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President's Message

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Greeting Members!

The seasons have changed and Spring has found us once again. Our Chapter had a very active holiday season filled with a multitude of gatherings and charitable events. Looking forward, the calendar is filled with more opportunities for growth, service and friendship over the next few months.

One of the most important things our Chapter can offer to our members is opportunity for learning and personal development. Every month, we hold a luncheon (sometimes in conjunction with ASMC) as a way to provide training and networking opportunities for our members. Each luncheon features a speaker and the speakers we have had over the past few months have been outstanding! This year's speakers have included: Mrs. Teresa McKay, Director of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Bill Kubistal, senior accountant at Kearney and Company, and Judge David Certo, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Marion County, Indiana.

If you attended any of these events, thank you! I'm sure you would join me in saying these speakers have been dynamic, engaging, and insightful. If you haven't attended in a while, now is the time to take advantage of these fabulous opportunities. On April 20th, we have another great speaker lined up: Mr. Alan W. Dowd, a Senior Fellow at the Sagamore Institute. I could really use everyone's help by reaching out and inviting some of our members that you have not seen recently or by asking potential members to join you at an AGA event. Please help me in getting the word out about these fantastic AGA events!

In addition to hosting a monthly luncheon, we also host the AGA Audio Conferences. These conferences are free for AGA members and provide NASBA certified CPEs that can be applied towards certification requirements, including FM Certification.

March is "CGFM Month"! During the month of March, the CGFM application cost for members is reduced to \$35. Also I'm excited to say that we have set up a CGFM training class at DFAS Indianapolis for April 26-28 and May 1-3. For more information on that class, please contact our CGFM Chair.

Other important benefits AGA membership offers are social and charitable events aimed at bringing us together to enjoy one another's company and improve our community. Over the past few months we have:

- Gone ice skating
- Shared a snack break
- Met for appetizers at a networking event
- Assembled Easter baskets with the Children's Bureau
- Encouraged one another while participating in the DFAS Biggest Loser contest

We have also signed Valentine's Day cards for soldiers and have collected care-package items for the National Guard.

Over the next few months, we have lots of exciting thing planned for our group!

In April, we will host a round-table event to discuss "Career Stories." We also have a team registered for the Susan J Komen Race for the Cure and will be supporting the Wheeler Mission during their Easter Food Drive.

During the month of May, we will host the Spring PDC, participate in the Indianapolis Mutt Strut and host a Breakfast Recruiting Event.

I want to thank you for your dedication to the Indianapolis AGA Chapter. Without your time and effort, we would not be able to offer the opportunities and events that we do. This organization is successful because of it's members. Please continue to bring your co-workers, peers and friends to AGA events and encourage them to join our group. Also, feel free to suggest events and ways our Chapter can enrich your membership – we strive to continuously improve.

Enjoy the weather, and see you at the next event!

Tony Hullinger
President
AGA, Indianapolis Chapter



PS: Don't forget to turn in your AGA Incentive Points!



Questions about Sponsorship?

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We currently have four sponsorship echelons ranging from Bronze to Platinum, each with increasing support levels and engagement opportunities. All Sponsors receive advertising space on our website and in our Chapter Newsletter which publishes four editions per year, with distribution to over 200 members.

Several other benefits are offered depending on your giving level, including complimentary access to our Holiday Party, Awards Banquet, & monthly luncheons for employees from your company. Speak with an AGA Corporate Sponsorship representative for more details.

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Newsletter News

Greetings from your Newsletter Crew! Below are the publication dates for upcoming editions of the AGA Newsletter. If you have article ideas or information you would like included in the Newsletter, please let us know.

Quarterly Newsletter—Publication in mid-June,
submission deadline June, 1, 2017



Contact us!

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Awards and Recognition

Have you or any of your fellow AGA members received awards or recognition that you would like included in the Newsletter? Let the Newsletter Team know and we will be happy to post that information here!!

**Indianapolis AGA Chapter Status:
PLATINUM**



Accumulating & Maintaining Fiscal Savings from Theory to Practice

By: Theodore Arapis, Ph.D.; and Vincent Reitano, MPA
Published in the Spring 2017 Edition of the Journal of Government Financial Management

Cities and counties exist to provide public services, many of which require continuous provision. Even in periods of severe economic instability such as the Great Recession, local governments are obligated to keep services including public safety, fire protection and public utilities operational. These expectations for uninterrupted service compel local governments to find methods that guarantee continued operations, preferably without changing tax and expenditure patterns.

