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## **2016 - 2017 YEAR-END REVIEW**

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### **Chapter Year 2016-2017 Was A Very Successful Year for the Chicago Chapter**

**Thank you to our members and the Chapter Executive Committee for a great Chapter year!**

**Our Chapter provided 27 hours of continuing professional education. All of the educational events were highly rated based on the feedback and evaluations we received. The Professional Development Training program in May 2017 was the highlight of the year attracting great speakers and 71 attendees. Southern Illinois University served as a sponsor to the event reflecting the Chapter's commitment to fostering a public-private-university partnership. The Chapter maintained its accreditation as a CPE sponsor by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy. We also gave back to the community through a food drive, volunteering at a senior citizens center, and participating in the Center for Economic Progress and VITA tax preparation assistance programs. Our members participated in the National Professional Development Training and the Sectional Leadership Meeting.**

**To foster our relationships with future accounting professionals and potential Early Career Members, we awarded a Chapter Scholarship to a local college student. In addition, the Chapter staffed an exhibition table at the Institute of Internal Auditors' Chicagoland Fraud Conference in Hoffman Estates, IL.**

**The Chicago Chapter's efforts culminated with achieving **Platinum Status** in AGA's Chapter Recognition Program and earning a 2017 Chapter Education Award from AGA.**

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Chicago Chapter was awarded Platinum status in AGA's Chapter Recognition Program. Platinum is the highest level a chapter can obtain.
- The Chapter was selected as a recipient of AGA's 2017 Chapter Education Award.
- Offered educational events that provided 27 hours of continuing professional education.
- Maintained accreditation as a CPE sponsor from the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy.
- Sent two Chapter Executive Committee members to the Sectional Leadership Meeting in Baltimore, MD.
- Sponsored three Chapter members who attended the 2017 National PDT in Boston, MA.
- Maintained Chapter social media accounts on Facebook and LinkedIn.
- Provided study guides to members interested in pursuing the CGFM certification.
- Awarded the Excellence in Accounting or Finance scholarship to a local college student.
- Collected and donated food items and cash through a food drive.
- Participated in the VITA and Center for Economic Progress tax preparation assistance programs.
- Volunteered at a senior citizens center.
- CEC members represented the Chapter at the 2017 Northwest Chicago IIA Fraud Conference in Hoffman Estates, IL.



**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**



Topic	Speaker(s)
Fall into Training - joint event with IIA GAC: IGS' Role in Assisting Management Transition to the New ERM Framework; GASB Update; Shaping Legislation via Financial Process Improvement and Risk Mitigation; Global Cyber Issues; Risk Management; and Critical Thinking & Listening Skills for Auditors.	The Honorable David A. Montoya-Inspector General-HUD; Michael Malatt, CPA, Senior Manager-Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP; Kasthuri Henry, PhD, MBA, CTP, Six Sigma Black Belt, President-Kas Henry Inc.; Steven H. Shapiro, JD, Partner-Krasnow Saunders Kaplan & Beninati LLP; Hugh Smith, CFE, CGFM, Practice Lead, Brook Weiner LLC; James Dahlquist, MPA, Senior Training Manager-Office of the Illinois Auditor General
Ethics in the Workplace (AGA webinar)	Leon Young, Consultant and Educator, Leon Young Seminars
Office of Foreign Missions, an Overview	Garry Pierrot, Associate Regional Director for Client Relations, U.S. Department of State
Fraud Indicators & Risk Assessments (AGA webinar)	Kenneth Frederick, Senior Investigator, Special IG for Afghanistan Reconstruction; J. T. Littlejohn, Asst. Auditor General for Navy Internal Control and Fraud Audits; Art Scott, Asst. Auditor General for Navy Research, Development & Acquisition Audits
Uniform Guidance: Doing Things Differently (AGA webinar)	Jeffrey Johnson, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grants, HHS; Merril Oliver, Director, Maryland Governor's Grants Office; James Taylor, Managing Director, Global Public Sector, Grant Thornton LLP
Maximizing Existing Funds (AGA webinar)	Cindy Arenberg Seltzer, President/CEO, Children's Svcs. Council of Broward County, FL; Jose Esquibel, Director, Office of Community Engagement, CO Department of Law; Mike Oskinski, Director, Performance Partnership Staff, Office of the Administrator, EPA
AGA Chicago Chapter PDT Who Are You Becoming as a Leader; Solving our Fiscal Problems – A Case Study; Preparing the Next Generation Govt. Finance Leaders; Leadership Through Fraud Prevention: IRS Case Study; Education as Foundation for Our Shared Prosperity; Pension Round Table; Accountability and State Fiscal Stewardship; and Fiscal State of the State.	Jonathan Fanning-Leadership Development Expert; Chief Michael Spain-Bensenville Fire Protection District; Morgan Nichols-Managing Partner, Torrey & Gray; Theresa McGill-Senior Stakeholder Liaison-IRS; Randy Dunn, Ed.D., M.S., B.S., President, Southern Illinois University System; Dr. Kasthuri Henry PhD, MBA, CTP, Six Sigma Black Belt, President-Kas Henry Inc.; Ralph Martire, J.D., B.A., Executive Director-CTBA; Sheila Weinberg, CPA, Founder and CEO-Truth in Accounting

## CHAPTER AWARDS

### AGA 2017 CHAPTER EDUCATION AWARD (Chicago Chapter)

*This special honor recognizes AGA chapters that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to providing educational programs to their members and other accountability professionals.*



### 2017 CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD (Matthew Matczynski – Chicago Chapter)

*This honor recognizes individuals who have consistently made important contributions to the development and enhancement of an AGA chapter.*



## 2016-2017 AGA CHICAGO CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NAME	POSITION
Dr. Kasthuri Henry	President/Program Director/Early Careers Director
Eddie Jones	President-Elect
Hugh Smith	Immediate Past President
Crystal Currier	Secretary
Thomas Dilisio	Treasurer
Adriane McCoy	Membership Director
Matthew Matczynski	Meetings Director
Cynthia "CJ" Carter	Sponsorship Director/Asst. Program Director
Della Hernandez	Social Media Director/Community Service Director/Newsletter Editor
Tiffany McCoy	Website Administrator and Historian
Raul Nieto	CGFM Director
Frank Moy	Education Director
Rick Urbanowski	Chapter Recognition Director
Chanel Castaneda	Awards Director
Saundra Woods	Accountability Director
Sophia Patsios	Asst. Meetings Director



**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

Greeting and Welcome to the Chicago Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants! It is my honor to serve as the Chapter President for the 2017-18 year, a time when public trust, accountability, and transparency is of the highest priority at the Federal, State, and local levels. While the Chapter just completed its most successful year providing exemplary educational opportunities to its members and community, I want to recognize Dr. Henry, our past President, Matthew Matczynski, our Meetings Director, and Cynthia Carter, our Program Director for the outstanding job they did last year in achieving "Platinum" status among all AGA chapters. While this will be a tough act to follow, I intend to continue in their steps and the AGA mission of providing exemplary educational opportunities to members, collaborating with other related mission focused institutions to further our needs of our members and to grow our membership in the Chicagoland area. I look forward to seeing all of you this year during our luncheon webinars, live training, or at the 2018 Professional Development conference in May 2018. Please visit our website to learn more about upcoming events and to join us.

Sincerely,

AGA Chapter President 2017-2018