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**Inland Empire Chapter of CA History**

**Fiscal year 2016/17**

**Summary**

Fiscal year 2016/17 was a successful year for the Inland Empire Chapter of AGA. The Inland Empire Chapter, led by President Ali Chemkhi, had a nearly full complement of nine officers and chairpersons that comprise the Chapter Executive Council. The success of the Chapter will be 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 2016/17 by 6 to 132 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 | Ali Chemkhi, MBA,CPA |
| Past President | Sakura Younger |
| Secretary | May Guan |
| Auditor | David Bobbitt, CPA, CGFM |
| Treasurer | Sydnie Harris |
| Membership Chair | David Bobbitt, CPA, CGFM |
| CGFM Chair | Sakura Younger |
| Webmaster | Claudia Cisneros |
| Hospitality Chair | Linda Tostado |
| Historian | Evelyn J. Bobbitt |
| Education Chair | Tobi Babalola |
| Scholarship and Awards Chair | Diana Atkeson |
| Employment Chair | Rhonda Neil |
| Newsletter Chair | Linda Tanner |

**Communications**

The Inland Empire Chapter launched a new, professional looking website in Fiscal year 2016/17 which is hosted though an innovative program sponsored by AGA National. The Inland Empire Chapter also issued nine monthly newsletters to keep members up to date on Chapter events. 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. 14, 2016 | SB Hall of Records | County Procurement: The Art of the Proces | Laurie Rozko, San Bernardino Count |
| Oct. 12, 2016 | SB Hall of Records | Data Transparency | Doug Glenn, AGA National President |
| Nov. 9, 2019 | SB Hall of Records | Fraud and GASB updates COSO–Lunch | Charles Hester –Seminar Mark Cousineau -Lunch |
| Dec. 14, 2016 | SB County Auditor Controller | The CFO of the Government | Gary McBride, San Bernardino County |
| Jan. 11, 2017 | SB County Auditor Controller | 2016 Tax Updates | Frank Zabaleta, Eadie and Payne |
| Feb. 8, 2017 | SB County Auditor Controller | Revenues Recognition and Lease Accounting and Internal Control: Improving the Quality and Efficiency of Audits | Mark Dauberman –Seminar John Johnson –Lunch |
| Mar. 8, 2017 | SB Hall of Records | Leader as Strategist | Paul Angulo, Riverside County |
| April 12, 2017 | SB Hall of Records | Accounting Profession: Trends, Challenges and Potentials | Dr. Senteney |
| May 10, 2017 | SB County Auditor Controller | Ethics and Regulatory Review -Seminar State of the System: SAP Implementation Updates –Lunch | Charles Hester –Seminar Oscar Valdez -Lunch |

In all, Inland Empire Chapter and guests earned an impressive total of 650 hours of continuing professional education though Professional Development Meetings and all-day seminars.

**Scholarships and Awards**

The Inland Empire Chapter awarded a $500 scholarship to Natasha Woolford and awarded a $500 scholarship to Araceli Marchan. The chapter raised money for the Scholarships through a raffle held at the May Professional Development Meeting. The chapter also recognized Thomas Todd and Lisa Lazzar as Member of the Month in February and March.

**Community Service**

The Inland Empire Chapter awarded $600 to a local charity. The Inland Empire Chapter also participated in a monthly charity events in Fiscal year 2016/17 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 2016/17. 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 is pending.