To maintain service provision when fiscally stressed, many local governments build fiscal savings into their unassigned fund balance. Unlike other parts of the fund balance, the unassigned carries no restrictions, making it the most readily available resource against unforeseen events and economic uncertainty. Today, professional organizations including the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) encourage governments to establish such savings. In fact, since 2002, GFOA has officially recommended general-purpose governments maintain a minimum unassigned fund balance “of no less than 2 months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures.”¹ Governments, though, may further increase their fiscal savings based on local conditions and potential risks they face at any given time...

Read the rest of the article in the Winter 2016-17 AGA Journal of Government Financial Management - it is included with your AGA membership!

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Resources/Journal-of-Government-Financial-Management/Read-the-Latest-Issue.aspx>

Every month AGA hosts or co-hosts a luncheon focused on providing training and growth opportunities for members of the DFAS community. On March 16, 2017, AGA hosted the Honorable Judge David Certo as the guest speaker during their monthly luncheon. In addition to being charismatic and engaging, Judge Certo also delivered a message that resonated with many in the room: Compassion leads innovation.

Judge Certo's career has spanned multiple organizations and agencies in state and local government. He has worked as a fellow under Governor Evan Bayh, Director of the Indiana Board of Pharmacy and as a policy aide to Mayor Stephen Goldsmith. In addition, he has held leadership positions at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and Department of Natural Resources.

In 2007, he began his current path as a Jurist on the Marion County Supreme Court and later moved to the Indianapolis Community Court. There, he decided that his courtroom would view defendants as more than the charges brought before him. This change in thinking allowed him to use compassion to lead innovation.

Judge Certo found ways to provide basic resources and specialized care aimed at treating the root causes of crime in his court rather than simply handing down sentences. He identified two major groups of people he saw repeatedly in his courtroom: Veterans and those in extreme poverty. Then, he looked for novel solutions aimed at addressing the "why" rather than the "what" of their changes.

For veterans, Judge Certo modified the screening questionnaire for his courtroom to identify those with military service. He then ensured their court appearances were scheduled when a representative from the Department of Veterans Affairs was in the courthouse. He also established permanent office space for the Department of Veterans Affairs within the courthouse and created the Veterans Treatment Court. Both of these resources are geared specifically at ensuring that veteran defendants have specialized assistance in navigating the judicial system and receiving help with mental health, drug addiction and other issues that may bring them into the courtroom.

Helping those in extreme poverty involved creating a food pantry, first in a conference room and later in the former St. Patrick School building. This pantry, run by parish volunteers from St. Joan of Arc and funded by private



donations, addresses the fact that many in extreme poverty end up in the courtroom because of that poverty. As Judge Certo has said, "If you're a thief because you're hungry, you're not a thief. You're hungry."



While Judge Certo's presentation was relatable on a personal level – many in the audience are veterans and have or know someone who has experience extreme poverty – his stories also echoed the innovation process experienced at DFAS. Many of our implemented process improvements are a direct result of DFAS employees trying to find ways to treat our customer with compassion and respect.

If you want to help support Judge Certo's efforts, please donate to the following charities:

Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation: www.hvafofindiana.org **Volunteers of America:** www.voai.org

Homeless Initiative Program: www.indyhealthnet.org/homeless-initiative-program

Marine Corp League: www.indymarines.org

Article by: Cara Scott, Photos by: Desiree Garcia

Spring Brownies!

Recipe by: Cara Scott

FOR BROWNIES:

1 box strawberry cake mix (I use Duncan Hines)
2 eggs
1/3 cup oil

FOR GLAZE:

1 cup powdered sugar
1 -2 TB water or milk

FOR BROWNIES:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Line 8" square baking pan with parchment (and spray with Pam).

Mix strawberry cake mix, eggs, and oil with hand mixer until well combined.

Spread batter evenly into pan.

Bake for 15 minutes or until just set; be careful not to overcook.

Allow brownies to cool for 10 minutes; lift carefully from pan using ends of parchment to lift.

FOR GLAZE:

Mix powdered sugar and water until smooth. Add just enough water until thick but spreadable.

