds to retain human capital. In 2006 FFAT Act established **USASpending.gov** to publish data for contracts, grants and help the public understand transparency in government accounting.

The DATA Act passed in 2014- addresses transparency, internal management and standard levels for data management. The OMB (Section 5- Pilot Requirements) will get participation from Federal agencies to recommend standardized reporting across federal government. Ann discussed the data uses, FFR and reports that help the public understand government.

State Governments: some states use CCR reports, Arizona is a B Advancing state using public disclosure websites openbooks.az.gov to help improve public understanding of government accountability.

Human Capital – Pending silver Tsunami

More than 120 executives representing all levels of government will discuss the human capital lifecycle address hiring, training, retaining and retiring government employees.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.