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**Inland Empire Chapter of CA History**

**Fiscal year 2014/15**

**Summary**

Fiscal year 2014/15 was a successful year for the Inland Empire Chapter of AGA. The success of the Chapter was recognized at the Professional Development Training event by earning the Platinum level Chapter Recognition Award which the highest level award is given to a Chapter using a point based system.

**Membership**

Membership increased in the Inland Empire Chapter in Fiscal Year 2014/15 by 4 to 112 members.

**Chapter Executive Council**

The Chapter Executive Council is the governing board of the chapter. The members are listed below:

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | President | Reginald Arhin, MBA, CGFM | | President-Elect | Sakura Younger | | Secretary | Gloria Vasquez, MSA | | Auditor | Mozafar Sharifi, MBA, CPA | | Treasurer | Sydnie Harris | | Membership Chair | David Bobbitt, CPA, CGFM | | CGFM Chair | Sakura Younger | | Webmaster | Eric Patrick | | Hospitality Chair | Linda Tostado | | Education Chair | Ali Chemkhi, MBA,CPA | | Scholarship and Awards Chair | Julio Manzo | | Employment Chair | Rhonda Neil | | Newsletter Chair | Linda Tostado | |  |  |  |

**Communications**

The Inland Empire Chapter issued nine monthly newsletters to keep members up to date on Chapter events. At the Professional Development Training event in July 2014, Linda Tostado received an Honorable Mention award for the newsletter. The Inland Empire Chapter maintained a website in Fiscal Year 2014/15 to provide members with a central location to get up to date information on chapter events. The Inland Empire Chapter Executive Council also met each week before the Professional Development Meetings to discuss programs, membership, and finances of the chapter.

**Continuing professional education**

The Inland Empire Chapter offered training on a variety of topics during the year.

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| Date | Location | Subject | Speaker/Agency |
| Sep. 10, 2014 | SB Inland Regional Center | The Economy | Brice Russell, Hdl Companies |
| Oct. 8, 2014 | SB The Hotel | E-Payables | Tanya Harris, Riverside County |
| Nov. 12, 2014 | SB Inland Regional Center | Fraud Seminar Redevelopment–Lunch | Mark Dauberman –Seminar Linda Santillano, San Bernardino County-Lunch |
| Dec. 10, 2014 | SB The Hotel | Financial Planning | Pamela Plick, CFP |
| Jan. 14, 2015 | SB The Hotel | 2014 Tax Updates | Bryan Snyder, VTD |
| Feb. 11, 2015 | SB The Hotel | Ethics and Regulatory Review Real Estate Investment –Lunch | Charles Hester –Seminar Larry Walker, San Bernardino County –Lunch |
| Mar. 19, 2015 | SB County Audi- tor Controller | Time Value of Money | David Bobbitt, CSUSB |
| April 22, 2015 | SB The Hotel | Pitfalls of IT Purchases | Lea Deesing, SmartRiverside |
| May 20, 2015 | SB The Hotel | Investment | Don Kent, Riverside County |

In all, Inland Empire Chapter and guests earned an impressive total of 706 hours of continuing professional education though Professional Development Meetings and all-day seminars.

**Scholarships and Awards**

The Inland Empire Chapter awarded a $500 scholarships to Claudia Cisneros and a $500 scholarship to Karen Kenzie. The chapter raised money for the Scholarships through a raffle held at the May Professional Development Meeting. The chapter also recognized Gloria Vasquez Member of the Year and recognized Charles Hester was also recognized for his Outstanding Contribution to Accounting.

**Community Service**

The Inland Empire Chapter awarded $300 to a local charity. The Inland Empire Chapter also participated in a monthly charity events in Fiscal year 2014/15 including blood donations to the blood bank of Riverside and San Bernardino counties; and a clothing drive to benefit disabled Veterans.

**Finances**

The Inland Empire Chapter had a healthy financial situation in Fiscal Year 2014/15. A balanced budget was adopted by the Chapter Executive Council in July and the Chapter had positive variances in both revenue and expenditures by year end.



An audit of the financial statements was completed and received an unqualified opinion.