Pour glaze over brownies, spreading to edges so that glaze will drip down sides.

Allow brownies to cool and glaze to set before cutting into squares.

Strawberry Brownies



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DFAS Builds A Culture of Collaboration

By: Desiree Garcia

Recently, DFAS has been breathing new life into an old buzz-word: “Collaboration.” For years the agency has stressed the importance of Collaboration, but starting with the FY 17-21 DFAS Strategy it has now become an agency priority as it has been labeled a strategic initiative.

Led by Mrs. Edna Knight, Director of Enterprise Solutions and Standards and the outcome leader for the initiative, this project focuses on two things: establish a process for collaboration across organizational boundaries and help DFAS employees develop an instinctual reaction to collaborate FIRST when problem solving.

This new focus on Collaboration aims at halting the inefficiency and duplicative resource costs associated with multiple groups in the agency all trying to solve the same problem, instead of working together. Many times, one group will develop and implement a process improvement and it will not be communicated across the agency for other teams to solve a similar problem. Or, the process improvement will be shared only after it has been completed rather than identifying another team across the agency that could benefit from the development.



“We are asking you to look beyond your own team. We want you to see the entire agency as your team,” said Mrs. Knight.

The Collaboration Strategic Initiative Team is using a multi-faceted approach to the project:

- Recently, a Collaboration Survey was opened to all DFAS employees to identify Collaboration networks, barriers to Collaboration and ways technology is used to facilitate group work.
- The group is also crafting “Quick-Tip” videos to show how to effectively use existing technological tools to make communication across sites more effective.
- A Collaboration Portal is being established to gather and provide information on Collaboration in a central location.

The initiative is on-going and will provide many products, training opportunities and tools to better integrate Collaboration into the DFAS mindset.

This shift in culture will not happen overnight, but it will benefit the agency immensely going forward.

For more information on the Collaboration Strategic Initiative, look for the Connect and Collaborate logo!

Upcoming AGA Events and Webinars

Jan. 13: Financial Systems Summit

Jan 18: Getting Your Dollars to Work Harder—Blended and Braided Funding (Webinar)

Feb. 8: GASB (Webinar)

Feb 15-16: National Leadership Training

Feb. 22: Fraud/Risk (Webinar)

March 8: Uniform Guidance (Webinar)

March 29: CFO/CIO Collaboration (Webinar)

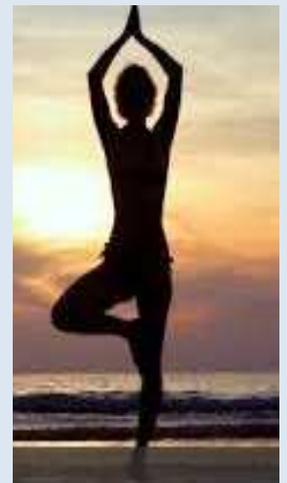
April 12: Ethics (Webinar)

May 17: DATA Act (Webinar)

DFAS Health and Wellness

Did you know that DFAS has an extensive Health and Wellness program? Visit the Wellness and Worklife page for information and resources such as:

- Virtual Wellness Fair
- Deskercise Routines
- Health Risk Appraisal (HRA) Information
- Wellness Initiatives by Site Location
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Information



AGA Indianapolis Chapter Event Recap



January

AGA Luncheon: Mrs. Teresa McKay (speaker)

February

AGA Audio Conference

Ice Skating Outing

AGA Luncheon: Mr. Bill Kubistal (speaker)



Mrs. Teresa McKay

March

AGA Fort Ben Pub Networking Event

AGA Luncheon: Judge David Certo (speaker)

AGA/ASMC Deploying National Guard Care Package Collection

Easter Basket Project with the Children's Bureau



AGA Members participating in the Children's Bureau Easter Basket Project



April

AGA Audio Conference

Round Table Event: Career Stories

AGA Luncheon: Mr. Alan W. Dowd (speaker)

Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure

May

AGA PDC

Mutt Strut

Spring Breakfast Recruiting Event

June

Awards Banquet





2016 Sponsor Spotlight

You're Eligible for Membership!

Did you know you're eligible for membership at Financial Center First Credit Union because you work at DFAS? Our branch is located in the northwest corner on the first floor of the building, and we'd love the opportunity to talk with you about membership.

