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**Inland Empire Chapter of CA History**

**Fiscal year 2015/16**

**Summary**

Fiscal year 2015/16 was a successful year for the Inland Empire Chapter of AGA. The Inland Empire Chapter, led by President Shay Younger, had a nearly full complement of 10 officers and chairpersons that comprise the Chapter Executive Council. 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.

The Chapter members were shocked and saddened by the December 2, 2015, terror attack where 14 people were killed and 22 others were seriously injured by a shooting and an attempted bombing at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino, California. The Inland Regional Center was a frequent venue of the Inland Empire Chapter meeting in recent years. In fact, the next Professional Development Meetings was scheduled for the very spot on a week after the attack. While the Inland Empire Chapter has many San Bernardino County members, no AGA members were killed or injured in the attack.

**Membership**

Membership increased in the Inland Empire Chapter in Fiscal year 2015/16 by 6 to 126 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  | Sakura Younger |
| Past President  | Reginald Arhin, MBA, CGFM |
| President-Elect  | Ali Chemkhi, MBA,CPA |
| Secretary | Tobi Babalola |
| Auditor  | David Bobbitt, CPA, CGFM |
| Treasurer  | Sydnie Harris |
| Membership Chair  | David Bobbitt, CPA, CGFM |
| CGFM Chair  | Reginald Arhin, MBA, CGFM |
| Webmaster | Larry Lai |
| Hospitality Chair  | Linda Tostado |
| Historian | Evelyn J. Bobbitt |
| Education Chair  | Ali Chemkhi, MBA,CPA |
| Community Services Chair  | Lena Crowley, CPA |
| 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. The Inland Empire Chapter had challenges with the Chapter website in Fiscal year 2015/16 due to some administrative issues. The chapter is pursuing a new program sponsored by AGA National that will host a new website. The Inland Empire Chapter Executive Council 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. 23, 2015 | SB Inland Regional Center | Identity theft | Loeita Harper |
| Oct. 14, 2015 | SB Inland Regional Center | Affordable Care Act | Eudora Mitchell |
| Nov. 18, 2015 | SB Double Tree | Forensic Auditing and COSO, Internal Control | LA County and Darren Scott, Denise Mejico -lunch |
| Dec. 9, 2015 | SB Hall of Records | Cal Card Audits | Hong Nguyen, Eadie and Payne |
| Jan. 13, 2016 | SB Double Tree | 2015 Tax Updates | Frank Zabaleta, Eadie and Payne |
| Feb. 24, 2016 | SB County Auditor Controller | Active Shooter Training | Patrick Rasmussen |
| Mar. 9, 2016 | SB County HSS Auditing | Budget Updates | Tanya Harris |
| April 13, 2016 | SB Double Tree | Ethics | Charles Hester |
| May 11, 2016 | SB County HSS Auditing | Career Development | Diana Atkeson |

The Inland Empire Chapter also had two members, Shay Younger and David Bobbitt, serve on the Technical Committee for the Professional Development Training held in Anaheim, CA. The Technical Committee develops the topics and speakers for the national training event. Another first was having David Bobbitt speak at the PDT on the San Bernardino Bankruptcy.

In all, Inland Empire Chapter and guests earned an impressive total of 569 hours of continuing professional education though Professional Development Meetings and all-day seminars.

**Scholarships and Awards**

The Inland Empire Chapter awarded $500 scholarships to Clayton Neill, Tanya Harris, and Sakura Younger. The chapter raised money for the Scholarships through a raffle held at the May Professional Development Meeting.

**Community Service**

The Inland Empire Chapter awarded $500 to a local charity. The Inland Empire Chapter also participated in a monthly charity events in Fiscal year 2015/16 including blood donations to the blood bank of Riverside and San Bernardino counties; a clothing drive to benefit disabled Veterans; and collecting Stuffed Animals for children in emergency situations.

**Finances**

The Inland Empire Chapter had a healthy financial situation in Fiscal Year 2015/16. 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 issued with an unqualified opinion.