Why Bank at Financial Center?

Bottom line. We're focused on helping you improve your financial life. That could mean helping you find ways to lower monthly expenses, providing easy access to your money, or helping you make a plan to achieve life's next big step.

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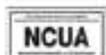
For each \$25 deposit, members enrolled in Save to Win are entered into monthly and quarterly drawings for cash prizes — all while building their savings balance. *Learn more at www.fcfcu.com/save-to-win.*

Financial Center Wins National Award for Financial Education Program

Financial Center has been awarded a National Desjardins Adult Financial Education Award from the Credit Union National Administration (CUNA) for the second year in a row. The Award recognizes outstanding credit union leadership in the area of personal finance education through face-to-face teaching, publicity and collaboration with business partners. *Check the Daily News for upcoming financial education classes here at DFAS!*

Financial Center Named 'Top Workplace' for 5th Consecutive Year

Financial Center was recently ranked 18th among midsize companies as a Top Workplace in Central Indiana by the Indianapolis Star. Financial Center was the only credit union to receive the designation in 2016. *We believe employee satisfaction translates to exceptional member service.*



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AGA will be participating in the 2017 Susan G. Komen Central Indiana Race for the Cure!

The race is on Saturday, April 29th, at Military Park in downtown Indianapolis. The day includes many family-friendly activities, including the annual Pink Parade of breast cancer survivors, a 5K timed competitive run, a 5K non-competitive run/walk, a one-mile family walk and a Kids' Dash. Full schedule of events is outlined at the website below.

Please use the link below to register with Team "AGA - Indianapolis"
https://secure.info-komen.org/site/TRR/RacefortheCure/IND_CentralIndianaAffiliate/44498405?pg=utype&fr_id=6705

Cost to register is \$35.00. If you do not wish to run or walk, you may still register for the virtual race with the same fee or make a donation to our team.



Once registered, the site will provide you with many options to help fundraise to meet our team fundraising goal of \$1,000. Family and friends are welcome to join!

We will meet in front of the Starbucks tent at 8:45 a.m. for those that would like to walk together as a group. Hope to see you all there!



Thank You to our GOLD Sponsor:

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AGA Luncheon

Thursday, April 20 at 11:30 a.m.

DFAS IN West/Center Auditorium

Menu: BBQ Pulled Pork, Macaroni and Cheese, Vegetables, Garden Tossed Salad, Rolls, Assorted Desserts and Beverages

AGA Ticket Sellers: Jayme Boruff 105A, Tara Crabtree 340J, Donna Flores 342T, Amy Sargent 206L

Please make checks payable to AGA

Tickets on sale though **Thursday, April 13**, for Member \$11, AGA Silver \$10, AGA Gold \$9, AGA President Circle \$8, Non-Member \$15

POCs: Adrian Perry, 212-0059 and Lindsay Harris 212-6405

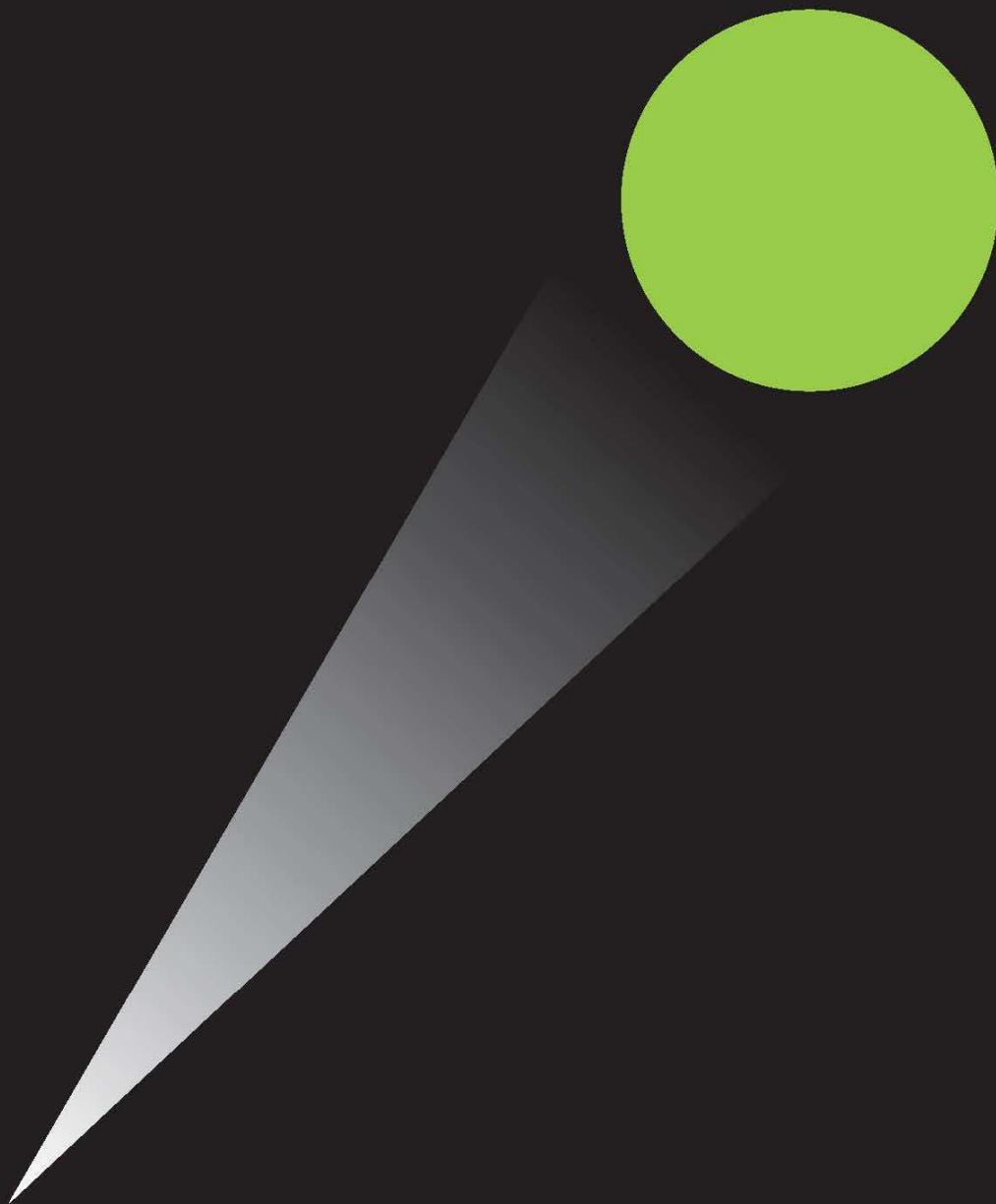
Guest Speaker:

Mr. Alan W. Dowd

Senior Fellow, Sagamore Institute

You'll want to join April's AGA Luncheon to hear Alan Dowd share his experience and thought-provoking global insight!





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Indianapolis Chapter Reaches PLATINUM STATUS In 3rd Quarter

Our Chapter's status within AGA is determined by the number of Chapter Recognition Points reported to the AGA National Office. These points are earned by our member's activities and various Chapter events.

In order to retain our PLATINUM Chapter Status, the Indianapolis AGA Chapter had to earn 19,501 recognition points during the year.

Because of your hard work, participation in Chapter events and desire to continue to grow, our Chapter has earned 20,925 Recognition Points as of the 3rd Quarter of the year.

WE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL WITH AN ENTIRE QUARTER LEFT!

Congratulations, Indianapolis AGA!!



CGFM Corner

Don't Forget! In order to maintain your CGFM Certification, you have to pay the renewal fee and complete at least **80 HOURS of Continuing Professional Education (CPEs) every 2 years.**

Need a way to earn CPEs? The AGA National Office has you covered! The Journal of Government Financial Management offers online "classes" using the information from the journal articles. If you subscribe to the service, you can take a short quiz (around 25 questions) and earn three CPEs for each score above 80%.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Training-and-Events/Learn-Online/Journal-CPE-Quizzes.aspx>



Measuring Risk in Federal Credit Programs

Originally published in the Spring 2017 Journal of Government Financial Management

Article By: Timothy Lee, MPA

Imagine two federal loan portfolios, each with \$1 billion of exposure. The first, Program M, consists of ten thousand \$100,000 home mortgages. The second, Program C, consists of twenty \$50 million commercial loans. Program M sustains a consistent credit loss rate of one percent each year, or \$10 million, in each of the first five years of its existence. Program C, initiated at the same time, appears to do much better at first, sustaining no credit losses at all for the first four years of its life. But it suffers a much larger \$50 million loss in its fifth year.

Clearly, these are two very different programs. Program M may be oriented to individuals, while Program C targets large businesses. Program M may be granular (i.e. characterized by many small loans), while Program C consists of only a handful of much larger loans. Program M may involve borrowers from communities nationwide, while Program C targets a specific industry or region.

Under the provisions of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (FCRA), both programs must calculate and report a credit subsidy cost (CSC), an estimate of the present value of future program costs (including credit default losses).¹ However, given FCRA's guidance, the CSC figures for these two very different programs may look alike. That's because the CSC, as defined, represents only a single, base-case expected value in a world where the unexpected often happens.

The CSC tells us what we should lose. But it doesn't tell us something equally essential but very different: what we could lose.

The Safety Factor

In the engineering world, designers calculate the specifications for bridges, airplane parts and wiring around a projected maximum design load, such as weight or electrical current. But they don't stop with that expected value. They expect the unexpected: overloaded trucks, evasive maneuvers and voltage surges. And then, with the benefit of experienced judgment, they construct their products to withstand a certain multiple over and above the design load: the safety factor.

The analogous "load" for loan portfolios is the prospect of credit losses. A federal credit program can — indeed, it should — expect losses on a certain portion of its loans; some degree of risk is inherent to the mission. But excessive, unexpected losses can break a program's budget as certainly as overloading can collapse a bridge or melt a wire — with results, in their own way, equally catastrophic.



Finish reading the article at: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Resources/Journal-of-Government-Financial-Management/Read-the-Latest-Issue.aspx>

Did You Know?

Our chapter has its own website full of information about AGA, upcoming events, CGFM certification and more.

Visit www.AGAINdy.com to see what AGA and the Indianapolis chapter has to offer its members!

Also, visit us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/AGAINdianapolis/

While you are there, please verify your personal information is up-to-date using the "My AGA" tab. This information is used to send newsletters, flyers and invitations to AGA events.

March is CGFM Month!

Indianapolis and the City of Lawrence issue official CGFM Proclamations!



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MAYOR
Steven K. Collier

Proclamation

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the Indianapolis Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization whose 275 members are devoted to representing federal, state, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in City of Lawrence, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification is awarded by the AGA and is a national professional association of 15,000 members who represent every level of government financial management; the City of Lawrence lauds the oversight of this valued organization; and

WHEREAS, for over 67 years, since 1950, AGA has been dedicated to serving those who are faced with the challenge of using every government financial resource in the most effective manner possible and is the leading organization addressing the issues and challenges facing government financial managers; and

WHEREAS, AGA's CGFM program was specifically designed to help meet the critical need for increased emphasis on the professional qualifications and stature of government financial managers. This professional designation was created to recognize the unique skills and special knowledge required of professionals who specialize in government financial management and benefits the citizens of Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Government Accountants' strict Code of Ethics and educational requirements have enhanced the precision of financial affairs and have increased the professionalism of financial managers throughout the City of Lawrence.

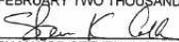
NOW, THEREFORE, I STEVEN K. COLLIER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 2017 AS:

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

In the City of Lawrence, and I ask all citizens to join me in this observation.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE ON THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN.


BY MAYOR STEVEN K. COLLIER
MAYOR
CITY OF LAWRENCE

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City of Indianapolis
Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization with a network of more than 16,000 members in 100 chapters in the United States and around the world that promotes accountability in government and offers a forum for financial employees to come together and share resources; and

WHEREAS, the Central Indiana, Indianapolis and Circle City chapters have over 400 members committed to AGA's mission of government accountability and an emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor and character; and

WHEREAS, AGA's Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, abide by the code of ethics, pass three examinations and maintain certification by completing 80 hours of continuing professional education every two years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Indianapolis commends local certified governmental financial managers for their commitment and dedication to their mission of accountability and honorable conduct in performing their duties;

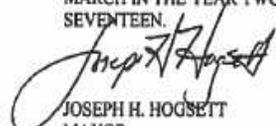
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH H. HOGSETT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH, 2017 AS:

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

in the City of Indianapolis, and I ask all citizens to join me in this observation.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS ON THIS 1st DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN.


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UPCOMING EVENTS

Indianapolis AGA Chapter Events - At-A-Glance

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3 RD QUARTER	EVENT	
March	Membership Drive 3/22 and 3/24 CGFM Networking Breakfast 3/29	Membership CGFM
4TH QUARTER	EVENT	
April	Wheeler Mission Easter Food Drive 4/8 April Luncheon 4/20 Round Table "Career Stories" 4/19 Susan J Komen Race for the Cure 4/29	Community Service Meeting Arrangements/Programs Early Careers Wellness
May	PDC May 2 Mutt Strut Spring Breakfast Recruiting Event	Education/Programs/Meeting Arrangements Community Service Early Careers
June	Awards Banquet	Awards

*Joint events with ASMC

Chapter Executive Council

www.againdy.com

February 16, 2017 / Conference Room 222N-3

Welcome

Treasurer Update

Received \$6K from ASMC for last spring PDC.

Committee Updates

CGFM Update

Training - We had 14 individuals sign up for the March class, below minimum class size. Polled those who signed up and new dates are:

Module 1 & 3: April 26 – 28

Module 2: May 1 -3

He plans on exploring some additional marketing opportunities so we can find the additional 8 to 10 people needed such as reaching out to our corporate sponsors, hosting an info session for DFAS employees, contacting CBP on the west side where an AGA used to exist. If the CEC can help to promote the training opportunity to their co-workers or employees in a staff meeting that would be great.

March CDFM Month – He has secured CGFM Month Proclamations from the City of Lawrence and Indianapolis, they should arrive soon. He's also in contact with the Central Indiana Chapter to see how the process is going for the State. We have received a proclamation from the state the past 7 years, no issues are expected.

Chapter Recognition Points: 2Qtr points didn't get in the system on time. Ensure include 2 & 3 QTR this cycle. Earned the points in 2Qtr, just aren't documented in the system. Ensure you respond when Virginia asks for your input.

Meeting Arrangements:

Today is the last day to buy tickets for February Luncheon. It is a joint luncheon with ASMC. Speaker is Kearny & Company. Headcount is 61 tix as of Monday. Should have final count tomorrow. Has head table with 10 seats. Lindsay will ask ASMC if they have any announcements.

March Luncheon – maybe Jimmy Johns platters. Liz will check to see if any issues with using an outside vendor for food.

Website: Migrating old page to new page. Chose live date 2/6 but waiting on National to remove work email from page before going live. Old one is navigating to new page. *Add new address to luncheon slides. Ask Mary to send note to chapter.

New address: www.agacgfm.org/Indianapolis

Easy Easter Egg Nests



- 1 cup white chocolate chips
- 1 cup crunchy chow mein noodles
- 1/2 cup mini marshmallows
- green food coloring
- mini chocolate Easter Egg candies

Melt white chocolate chips in a glass bowl by microwaving for 1 minute 30 seconds. Let sit an additional minute, then add green food coloring and stir gently until smooth. Add in chow mein noodles and stir until coated. Add marshmallows and stir once more.

Drop by spoonfuls onto wax or parchment paper. Take candy Easter eggs and set 3-4 on top, pushing down until a small indentation is made in the top of the "nest." Repeat until all chocolate mixture is made into nests. Makes 8-10 nests.

If you haven't talked with anyone about your stuff on the page, reach out to Katie.

SLM Event – Apr 27 – 29 in Baltimore. If interested let Liz know by March 1. Liz will also send an email to CEC asking for nominees.

Around the Horn

Katie – submitted previous newsletter for national award! Desiree and Cara doing a fantastic job. Children's Bureau Easter basket in March 18th with ASMC. Helping put baskets together. Jackie will find out if kids can go and send more info. We put them together, they distribute them.

Service Day Gleaners – April. May do another food bank. Jackie will find one and will make a recommendation to the group.

Tara – 4 hour CPE class. POC will get with person and get back to us with info. Will start planning for PDC. 1st or 2nd week of May. If have speakers in mind, let her know.

February 28 – Chapter picture at noon.

Jack – Membership Drive 28 Feb – Mar 2. Will need coverage to help man table from 11-1 each of the 3 days. Consider doing 30 – 60 mins at the table.

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